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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30 a.m., 12th May 2016, Duleek Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Sharon Keogan and Stephen McKee.

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 14th April, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th April 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Sharon Tolan asked for clarification on Item 6.1 – Notice of Motion and it was confirmed that the decision of the meeting was referred to the Transportation Section.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.



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4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To receive an update on the current Speed Limit Review.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation attended the meeting and outlined the report that had been circulated in advance, which dealt with both the countywide speed limit review and the proposed speed limit bye-laws for housing estates. It was confirmed that the draft Housing Estate bye-laws would come to the June Municipal District meetings, following which it would go on public display, with submissions to be considered by the Municipal Districts in September and presentation to Meath County Council for adoption in October. The speed limit bye-law would then, if accepted by Councillors, become effective from November 2016.

He confirmed that 52 locations had been identified for review in the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District, of which 26 related to housing estates. The bye-laws could only apply to Council estates or appropriate estates that are taken in charge.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Requested that a list of the estates in the Municipal District be circulated to Councillors – this was agreed.
- The possible inclusion of additional estates – it was confirmed that the bye-laws would apply to the pilot estates first and others could be added by April 2017.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Paul for his work on this.

4.1.2 To receive a report on R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road Part VIII.

Marie Whelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner and David Caffrey, Executive Planner attended the



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meeting and outlined the key points of the report, which had been circulated in advance.

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

Councillor Tom Kelly requested that consideration be given to the provision of coach parking – it was pointed out that bus bays are already at that location.

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted and Councillor Eimear Ferguson thanked Christy for the footpath works at Boyne Valley Foods.

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 Eimear Ferguson

“I call on this Council to write to Bus Éireann requesting that they display the bus times and destination at each of their bus stops in this Municipal District.”

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



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The motion was adopted.

7 Other Matters Arising

7.1 Fiona Lawless raised the following issues:

7.1.1 A recent meeting that took place with Julianstown Group where a number of items had been agreed, including the maintenance of footpaths in the village centre, the erection of signage at the entrance and exit to the village and the referral of traffic lights and traffic calming to Transportation Planning & Design.

7.1.2 A recent meeting with the Local Government Boundary Review Committee, with additional financial information requested and a further meeting to take place with planning staff from Louth and Meath County Councils. A list of groups with whom the Committee have met was requested and it was agreed to request same from the Committee. It was also agreed to request the details of the process, following recommendations being made by the Committee.

7.2 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:

7.2.1 The possibility of tidying up Moorehall graveyard before the blessing of the graves.

7.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

7.3.1 The protocol and the licence required for the transportation of explosives through built up areas, as occurred in Duleek during the week – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

7.3.2 The graffiti in Laytown playground – it was confirmed that this had been removed.

7.3.3 Welcomed the painting of the poles in Bettystown and requested that the benches also be painted – this was agreed.

7.3.4 The green in Marian Villas – it was confirmed that this was being sprayed.



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- 7.3.5 The condition of the light poles in Bettystown – it was confirmed that the finish on the poles may affect the ability to have these repainted but that this would be checked.
- 7.3.6 The possibility of adding road markings at the exit gate at Donacarney NS – it was pointed out that the recent works were undertaken on foot of the recommendations of the Gardaí and Road Safety Officer but that the Road Safety Officer would be consulted.
- 7.4 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:
- 7.4.1 Dip in footpath at Kelly's pub in Duleek – it was confirmed that this would be included in the Part VIII that was nearing completion but that no timeframe could be given at this stage.
- 7.4.2 The need to cut the grass in Laytown Park in advance of the June Bank Holiday weekend.
- 7.4.3 The need to repair or replace the sign at the junction onto the motorway – it was confirmed that a sign was being designed and would be costed and installed.
- 7.5 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:
- 7.5.1 The erection of dog signs at the entrance to the beach and the footbridge at Laytown.
- 7.5.2 The need for the footbridge to be repaired.
- 7.5.3 Update on the works being undertaken by Irish Rail at Laytown train station.
- 7.5.4 The grass cutting contract – it was confirmed that the contract allowed for 14 cuts in the designated areas and that Gateway staff may also be able to assist.
- 7.5.5 The possibility of appointing consultants to advise on a colour scheme for Bettystown, Laytown and Mornington – it was suggested that this might be



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included in the Beach Management Plan.

7.5.6 The authority of beach wardens to enforce the regulations as they apply to dogs on the beach – it was agreed to refer this to the Environment Section.

7.6 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

7.6.1 The urgent need for road repairs on Barnswell Lane.

7.6.2 The need for road markings on the L1603.

7.6.3 The potholes at O'Reilly's Butchers.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach