



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

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

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

***09:30 a.m., 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Tom Kelly**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Sharon Keogan, Paddy Meade, Sharon Tolan.

**Apologies:** Councillor 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 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

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

In relation to Item 3, Councillor Eimear Ferguson requested that the minutes be amended to extend congratulations to St. Colmcilles Under 14s who qualified for the Féile Championship.

Councillor Sharon Tolan requested that time be allocated at meetings to raise items under Any Other Business.

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



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Congratulations were extended to:

- The principal, staff and Board of Management at Herronstown N.S. for securing a grant towards the provision of a new classroom and toilet facilities;
- Sally Rooney who recently opened a new bakery employing two staff;
- Duleek Under 14s soccer club on winning the cup;
- Blathnaid Murphy, Duleek on winning the Young Entrepreneur in the Louth area for a new business.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

- 4.1.1 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2017.

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

A short discussion followed on the measures employed and their effectiveness. The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Paul Phelan for his work on this.

- 4.1.2 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 Library**

- 4.2.1 To receive an update on Francis Ledwidge Centenary 2017.



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An update had been circulated with the agenda and information packs circulated at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach and Councillors acknowledged the amount of work undertaken by the County Librarian, Ciarán Mangan, on the events and initiatives organised for the centenary.

### **4.3 Environment**

#### 4.3.1 To receive an update on the Beach Management Plan.

Bernadine Carry, Environment Section delivered a presentation to the meeting that included the development of the Beach Management Plan, the role and composition of the Beach Management Committee, the draft plan, the feedback of the committee and actions taken as a result and the next steps.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the wheelchairs and associated facilities;
- Acknowledged the positive results of the EPA in relation to the water quality at Laytown, Bettystown and Mornington.
- Welcomed the possibility of summer parking being available at the school.
- The possibility of extending the Beach Management Plan to Gormanston beach – it was pointed out that it had been agreed that the Beach Management Plan would initially focus on the defined areas of priority and that a phased approach would allow other areas to be considered at a later stage.
- The possibility of eventually looking at removing vehicular traffic from the beach altogether.
- The need for landscaping at the park area in Laytown – it was confirmed that a grant application was being made under the Outdoor Recreation Scheme, that the grass had been cut and would be regularly maintained.



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- The need for the Beach Management Plan to include a contribution from Meath Tourism/Boyne Valley Tourism, to refer to the enforcement of the bye-laws, to include a map indicating the existing right of ways, to consider alternative parking options and to locate the signage relating to the beach bye-laws in a more prominent location.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors commended Bernadine on her work to date.

### **4.4 Corporate Services**

- 4.4.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

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

## **5 Notice of Question**

### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly**

“What is the total number of licences issued for the Municipal District for the spreading of slurry or sludge and if any was imported from outside Meath County Council area.”

#### **Response:**

*The EU Nitrates Directive and the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations (known as GAP Regulations) made there under also provide a statutory basis for ensuring good agricultural practices to protect waters against pollution from agricultural sources.*

*In accordance with the Regulations all persons proposing to spread sewage sludge must first seek written acceptance for the suitability of spread lands by submitting a Nutrient Management Plan to the Council and all parties are advised to engage the services of an Agricultural Consultant with specific experience in the area of Sludge Management.*

*Such plans when submitted are then risk assessed by trained Council Officials and particularly in respect of the suitability of the lands for sludge application including soil*



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*type, soil quality, soil nutrient status, local topography, buffer zones , proximity to local rivers, streams lakes etc and the status of the groundwater.*

*Where approval is granted for the Nutrient Management Plans conditions are normally applied and include inter alia, , adherence to buffer zones, the time period for spreading, notifications to local residents likely to be effected based on wind directions, and a requirement to notify Meath County Council in writing 5 days in advance of when delivery and spreading is due to take place.*

*The Council have received 5 Nutrient Management Plans to date in 2017 for the spreading of sewage sludge. Of these, 3 were for sludge originating from Waste Water Treatment Plans located in Meath and 2 for sludge originating from WWTPs in Fingal.*

The response was noted.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee**

“That Meath County Council demands that the NTA restructure the rail fare system and include Laytown and Gormanston into the Dublin Short Hop Zone so that an equitable rail fare is charged for passengers who are travelling similar distances.”

The motion was deferred to the June meeting on the request of Councillor McKee.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan**

"I call on Meath County Council to complete landscaping works on the green areas adjacent to Laytown car park and playground, in tandem with the proposed upgrade of the car park."

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

The proposed upgrade of the car park forms part of the works proposed at Laytown Railway Bridge, there is no landscaping works planned as part of this contract. The



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green area adjacent to the car park is included in the overall scope of the Beach Management Plan.

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

It was suggested that these works be carried out in tandem with the planned works on the car park to minimise disruption.

The motion was adopted.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly**

“That the roundabout at Eastham Road be named Triton Roundabout, that the roundabouts on R432 be named Colpe Roundabout (nearest to the shopping centre) and second roundabout be named Kirwan Roundabout.”

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

*Transportation are in the process of establishing the historical linkage between the names suggested by Cllr Kelly and the roundabouts in question. Cllr Kelly is assisting with this process. Once this is completed the usual protocol will be followed.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

The motion was adopted.

### **6.4 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly**

“That a birds watch platform and information signage be put in place at the Nanny Estuary which is a designated estuary.”

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



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The principle of this motion is accepted and subject to discussion and agreement with the statutory bodies, the availability of funding and compliance with the necessary consents the provision of such infrastructure can proceed.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

The motion was adopted.

### **7 Other Matters Arising**

7.1 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

7.1.1 Concerns of residents regarding the wall height and its impacts on visibility for traffic as part of the Northlands flood works – it was confirmed that a wall had been moved back to improve visibility and that any issues arising were being dealt with.

7.1.2 The sand blown onto the streets in Laytown and Bettystown and blocking drains – it was confirmed that the street sweeper was used once per month, to increase to once per week from June and that the sand was being actively monitored and would be dealt with as appropriate.

7.2 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

7.2.1 Queried as to whether there had been any response from the OPW in relation to monuments in the Municipal District – it was confirmed that no response had yet been received.

7.2.2 Road markings on the R152 – it was confirmed that a review of lineage was underway with works to be undertaken at priority locations.

7.2.3 Speeding on the Crook Road, Mornington towards the factory – it was pointed out that this was within a speed control zone and would require Garda enforcement but that the location would also be reviewed.

7.2.4 The need for notice to be served on the derelict boat house on the Crook Road,



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Mornington – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.

### 7.3 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues;

- 7.3.1 The possibility of getting a Low Cost Safety Scheme for the junction at Lobinstown N.S. – it was pointed out that recorded accident statistics are used as the basis for this scheme but that this location would be submitted for 2018.
- 7.3.2 Potholes on French Lane at Stackallen N.S.
- 7.3.3 Road markings needed at the T junction on Oldbridge to Rathmullen road.

### 7.4 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

- 7.4.1 Update on the funding allocation to Julianstown for traffic calming and the possible use of fixed housed speed cameras in the village – it was pointed out this was the remit of Transportation Planning & Design and that the Road Safety Officer would be requested to feed into proposals.
- 7.4.2 The possibility of installing a footpath and lighting on the R150 from Mornington Park to Church Road.
- 7.4.3 The national monument at St. Michaels', which needs to be fenced off, and for which National Monuments Ireland planned to undertake a conservation study – it was pointed out that national monuments are the responsibility of the OPW and that the Heritage Officer would be requested to contact the OPW about this site.

### 7.5 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

- 7.5.1 Queried the outdoor staff compliment in the Municipal District – the numbers and current work programmes were outlined.
- 7.5.2 The possibility of extending the speed limit zone on the R132 at Julianstown further out towards Smithstown and the installation of rumble strips – it was pointed out that this location would be considered as part of the county speed limit review.





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- 7.5.3 The broken barriers and weeds at Colpe junction – it was confirmed that a landscaping contractor would undertake works at this location.
- 7.5.4 Trucks parking along roadsides at garages and the impact on visibility of vehicles exiting.
- 7.5.5 The need to remind quarry traffic to cover trucks to prevent the spillage of debris.
- 7.5.6 The bridge signs at James McCormack Bridge – it was confirmed that a proposal on the signs had been received from Transportation.
- 7.5.7 Requested that the Arts Officer prepare an update on the reinstatement of the M1 Artwork.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** that the June and July meetings would commence at 10.00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**