



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

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

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

***9:30 a.m., 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Duleek Civic Offices***

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

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Stephen McKee

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Head of Finance:** Fiona Lawless

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Jim Colwell

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

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

Councillor Sharon Keogan referred to the inclusion of Planning Matters on the agenda – it was agreed to re-issue the email, previously circulated, to Councillor Keogan on this matter.

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

Congratulations were extended to:



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- Meath County Council staff on the works undertaken in Marian Villas, Laytown and the residents for their cooperation – it was agreed that a letter should issue to the residents association on behalf of Municipal District Councillors requesting that residents refrain from driving onto the grass, thereby damaging both the grass and newly installed kerbing.
- Meath County Council on the footpath works in Lobinstown.
- Christy Clarke and his staff on the flood management works undertaken over Christmas.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

- 4.1.1 To inform the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Members that Meath County Council Transportation Section intend to apply for Part 8 planning approval in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Paul Phelan, Transportation Planning & Design, and Ambrose Clarke, Westmeath National Roads Office attended the meeting and outlined the proposed works as part of the N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 and the related Part 8 process.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The timeframe for the works to commence, including the Part 8 and CPO - it was confirmed that, subject to a successful Part 8 in the first half of this year, Meath County Council would hope to proceed with the CPO request process, which would take until early next year before the approval to proceed could be in place. Approval to proceed will also be required from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (formerly the NRA) and will be subject to available funding.
- The provision of cycle lanes and the related objective in the County Development Plan – it was pointed out, as a Type 1 carriageway, the

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design included hard shoulders adequate for cyclists and therefore no dedicated cycle lanes were to be provided. It was also agreed that the views of Members would be raised at the next Steering Group meeting.

- The provision of adequate drainage – the planned drainage works were outlined.
- Consultation with affected landowners – it was pointed out that work on this scheme had been ongoing for approximately two years, including meetings and consultation with landowners.
- The number of access lanes envisaged – it was pointed out that a limited number of access routes would carry low traffic volumes and therefore maintenance would be minimal.
- The need to progress other road projects, e.g. Slane to Drogheda – it was pointed out that all projects were subject to funding being available.
- The timeframe for the availability of the traffic management plan – it was confirmed that this would be included in the construction plan but may be subject to change by the contractor appointed but that all relevant parties will be consulted.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding** to proceed with the Part 8.

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

The report was circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Commended the flood management works undertaken in recent weeks.
- The adequacy of the pipe installed at the stream in Mornington as part of the new development – it was pointed out that this had been

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addressed at a previous meeting, the stream was to be cleaned, the engineer was monitoring the situation and liaising with the OPW.

- The obligation of the local authority under the 1912 Drainage Act to clear streams and report to the OPW.
- Commended the works undertaken in Marian Villas and at Boyne Valley Foods.
- The footpath at the Garda Station in Beechpark.
- The compliance with hedge cutting – the process of issuing notices and follow up was outlined.
- The need to discontinue installing water cuts and level off those already there.
- The availability of the roadworks programme.
- The scope of works at Bettystown Square.

### **4.2 Community**

- 4.2.1 To receive a report on the Process Seeking Expressions of Interest for Proposals for the Former Library Site, Laytown.

Eugene Farrelly, Community Section attended the meeting and outlined the report that had been circulated in advance. Reference was also made to the planned 1916 commemorative garden to be located at the same site and as previously agreed. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the 1916 commemorative garden would proceed at this site and that a decision on any further plans for the site would be taken at a later date. It was also agreed that the Community Section would inform Laytown Village Enhancement of this decision.



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### **4.3 Planning**

4.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015.

- Fairways Park, Bettystown

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

- St. Nicholas Village, Bettystown

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

- Seaview Park, Mornington

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

### **7 Other Matters Arising**

7.1 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

7.1.1 The erection of 'No Parking' signs on the old Julianstown to Laytown Road – it was confirmed that these had not been erected by the Council and that, as it



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was a public road, this would be checked out.

- 7.1.2 The overgrown hedge between the schools in Laytown – it was confirmed that the landowner would be contacted.
  - 7.1.3 Flooding on the footpaths at St. Patrick's Terrace, Church Road.
  - 7.1.4 The need for traffic calming measures at Inse Bay – it was confirmed that this would be considered as part of the speed limit review.
  - 7.1.5 The need for a second pedestrian crossing on Eastham Road – it was pointed out that projects could be considered after consultation with Municipal District Members, based on an engineering screening/evaluation assessment and on funding available.
  - 7.1.6 The need for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District to receive an equal allocation under the Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- 7.2 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:
- 7.2.1 Update on the beach management plan and park design – it was confirmed that certain matters need to be finalised before the next steps can be determined and that the park should be progressed in advance of the other works.
  - 7.2.2 The need to clean the footpath between Boyne Valley Foods and the new distillery – it was confirmed that this was a proposed scheme.
- 7.3 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:
- 7.3.1 The status of the coastal erosion programme – it was confirmed that additional funding had been received from the OPW, that the approach to be taken would be more expensive and that a Part 8 was required. It was agreed to talk to Planning on this. It was also pointed out that a foreshore licence may be required and an application was being made to the relevant government department.
  - 7.3.2 The need to paint and maintain the footbridge at Laytown and its use as



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emergency services access to the playing pitches at Seafield – it was agreed to check this.

7.3.3 The timeframe for the completion of the security fencing at Laytown train station – it was agreed to send a reminder to Irish Rail.

7.3.4 The need for hedges to be maintained along footpaths, e.g. from Laytown to Bettystown – it was confirmed that this was a matter for landowners.

7.4 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:

7.4.1 The need to clean the gantries on the entrance to Slane from the Dublin side – it was agreed to look at this.

7.5 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

7.5.1 Update from Bus Éireann on matters raised at December meeting – it was agreed to follow this up again.

7.5.2 The timeframe for the works on Main Street, Duleek – it was confirmed that due to work volumes in Transportation Planning & Design, Christy Clarke had been nominated to progress this, due to his previous involvement and that the statutory process would commence in 2016.

7.5.3 The status of the Duleek Bypass – it was pointed out that the Slane Bypass was the priority project.

7.5.4 The plans for the Council owned lands in Donore – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.

7.5.5 Flooding in Staleen – it was confirmed that a plan was well advanced and the procurement process due to commence within the next month.

7.5.6 The possibility of asking the OPW to open the car park at Oldbridge after 5pm to facilitate walkers.

7.5.7 Pothole and cracks in footpaths on Main Street, Duleek.



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### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillors were informed that the Community Grants Scheme was to be launched in early February with a likely closing date of early March. Reference was also made to the Lobinstown Grants Scheme and it was confirmed that 42 applications had been received under the Carronstown Grants Scheme with the committee to meet in later February to consider these.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**