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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30 a.m., 10th March 2016, Duleek Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Stephen McKee and Sharon Tolan.

Officials in Attendance:

Head of Finance: Fiona Lawless

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Jim Colwell

Executive Engineer: Christy Clarke

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 11th February, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th February 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Councillor Tom Kelly on the death of his mother-in-law, Margaret Fleming.
- Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer, on the death of her father, Seán Guinan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All Meath County Council staff involved in the development of the 1916 Commemorative Garden in Laytown.
- The Meath TDs who successfully contested the recent General Election.

Those who contested the election but who were unsuccessful, including Councillor Sharon Keogan and former Deputy Dominic Hannigan, were acknowledged.

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, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To receive a presentation on Event Management Guidelines.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation on the event management guidelines, which included information on procedures, event categories, pre-planning, risk management and requirements.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors welcomed the Guidelines and acknowledged how they will assist community groups in organising events.

- 4.2.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of



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The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

“What progress has been made in relation to the motion brought, and passed, on November 12th, 2015, in relation to preparing an options paper seeking possible solutions to parking in Laytown and Bettystown?”

Response:

Meath County Council have submitted an application to the NTA for funding for the provision of additional car parking at the station and we are awaiting formal confirmation that a grant will be forthcoming so that work can proceed in 2016. The Council understands that notification of the 2016 NTA grants is imminent.

The response was noted. Councillor Eimear Ferguson sought clarification on what interim measures were planned to provide additional car parking spaces and it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning & Design and ask that this be considered in the context of the overall parking situation in the Laytown-Bettystown area.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

“That the Transportation Department of Meath County Council seeks funding for some method of speed measures to be installed on the road from Laytown train station to Bettystown Square as a matter of urgency.”

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



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The proposed work has been logged on our database and can be funded by the Department through the NTA or through the Council's own funding. Meath County Council will submit a proposal to the NTA for funding for same.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

A short discussion followed on the previous submission made to the Local Area Plan on this issue and the need for wider traffic management during the construction phase of a new supermarket. It was agreed that a traffic survey would be undertaken as an initial step.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"That this Municipal District calls on the Transportation Department to prepare a CPO as a matter of urgency for submission to An Bord Pleanála for the land in relation to the R150 Laytown-Bettystown Spine Road."

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

The CPO process has not yet commenced - the requirement for a CPO is generally reviewed after Part 8 Planning has been approved, therefore the CPO process cannot commence until after Part 8 approval is received. The Part 8 for the R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road went on display on 19th December 2015 and the final date for submissions is Friday, 26th February 2016. The next stage in the process is to consider the submissions and it is expected to bring the Part 8 report for the scheme before the May 2016 Municipal District meeting for the members' consideration.

In 2015 the Council submitted an application to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding for the scheme. In January 2016, the Department confirmed a Special Improvement Grant for the R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road to the value of €50,000.



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Should the Part 8 application receive approval, the Council must then consider whether it will initiate the CPO process as the current allocation of €50,000 will not be sufficient to complete the acquisition of land for the scheme.

The motion was withdrawn as Councillor Tolan was absent.

7 Other Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

9.1.1 An update on the EU funding applications for coastal erosion, Ancient Ways/New Ways and the Ireland/Wales Interreg Programme, to include the projects applied for, the amounts applied for and the role of Meath County Council – it was agreed to refer this to Economic Development/Tourism.

9.1.2 Requested a further update from Bus Éireann on the issues raised previously – it was confirmed that no further update had been received but would be requested.

9.1.3 The availability of the report on lands/sites available for housing in the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.

9.1.4 The need for a park & ride facility at Cushinstown NS – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning & Design.

9.1.5 Reminded Councillors that applications were now being sought for the Community Grants Schemes 2016 and all community groups were urged to apply.



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9.2 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

- 9.2.1 What are the requirements for the allocation of Casual Trading licences, for example environmental health certification – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.
- 9.2.2 The need to provide white lines at schools in Laytown – it was confirmed that these would be provided as part of the footpath works.
- 9.2.3 Requested a further update from Irish Rail with regard to the fence at Laytown train station – it was pointed out that an update had been circulated but that a further update would be sought.
- 9.2.4 Requested an update on the upgrade works at Alverno Court – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.
- 9.2.5 Update on the coastal erosion works – it was confirmed that documentation was being prepared for submission to both the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine and the Planning Department and it was hoped that this would be submitted by the end of the month, with the possibility that a Part VIII planning process would be required.
- 9.2.6 Subsidence on the Laytown to Julianstown Road at the Glen area.
- 9.2.7 The need to provide signage and containers with dog bags on the beach to deter dog fouling – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.

9.3 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:

- 9.3.1 The need to contact the NRA requesting that their contractors clean the gantry signage on the hill at Slane – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.
- 9.3.2 Proposed that a letter be submitted to An Garda Síochána highlighting the effects of reduced Garda resources on rural areas and communities in light of recent serious criminal incidents in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District. This was seconded by Councillor Sharon Keogan.



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- 9.3.3 Requested a report on Rathdrinagh Cross for the April meeting, to include street lighting, lorry bays, etc.
- 9.3.4 Thanked all Meath County Council staff involved in the recent event to mark the naming of the Philip Clarke Bridge and referred to this weekend's events that were open to all.
- 9.4 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:
 - 9.4.1 Works required on the Barnswell Road, Lobinstown – it was confirmed that these works would commence next week.
 - 9.4.2 The issues being experienced by residents at Auburn, Grangerath due to the bus stop having been moved – the reasons for the bus stop having moved were outlined, as were the efforts to resolve the situation.
 - 9.4.3 The works being undertaken by Eir on the footpath at Funtasia, including the removal of the cobble-lock paving and the uneven surface – it was confirmed that the footpath would have to be reinstated as found once the works were complete but that Eir would be requested to undertake a permanent reinstatement immediately.
 - 9.4.4 The possibility of providing a playground in Donore – the previous efforts to provide a playground in Donore were outlined.
- 9.5 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:
 - 9.5.1 The inclusion of through roads in the CIS – the current plans for the CIS were outlined.
- 9.6 Fiona Lawless raised the following issue:
 - 9.6.1 Confirmed that a review of life buoys would be undertaken in advance of the summer months with funding being allocated for their possible replacement with tamper proof versions to improve water safety.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach