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Ordinary Meeting

Ratoath Municipal District

10.00a.m, 15th January 2025, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Nick Killian**, presided.

Councillors Present: Caroline O'Reilly, Fionnan Blake, Gerry O'Connor, Maria Murphy & Yvonne Everard

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Absent/Apologies: Brian Fitzgerald

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Services: Fiona Fallon

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1.0 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 04th December 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

2.0 Matters arising from minutes

There were none

3.0 Expressions of sympathy and congratulations

Sympathies were extended to:

John Holland, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin

Vincent Lane, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin

Patty McCarthy, Dunshaughlin

Congratulations were extended to:

Outdoor staff on the gritting of roads and paths during the recent cold snap

John Curry, member of outdoor staff, on his recent retirement

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4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws Statutory Process

Gillian Mangan EE, Transportation updated on the proposed traffic calming measures. There were interventions from Councillors O'Reilly, Blake, O'Connor, Murphy & Everard which included:

- Some of the schemes mentioned relate to a nursing home and or one entrance projects that don't have a main Road. Should this be included?
- The Greenan estate has both 30km/h and 50km/h signs which are confusing. Why are we going from 30km/h to 50km/h and what is the justification?
- There was a general consensus from the Councillors they should not support increasing speed limits in housing estates.
- Could it be a suggestion that speed limits and ramps be agreed as part of the planning process and the cost of signs be covered by the developer?
- Can an update be given on the national speed limits, 50km/h or 80km/h?

Gillian will seek clarification on all transport issues of the above before the next Municipal District meeting.

4.1.2 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

The report circulated in advance was noted and the following raised:

- Can a letter be sent to the ESB asking why there is no connection to the Lights and pedestrian crossing on the Red Bog Road?
- In Dunboyne Park can the painting and maintenance be carried out on under the high rider and table tennis area?
- When will the resurfacing of Dunshaughlin High Street take place?
- Can the settings and timing on the traffic lights on the Dunsany/Kilmessan Road be reviewed.
- What are the design updates for the proposed development opposite Supervalu Ratoath?
- Skryne, Kilbride Road – why does gritting stop at the Fingal boarder when this has been raised in the past.
- If there is a mild winter can, and money is saved on gritting be placed into next year's budget to build a nest egg in preparation for severe winters.
- Can a list of proposed bus shelters for Meath be provided for 2025?
- Can the Transport SPC give an update on the trial of 'one additional road chosen' per MD to be gritted?
- Can the Road sweeper extend to the Maynooth Road?
- What is the update on the Arborist report?

The Executive Engineer responded accordingly and said the Arborist has been appointed and the

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programme of works has been given to the Arborist. Trees that are considered dangerous will be prioritized. With the regards to Pedestrian crossings, preliminary designs are complete and are awaiting contractors to start. All other maintenance issues were noted.

Fiona Fallon, Director, responded and saying she will make contact with the Transport SPC for an update on the one road trial scheme and seek an update on the Supervalu site and bus stops for Meath.

4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 4.2.1** To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District

This was noted.

- 4.2.2** To appoint a Councillor to the Kildare Meath Grid upgrade programme following the election of former Councillor Gillian Toole to Dáil Éireann

On the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor, Councillor Yvonne Everard** was nominated and accepted the above position.

- 4.2.3** To appoint a Councillor to the Meath Heritage Forum following the election of former Councillor Gillian Toole to Dáil Éireann

On the proposal of **Councillor Caroline O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor, Councillor Yvonne Everard** was nominated and accepted the above position.

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Fionnan Blake

"Are there any plans in place to re-align the R125 Dunshaughlin – Ratoath Road alongside the new Grange Park construction site?"

Response:

The proposed development - granted permission by An Bord Pleanála, Ref ABP307244-20 - includes proposals to carry out improvement works, in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets (DMURS), to the R125, adjacent to the proposed development.

The response was noted

6.0 Notice of Motions

There was none.

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7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

The members raised the following issues:

- Since moving from SHD to LRD's the process of meeting elected members in the planning process does not seem to happen anymore. Can an explanation from planning be sought as why consultation no longer happens?
- Can the members be given a detailed update on road extending at Dunboyne Business Park?
- What is the update on traffic calming measures for Batterstown, Mullagh Cross and Newtownmoyaghy?
- Clonee to Ongar Road – when will repairs be carried out?
- Regarding Aylesbury Manor, Fiona Fallon responded to Cllr Killian's query and confirmed the estate is currently being snagged and should be allocated in by March 2025

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Signed:

Cathaoirleach