



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

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

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

***10:00 a.m., 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, Duleek Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Eimear Ferguson, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Paddy Meade, Stephen McKee.

**Apologies:** Councillor Sharon Tolan.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Head of Finance:** Fiona Lawless

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**.

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

Councillor Sharon Keogan enquired as to whether a letter had issued to the Department of Education & Skills, on foot of the motion adopted at the May meeting, regarding the provision of the secondary school in Duleek – it was confirmed that a letter had issued on 28<sup>th</sup> May and a further letter on 11<sup>th</sup> June.



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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Charlie Gallagher, Mornington, who was an active member of St. Colmcille's;
- The family of the late Joe Ryan, Castletown Kilpatrick, who was active in the NFA/IFA;
- The family of the late Brian Diamond, who had been involved in St. Colmcille's.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All involved in bringing sports to the beach, including the volleyball, cricket and sandcastle competition, the beach wardens and lifeguards and many volunteers who undertook a beach clean-up;
- Christy Clarke for the provision of the bins;
- Meath Fire Service for their work in putting out the many recent fires;
- All involved in the recent archaeological discovery at Newgrange;
- St. Mary's GFC, Donore, St. Colmcille's, Slane GFC and all the winners in the recent Féile;
- Cian Barry, Duleek who joined the All Ireland Darts Team;
- Councillor Sharon Keogan on the upcoming marriage of her son;
- Bellewstown Race Committee on their successful 4 day festival;
- Councillors Darren O'Rourke and Maria O'Kane on their recent marriage;
- Slane GFC on completing their clubhouse and facilities in time for the Féile.



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### **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 an update on the Beach Management Plan - Architectural Framework Competition.

Fiona Lawless confirmed that, due to the allocation of staff resources to completing the Northlands Flood Alleviation Scheme, it would be August before the architect would be appointed, with an update to be provided to the September meeting and a separate meeting to be arranged between Councillors and the architect.

With regard to the Northlands Flood Alleviation Scheme, it was confirmed that works would generally be completed this month, with minor landscaping works to be carried out in the autumn. An artistic piece was also being sought, with possible funding from the OPW. The Eastham Road crossing would be completed by the end of August, weather permitting.

#### **4.3 Corporate Services**

- 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, was noted.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.



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### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

7.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

The report was noted.

### **8 Other Matters Arising**

There were no other matters arising.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

10.1 Fiona Lawless raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Outlined the reason for the withdrawal of the Part VIII for the housing units in Donore, which is as a consequence of the fact that the Development Plan process has been paused. The land is currently zoned phase 2 which was to be corrected in the Development Plan review. However, because this has not

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happened, Planning will immediately set about preparing a variation of the plan for Donore, which will deal with the zoning issue and allow the Part VIII process to proceed, and it is hoped to bring this to the October full Council meeting, with the Part VIII to be completed in 2019. A discussion followed on the process and the possibility of reconsidering the proposed density of the scheme, the inclusion of units that allow for supported living, traffic management issues and the views of local residents. It was confirmed that the Part VIII process allows for consultation and submissions to be made. It was suggested that the plans be displayed in local retail outlets during the consultation stage.

10.1.2 Referred to a request received to erect permanent volleyball netting on the beach, the contribution already made by the Council for netting and confirmed that this request would be considered in the context of the wider Beach Management Plan.

10.1.3 Confirmed that no building, such as the toilet block in Laytown, would be disposed of until the Beach Management Plan progresses and any disposal would be advertised, referred to the number of projects ongoing in the municipal district and the need for community facilities.

10.2 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issue:

10.2.1 The possibility of erecting signs at the junction at Oldbridge warning of pedestrians on the road – it was agreed to check this and the road markings.

10.3 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

10.3.1 The need to secure funding for the Alverno regeneration programme – it was confirmed that the department contribution had been increased to in excess of €4 million for remedial works and this was being assessed to see if it was sufficient.

10.3.2 The need for remedial works at the entrance to Grange, Donore and the possibility of using the bond to complete these works.

10.3.3 The need to ensure road signs are visible and not obstructed by trees and undertake a cleaning programme – it was confirmed that a planned



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maintenance programme was ongoing, focusing on improving sight lines at junctions and replacing signs as required.

10.3.4 The need to improve access points for those visiting the Fleadh in Drogheda, including litter management and signage – it was confirmed that liaison with colleagues in Drogheda was ongoing, that the Gormanston interchange had been cleaned up and that as much work as possible was being undertaken.

10.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

10.4.1 The possibility of providing a wheelchair accessible house on the site at Newtown, Lobinstown.

10.4.2 Requested that contact be made with the JPC requesting that Garda numbers be increased in Meath.

10.4.3 The possibility of providing segregated waste bins to cater for those attending the Fleadh – it was pointed out that no request had been received for bottle banks in that area.

10.5 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

10.5.1 The need to renew the road markings and repair the barriers at the two Colpe roundabouts – it was confirmed that this location would be included on the list for the next relining contract.

10.5.2 The temporary road sign on the Duleek to Kilmoon road blocking visibility – it was confirmed that this had been removed.

10.5.3 Blocked drains on the Main Street, Duleek opposite Londis.

10.5.4 Complaints received regarding HGVs using the road to the rear of Mill Race as a short cut and the possibility of reinstating bollards to allow local access only – it was agreed to refer this to Ashbourne Municipal District.

10.6 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:



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- 10.6.1 Commencement date for the planned traffic management scheme – it was confirmed that this would commence early in 2019.
- 10.6.2 The need to remove advertising hoarding that was causing distractions on roundabouts – it was pointed out that if signs did not have permission, they would be removed.
- 10.6.3 Queried the role of Meath Tourism in the Fleadh in Drogheda – it was agreed to refer this to Meath Tourism.
- 10.7 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:
  - 10.7.1 Concerns expressed about the condition of the Braddon Bridge on the L5622 due to heavy traffic.
  - 10.7.2 Welcomed the completion of works on the Rossan Bridge.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**