



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***09:30 a.m., 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Paddy Meade**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Stephen McKee.

**Apologies:** Councillor Sharon Tolan.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Senior Executive Officer:** Dara McGowan

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Fiona Lawless, Head of Finance; Claire King, Meetings Administrator

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Tom Kelly referred to the Part 8 for the Spine Road roundabout which has been changed and asked if a new Part 8 was required.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Oliver Harding, uncle of Cllr Wayne Harding.
- The people of Gaza following the recent massacre.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Gavin Rafferty on winning bronze at the European Boxing Championship.
- Slane Spinners and all those involved in raising money for SOSAD.
- The Noone family on the successful Cystic Fibrosis run.
- The Louth Rás team which will be passing through the district and of which there are two members from Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

#### **4.2 Environment**

- 4.2.1 To receive a report on Coastal Protection Works on Laytown Beach.

Jim Colwell, Senior Executive Engineer outlined the background to the project, justification for the scheme and the proposed works involved with an anticipated start date of Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May and an estimated timeframe of 15 weeks to carry out the works. Permission has been received from An Bord Pleanála and permission has also been obtained from the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for a Foreshore Licence.



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Matters raised by Councillors included:-

- The need for existing gabions to have works carried out – it was confirmed that this was not included as part of the proposed works.
- Requested that flagstones be used instead of tarmac - it was pointed out that they are tying into the existing bitumen footpath and tarmac would be preferred for a long term effect.
- Asked at what point would Contractors enter onto the beach – It was advised that the Contractors have requested to enter on the Laytown side, which was agreed, as there will be less disruption on the beach.
- Asked who would control speed and accessibility on the beach – it was pointed out that the Contractor has been given a Traffic Management Plan, which specifies a speed of 10kph.
- Referred to the steps being removed going down to the beach and asked if they would be replaced and would wheelchair access be made available – It was confirmed that the steps will be replaced but, because of the slope on the ground, it is not possible to provide wheelchair access.
- Requested that the area around Rannock and the racefield could be looked at in the future for coastal protection.
- Asked if residents had been notified of the works taking place – it was agreed that a notice would be placed in The Coaster.
- Asked what the cost of the project was – it was advised that the tender price was just over €300,000. At present, one third of the cost has been received from the OPW. A case has been made for the full amount and a response is awaited from the OPW.

### **4.3 Corporate Services**



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

The list of allocations circulated in advance, were noted.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee**

“That Meath County Council call on the Department of Education to make provision for a Secondary School in Duleek given the significant local population and potential feeder schools, and the fact that the new National Schools in Duleek catering for more than 700 boys and girls opened as recently as 2 years ago.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

The motion was adopted.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly**

“That Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District requests that Meath County Council enters into negotiations with the Department of Education and Skills and the Bishop of Meath to do a land swap of the old senior primary school for a suitable site of the proposed spine road which will become part of the R150 to accommodate the new Senior Primary School at Laytown Educational campus and interaction area with sports and recreational facilities, even if the land has to be acquired through CPO.”

**Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:**



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*The negotiation of a land swap between the Department of Education and Skills and the Bishop of Meath is a matter for these organisations. At any stage during their negotiations, if these organisations require assistance or an input from Meath County Council, their request would be considered.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor Tom Kelly but, as there was no seconder, the motion did not proceed.

### **7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes**

- 7.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

The report was noted.

### **8 Other Matters Arising**

There were no other matters arising.

### **9 Correspondence**

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Minister Kevin Boxer Moran T.D. in response to the Notice of Item 6.3 – Notice of Motion as adopted at March meeting re St Michael's Grange in Duleek.

The correspondence was noted.

- 9.2 Correspondence received from Reált Na Mara Girls National School in response to the



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Notice of Item 4.1.2 from April meeting re widening the exit.

The correspondence was noted.

- 9.3 Correspondence received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to the Notice of Item 6.2 – Notice of Motion as adopted April meeting re meeting with the Minister to discuss Duleek Bypass.

The correspondence was noted.

### **10 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:-

10.1.1 Parking in Bettystown, where people are parking on the footpath and grass, in particular during school times when collecting children from the Coláiste – It was agreed to check this to see what can be done.

10.1.2 Road markings between Beamore Cross and Southgate need to be finished.

10.1.3 The need for road markings at Limekiln in Julianstown.

- 10.2 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:-

10.2.1 Works being carried out by Irish Water at the car park in Slane and up to 6 months of work going through the crossroads of Slane village to upgrade the water system which will cause traffic disruption and inconvenience to residents during this period. It was asked if reinstating the area to make it a nice amenity could be looked at in coalition with Meath County Council and Irish Water – It was agreed to talk to Irish Water and find out what their proposals are for the car park.

10.2.2 Asked if Loreto Guinan could be requested to provide an update on the agreed interpretation plaques on the Hill of Slane.

10.2.3 Requested works be carried out on Ledwidge Terrace – It was confirmed that



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works will be carried out.

10.2.4 Asked if there was any provision for solar bins in Slane village – It was pointed out that a report had been carried out on solar bins and is being reviewed.

10.2.5 Referred to an agreement in November 2017 whereby Councillor Sharon Keogan would return to the Indaver Committee in June 2018. This was agreed by Councillors.

10.3 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:-

10.3.1 Asked if a meeting could be arranged with the retailers and business community in Duleek to outline the remainder of the works on Main Street, Duleek and duration for same – It was agreed to refer this to the Transportation Department.

10.3.2 The Parish Priest of Duleek has agreed to make a field available at the rear of the church for parking. It is incumbent on the Council to do everything they can to support him.

10.3.3 Requested a list of housing estates, which are over 10 years old and not yet taken in charge and if there are bonds with those estates – It was agreed to refer this to the Planning Department.

10.3.4 Asked if farmers have been compensated for helping out with the clearing of the snow during the spell of bad weather. – It was advised that any agricultural contractors who were instructed and authorised to do works during this period have been paid.

10.4 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:-

10.4.1 Requested an update on the pedestrian crossing at Roseville in Ard Ri. – It was pointed out that different options are being looked at for this location.

10.4.2 Requested a breakdown of the housing scheme in Donore and how it is divided between social and affordable units and how the new scheme will integrate with the existing houses. Details of the design and layout were also requested –



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It was agreed to refer this to the Housing Department.

10.4.3 Speed bumps were put up on the Coast Road in Bettystown. It was asked how an estate can go about applying for speed bumps in their estate. – It was pointed out that a review of speed limits was carried out, following which signs were installed with reduced speed limits to 30kph. Any isolated estates that were in advance of the speed limits had additional works carried out. Speed limit reviews will be carried out periodically.

10.5 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:-

10.5.1 Asked if anything can be done with all day car parking at the Anchorage and the Relish Cafe and whether flower planters could be put on the footpaths to prevent cars parking on them – it was advised that the option of flower planters was looked at outside The Relish Cafe and it was agreed that one or two would make it more difficult for parking on the footpath. It was suggested that the Tidy Towns might get involved with this. It was further noted that money had been put into the Capital Plan for a review to take place for the requirements of park and ride facilities in Co. Meath. Enforcement is not feasible in most cases unless alternative parking is provided. Following completion of this review, recommendations in relation to the provision of parking will be considered.

10.5.2 Asked if a comprehensive plan for road lining would be carried out in the Municipal District. It was confirmed that the road lining programme is completed for this year. A list of locations where lines are deemed insufficient are prioritised. Any requests can be forwarded for review later in the year.

10.5.3 The need for the beach cleaner and litter bins to be placed on the beach from the May bank holiday weekend and specific bins to cater for glass. It was advised that the beach cleaner has been in operation for the last two weeks and that seven additional 7 litre bins have been put on the beach.

10.5.4 Additional grass cutting is required with more attention to detail needed. – It was advised that additional grass cutting has been added for this year.

10.5.5 Requested an update on the signs for the James McCormack bridge.





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- 10.5.6 Asked what housing estates will be revamped this year and requested that Beachgrove be included. – It was pointed out that footpath money for this year was earmarked for Donacarney school. A small programme of works are ongoing where a number of locations have been identified.
- 10.5.7 The need for a speed ramp between the entrance to Marian Villas and Benildas Villas. – It was highlighted that, due to the width of the carriage way and the fact that cars are parked on one side, it would be difficult to speed at this location; however, a speed check will be requested to be carried out at this location.
- 10.5.8 The need for a pedestrian crossing at the Caravan Park on the Eastham Road over to the Shopping Centre.
- 10.5.9 Requested an update on speeding on the beach and the control of same.
- 10.5.10 Requested a report on the Community Garden in Laytown. – It was agreed that a report would be brought to the June meeting.
- 10.6 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:-
- 10.6.1 Works being carried out on Painestown Lane requires the installation of a pipe.
- 10.6.2 Asked if it would be possible for CIS schemes, which have been approved but might not done for a few years, to have water cuts carried out on them. – It was agreed that this would be looked at on a case by case basis.
- 10.6.3 Monument in the Leck cemetery is slowly falling over and needs to have work carried out to it.

Councillor Paddy Meade thanked the Councillors and Officials for their co-operation during his time as Chair.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**