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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 13th December, 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 15th November, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Brian Fitzgerald on the death of his sister;



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- Sarah O'Brien, Duleek Civic Offices on the death of her mother;
- The family of the late Larry Campbell, Navan Municipal District.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Paddy Waters on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award;
- Cian Barry on winning the Junior European Darts Championship;
- The Reilly family, Lobinstown who plan to retire from their business as butchers this Christmas after many years;
- The representatives from the Planning and Transportation sections for their participation in the oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála in relation to the spine road;
- The local ladies football team, from which Orla Byrne and Monica McQuirke have been selected for the Meath All Stars team;
- The executive for organising the successful delegation in relation to the association with Downpatrick.

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 need to review the road lining at the junction of the Beamore Road and Mount Hannover, which had been a continuous white line but was now a broken white line, thereby allowing overtaking at this junction.



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- Update on the tender for the footpath in Donacarney – it was confirmed that the closing date for the receipt of tenders is 18th January, with a timeframe of 9 months in total.
- Update on the tender for drainage works on the Mosney Road – it was confirmed that the tender was being evaluated, with a business case for funding to be made and it is hoped to start in January.
- Welcomed the works at Ledwidge Terrace, Slane and the pedestrian crossing on the Beamore Road.

The Cathaoirleach, with the agreement of all councillors, agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the Local Government Bill 2018, the background to which was provided by Kevin Stewart, Director of Service for Planning and Economic Development. The establishment of Urban Area Committees is proposed, one of which will affect Meath and, specifically, Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District, as it includes Drogheda. The proposed composition and role of these committees were outlined, which includes the preparation and adoption of a statutory Local Area Plan. Certain omissions were also highlighted, e.g. how the boundary is defined and the status of the County Development Plan.

The relevant proposed amendments to the bill, which are subject to discussion within the Dáil today, were outlined, including proportional representation.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The significance of the defined boundary, its impact on the municipal district and the role of councillors, and the eventual possibility of changing the county boundary.
- The impact on the area within the Meath boundary if representation on the committee favours Louth.
- The potential for this approach to create greater opportunities for economic and retail development in Drogheda and environs, thereby generating local employment.
- The need for further infrastructural developments in Drogheda, including an outer relief road, third level education facilities and a regional hospital.

Councillors agreed to talk to relevant TDs regarding the detail of the proposal and related impacts.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Kevin for attending and providing the information to the meeting.



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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

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“Can I ask for an update on street lighting at Rathdrinagh cross Beauparc on the N2?”

Response:

The N2 is a National road, falling under the jurisdiction of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The TII's default position is not to light at grade junctions on the National network and as there is no history of night time accidents, a departure from the standard would not be supported. Due to the proximity of business entrances and indiscriminate parking in the hard shoulder, the Transportation Department have been working on a safety scheme design to improve traffic movements in the vicinity of the junction. While funding for this scheme is being sought, to date it has not been secured.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Sharon Tolan

“To call on the Transportation Section of Meath County Council to carry out a full appraisal of a Julianstown Bypass and to submit it to the Department of Transport as a matter of urgency.”

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



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The appraisal for the Julianstown Bypass is currently being carried out with a view to submitting it to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport before Christmas.

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

The motion was adopted.

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

7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 23rd November, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 30th November together with Low Cost Private Site Scheme.

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 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Potholes on the road between Platin Terrace and Beamore Cross.

10.1.2 The wall at Mill Race.



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- 10.1.3 The demonstration of a property identification machine at a recent meeting of the JPC and the benefits of having one available in the municipal district – it was suggested that this be brought to the Community SPC for further discussion.
- 10.1.4 Public lighting at Pilltown – it was pointed out that this was not TII policy and the works undertaken in the area were highlighted. It was agreed that a traffic count would be undertaken.
- 10.2 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issue:
 - 10.2.1 Road safety at Mullaghfin Cross – it was confirmed that this had been discussed with Ashbourne Municipal District with a view to erecting advance warning signs and reviewing in terms of the Low Cost Safety Scheme.
- 10.3 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:
 - 10.3.1 Update on the Town & Village Renewal works in Lobinstown with regard to the completion of the pumphouse and road markings – it was confirmed that the road marking would be done as part of the annual maintenance programme.
 - 10.3.2 The possibility of providing advance notification to those affected by LIS works to enable alternative plans be made – it was pointed out that the crews undertaking works were extremely busy and the work was weather dependent, thereby limiting any advance notification that can be given.
 - 10.3.3 The need for traffic calming measures at Sally Gardens – it was agreed to check this.
 - 10.3.4 The possibility of moving the bank at Cookstown Cross, Lobinstown – it was pointed out that land would be needed to facilitate this.
- 10.4 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:
 - 10.4.1 The need to follow up with the NTA with regard to the provision of bus shelters at Inse Bay and Eastham Road – it was agreed to contact the NTA.
 - 10.4.2 Lights out at the school one the Coast Road and Julianstown – it was confirmed that these were being dealt with today.



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10.4.3 The public lighting at Tesco is switched off at the roundabout – it was agreed to check this with the Public Lighting section.

10.5 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issue:

10.5.1 Requested that the Road Safety Officer meet with the principal of the primary school in Julianstown to plan for the safety of children during the construction of the new school.

10.5.2 Referred to the private contribution made for a bus shelter in Duleek and the need for the NTA to confirm the appropriate location – it was agreed to raise this with the NTA.

10.5.3 The repair of the damaged bollards in Duleek – it was confirmed that new bollards are to be installed.

10.5.4 The light beside Frank Godfrey's cottage is not connected – it was agreed to check this.

10.6 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

10.6.1 The need to repair the railings at the Colpe and erect signs to prevent further damage – it was confirmed that these were repaired this year and chevrons erected with a safety audit planned regarding the road surface.

10.6.2 Lights out of order at The Voyager – it was agreed to refer this to the Public Lighting section.

10.6.3 The obstruction of visibility for cars exiting filling stations due to trucks parked on the roadsides – it was confirmed that this was a widespread problem and the Gardaí would be asked to monitor it. The scheme at Brink would also be looked at to see if improvements can be made elsewhere.

10.6.4 Bus shelters in Mornington and Donacarney.

10.6.5 The need to assist with access from the Mosney junction.



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The Cathaoirleach thanked Christy and his team for their work throughout the year and for dealing with all issues raised promptly and efficiently. He also thanked the Meeting Administration team.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach