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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 12th March, 2019, Duleek Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Wayne Harding**, presided.

Councillors Present: Eimear Ferguson, Sharon Keogan, Paddy Meade, Stephen McKee, Sharon Tolan.

Apologies: Councillor Tom Kelly

Officials in Attendance:

Head of Finance: Fiona Lawless

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Christy Clarke

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th February, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- St. Mary's School, Drogheda and Mr. Weir, Principal, on winning top school in Ireland for the promotion of Gaelic games and culture at the Cumann na mBunschol national awards;



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- The three acts from Slane N.S. who reached the national talent show final tomorrow night.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of land at St Mary's Villas, Donore, County Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

5.1.2 To provide an update on the Proposed Part 8 application for the 'Boyne Greenway – Drogheda to Mornington.

Cormac Ross, Resident Engineer, Transportation referred to the proposed Part 8 process, due to commence in April subject to agreement with Louth County Council, to include public consultation. It was confirmed that meetings had taken place with a number of residents regarding possible land acquisition and that a public information session was planned to allow residents and landowners meet with the design team. Robert Kelly, DBFL Consultants provided a recap on the proposed scheme, including an outline of the sections and nature of construction.

Matters raised by councillors, with responses provided, included:

- The role of Louth County Council in advancing the project – it was confirmed that a recent meeting had taken place and the most appropriate way to progress the Part 8 was being considered. A parallel



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process is most likely with the design to be tweaked following internal consultation.

- The impact on residents – whilst some are receptive to the proposal, others have concerns regarding boundary impacts, access, etc. The proposal does allow for boundary treatments, entrances, etc.
- The materials to be used – it was pointed out that this information would be included in the design, and the views of the National Parks & Wildlife Service would also have to be taken on board.
- The timeframe for the Part 8 process – after 4 weeks public display, a further 2 weeks is allowed for submissions with the Chief Executive's report to be presented within a further 8 weeks.
- The need for CPO – the planning consent represents the first step, with engagement to be undertaken with all landowners along the route.
- The overall cost of the project – estimates are being finalised with the land acquisition requirements to be determined. A greenway funding application has been submitted in conjunction with Fingal County Council for the route from Newbridge House along the coast to Newgrange. A local authority contribution would be required.
- Queried whether flood risk assessments had been undertaken – areas subject to flooding were highlighted but it was pointed out that works on the greenway would include positive drainage measures.
- The need to minimise maintenance – it was pointed out that all impacts were considered.
- The ecological impacts – ecological consultants had undertaken robust surveys, which will be published along with the EIS and all other documentation.
- The positive impact of the greenway in Dungarvan.



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The Cathaoirleach and councillors welcomed the presentation and progress and complimented Boyneside Trail for their efforts.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive details of the recommended grant offers by the Indaver Community Liaison Committee under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grant Scheme and if in agreement to forward to the Full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department outlined the recommendations of the committee and these were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

5.3 Environment

- 5.3.1 To receive a briefing from the preferred Architect procured for the delivery of the Civic Building at Seaview Terrace, Bettystown and forming part of stakeholder consultation during the preliminary design phase and submission of concept designs.

David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment introduced Robin Lee and Una Collins of Robin Lee Architecture, who had been selected to design the civic building at Seaview Terrace, Bettystown. It was confirmed that any views expressed previously by councillors had been included in the brief, stakeholder engagement would form a key part of the process and further engagement with councillors would take place. Robin Lee outlined their relevant experience and the approach they intended to adopt, including consideration of the functional aspects of beach management and maintenance alongside the creation of a visitor experience, linking the town and beach and taking into account the proposals for the beach management plan and public realm plan.

It was pointed out that a detailed timeframe would be developed in the coming weeks but that it was envisaged that it would take approximately two years to completion. The Part 8 would be presented to the municipal district, as would the preliminary options with appropriate engagement and consultation to take place at an early stage.



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Matters raised by councillors, with responses provided, included:

- The possibility of providing a building that can be used year round, e.g. Christmas – this will depend on the role of the building, i.e. combining functional accommodation with a living role, e.g. café.
- The preference of some people in the community to retain the building façade – this is to be decided taking into account the identity and character of the town.
- The need to secure the buildings and deter anti-social behaviour prior to works commencing – it was agreed to look at this.
- The need for an iconic building to suit the location and link with the county's heritage status.

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the investment being made in a number of projects in the area and complimented Fiona Lawless for the progress being made.

5.4 Corporate Services

- 5.4.1 To agree the 2019 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budget.

With regard to the balance remaining of €1,750, it was confirmed that the group in Laytown had not made contact with officials, as requested, and it was agreed that efforts would be made by officials to contact the group and ascertain their plans for the year. This item would be discussed again at the April meeting.

- 5.4.2 To receive an update on the development of the feasibility plan for the lands at Seafield.

Jim Colwell, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the approach being taken to avail of sports capital grants, for which a feasibility study is first required and must be submitted by the end of March. He introduced Stuart



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Hood and Brendan McLernon of Parkhood Landscape Architects, who outlined some of the key aspects of the site and a number of options.

Matters raised by councillors, with responses provided, included:

- Expressed preference for Option 2, as presented.
- Queried the planned phasing of works – the focus is on the preparation of the feasibility study and masterplan, with phasing required for the delivery stage.
- The need to ensure community use in addition to club use, through opening up the areas not subject to a lease to the public – the management and accessibility of this multi-use facility is to be decided.
- Suggested a number of additions including a BMX track, skateboard area and a hangout shelter/area.
- The compliance of the pitch design to meet FAI requirements and the need to provide adequate dug outs, sideline areas, etc. – it was agreed to check this.
- The possibility of enhancing the walkways through planting and landscaping – the existing landscaping and planting is to be improved and managed, with any additional planting to be suited to a coastal location.
- The need for adequate car parking and lighting – it was pointed out that ducting for lighting would be installed at the outset. The implementation of the design would be phased subject to available funding.
- The need to maximise access by all in the area, including those involved in clubs, the schools, etc. through memos of understanding.

5.4.3 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.



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The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

"Can Meath County Council give me information on the amount of water outages in Rathdrinagh, Balrath and surrounding areas in the last 12 months and the reasons why?"

Response:

Over the past 12 months there have been six water supply outages recorded in the Balrath / Rathdrinagh area.

These outages primarily resulted from unexpected watermain bursts on an ageing pipeline in the area.

Meath County Council Water Services Department have been liaising closely with Irish Water over recent months to secure the funding necessary to replace this problematic watermain. In this regard, the required funding has been secured and works to replace this water pipeline will be undertaken over the coming months.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Sharon Tolan

"That Meath County Council calls on Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe, to use his good office to assist Meath County Council to acquire the old Donovan Shopping Centre in the Anchorage, Bettystown, for community use as a public library, and would the Minister write to ACC Bank, the charge holder of the premises, supporting the Meath County Council plan to acquire this derelict property in a prime town center location, and ask the Bank to engage positively with Meath County Council to conclude a deal to everyone's satisfaction as soon as possible."



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

Following a short discussion, an amendment was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**, as follows:

“That Meath County Council calls on Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe, Ministers Regina Doherty, Helen McEntee and Damien English and Fergus O’Dowd, T.D. to use their good office to assist Meath County Council to acquire the old Donovan Shopping Centre in the Anchorage, Bettystown, for community use as a public library, and write to ACC Bank, the charge holder of the premises, supporting the Meath County Council plan to acquire this derelict property in a prime town centre location, and ask the Bank to engage positively with Meath County Council to conclude a deal to everyone’s satisfaction as soon as possible.”

The amended motion was unanimously adopted.

8 Other Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

10.1.1 The possibility of including a section of road, approximately 1km from the school to Lobinstown village on the winter gritting programme.

10.1.2 The need to consult with landowners on the Woodtown to Slane road regarding the removal of the hedge.

10.1.3 The possibility of installing ducting for public lighting whilst CIS works were



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being undertaken in Lobinstown later this year.

10.2 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issue:

10.2.1 The possibility of dealing with the Faith building in Bettystown as a derelict site.

10.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Requested clarification on the works outstanding in Northlands, e.g. fencing, landscaping, etc. – it was pointed out that agreement had not been reached with residents regarding the proposed finishes to the central area and that the OPW had subsequently withdrawn the proposal, leaving the matter with the residents association. It was agreed to follow up with the OPW regarding the fencing at the entrance.

10.4 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issue:

10.4.1 The locations of air quality monitoring stations – it was pointed out that these formed part of the planning permissions granted to Irish Cement and Indaver.

10.5 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:

10.5.1 Referred to the number of houses under construction in the area in addition to the number of live planning applications and queried as to the stipulations for the provision of playgrounds and/or the possibility of including such planning conditions.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach



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