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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 15th November, 2018, Duleek Civic Offices

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

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

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 11th October, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th October, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 2nd November, 2018.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 2nd November, 2018 were adopted 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 meeting.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- Marian Caddell, Indaver Community Liaison Committee, on the death of her father.
- The people of Drogheda in light of recent events.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The staff of the LEO and all businesses and retailers in Slane on winning the REI Friendliest Place Award.
- All groups that participated in the Pride of Place awards and the Community Department for organising the awards and events.
- Slane Tidy Towns on their Pride of Place award.

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 had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:

- The possibility of bringing the roadsweeper to Laytown/Bettystown twice per month – it was agreed to consider this as part of the new contract, subject to funding.
- Expressed disappointment that the footpath works in Donacarney had not commenced – it was explained that the works would now be advertised on eTenders, following update of the documentation.



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- The provision of the bus shelters in Laytown/Bettystown – it was confirmed that four bus shelters are to be provided once power supply issues had been resolved.
- The need for bus shelters in Mornington and Donacarney – it was pointed out that the NTA had an agreement with a preferred supplier, who monitored traffic volumes prior to providing shelters at particular locations. The cost of providing a shelter independently was prohibitive. It was agreed to check with the NTA.
- The need for hedges to be cut between Laytown and Bettystown to remove obstacles on footpaths – it was agreed to check this.
- The need to take enforcement action against landowners who continue to fail to cut hedges.
- The delay in repairing public lights at Back Lane, Laytown.
- The provision of the power connection for the Christmas lights in Laytown – it was confirmed that the ESB had to connect the power.
- Welcomed the pedestrian crossing at Beamore, the safety measures at the Pilltown Road and the drain works at Lobinstown.
- The need for public lighting at the junction at the top of the Pilltown Road and at The Brink – councillors were requested to submit any locations requiring new public lighting to Fiona Lawless, to be considered as part of a new public lighting programme.
- The condition of the L16042.
- Requested an update on when letters would issue to residents regarding the LIS.

4.1.2 To receive an update on the Boyne Greenway – Drogheda to Mornington Section.



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Cormac Ross, Resident Engineer, Transportation pointed out that, having identified a number of issues that required surveys, reports and further consultation, a number of amendments had been made to the proposed scheme that had previously been presented. It was indicated that the Transportation Section intends to engage with the affected landowners over the coming weeks and to make a Greenway funding application by the end of November. It was also highlighted that the appropriate planning process is to be determined.

Robert Kelly, DBFL delivered a presentation on the proposed section of the Boyne Greenway, which included information on the preferred route, with the differences to the original alignment and rationale highlighted, the proposed designs in various locations, land acquisition/permisive access required, the benefits of the scheme and the next steps, including the aim of initiating the planning process in Quarter 1 of 2019.

In addition to queries relating to specific aspects of the scheme, matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the amended alignment which would alleviate the concerns of residents in the Crook Road/Crook Lane areas.
- The provision of ancillary facilities.
- The benefits of the scheme to the residents in Mornington in terms of traffic calming, public lighting and footpaths.
- The extent of works for which funding is being applied – it was confirmed that a joint application is being made with Fingal County Council for the design, tender, procurement and construction phases of the Newbridge to Newgrange Greenway, of which this section is the most advanced.
- The need to ensure minimal impact on the natural environment.
- The huge tourism potential of this project to benefit the entire county.



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The Cathaoirleach and councillors unanimously welcomed the progress made on this project and acknowledged the work involved in bring it to this stage.

4.2 Corporate Services

4.2.1 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.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan (Deferred from the October meeting)

“To call on the Executive to include funding for two playgrounds in the upcoming Budget, one in Donacarney and one in Mornington.”

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

Playground funding does not form part of the revenue budget. The capital budget provides for playground funding and is presented annually to the members. The provision of funding for playgrounds in both Donacarney and Mornington will be considered as part of the next capital budget.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**.

A short discussion followed where it was confirmed that the capital budget would be discussed in April. It was suggested that an opportunity existed to work in partnership with the community to advance such projects, similar to other municipal districts. Reference was also made to the difficulties in finding suitable sites for playgrounds.



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The motion was adopted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 17th October, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 25th October, 2018, together with Policy Document School Wardens.

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 To agree the location for the erection of the REI Friendliest Place Award Finalist Plaque for Slane.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** that the plaque should be placed on the wall at the Tourism Information & Hub Centre, subject to the owner's consent. Alternative locations, should that not proceed, were agreed as the new garden, subject to the consent of Slane Tidy Towns, and the wall by the steps at The Muttonhead.

It was also agreed that the signs on the approach road should highlight the award.

- 10.2 Fiona Lawless raised the following issue:



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10.2.1 Confirmed that the Town & Village Renewal funding would be announced by the end of the month, for which a large submission had been made in respect of the Beach Management Plan. It was confirmed that an update on the plan and the architectural framework would be provided at the December meeting.

10.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

10.3.1 The mound left following works by Irish Rail on Pilltown Bridge, which has narrowed the road.

10.3.2 The collapsed wall at Bettystown Cross impeding access by pedestrians and the need for public lighting and a footpath to access the bus stop.

10.3.3 Requested an update on the traffic calming measures and car park at Laytown.

10.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issue:

10.4.1 The need for road markings at the junction in Lobinstown following road resurfacing.

10.5 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

10.5.1 The amount of debris at the Gormaston interchange - it was agreed to follow this up.

10.5.2 Requested an update on the traffic management study for the area.

10.6 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

10.6.1 Requested an update on the funding allocated for traffic calming in Julianstown.

10.6.2 Requested that the Road Safety Officer visit Mount Hanover N.S. to determine the need for traffic calming measures.

10.6.3 Suggested that the Irish Water Safety Authority be asked to consider running water safety courses on the beach.



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10.7 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issue:

10.7.1 The need for public lighting bulb upgrades in older estates such as St. Cianan's Villas – it was confirmed that a national public lighting programme was planned.

10.8 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:

10.8.1 Referred to the road surfaces following watermain works in Slane and the need to reinstate these as soon as possible – it was confirmed that the contractor would have to ensure permanent reinstatement as part of the contract.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach