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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:45 a.m., 16th June 2016, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Sharon Keogan, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, 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 12th May, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th May 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Bernard Deighan, Castletown, former Councillor.



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4 To receive a presentation on Meath Laterlife Network.

Jim Matthews, Chair and Fiona Larkin, Meath Laterlife Network delivered a presentation on the Age Friendly Alliance and Strategy, the background to the Meath Laterlife Network, it's aims, actions and achievements, and future plans.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The issue of isolation for those living in rural areas, the perception of increased rural crime and the possibility of creating a network to link people together.
- The actions that Meath County Council could take to assist people – access to information was highlighted as an issue, including broadband availability, availability of information in hard copy and user-friendly websites.
- The role of town planning to ensure suitable housing is provided in proximity to services and amenities.
- The need to age-proof policies and projects, e.g. Main Street, Duleek, to ensure that the design meets the needs of older people.
- Accessibility on public transport – it was requested that bus stops have kerbing to allow wheelchair access and that bus stops should be provided at certain facilities, e.g. hospitals and primary care centres where only paid parking is permitted.
- The benefits of providing more homecare packages – the cuts to the home help packages were outlined.
- The valuable contribution made by older people to the community and the value of accessing traditional skills and knowledge.
- Intergenerational projects – a number of projects were outlined.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Jim and Fiona for their presentation and commended them on their valuable work.



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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

- 5.1.1 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) 2016.

A short discussion followed on the inclusion of additional estates, the type of signage and other measures being introduced and the role of Councillors in increasing awareness of this initiative.

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

- 5.1.2 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:

- The impact of the loss of the Gateway scheme and the valuable work undertaken by Gateway staff on various projects in the area.
- The issue of illegal dumping in the dunes.
- The sand on the streets and the potential for this to block the drains – it was confirmed that this was being continually monitored and additional sweeping undertaken as required.
- The role of the beach wardens in issuing tickets for littering and dog fouling – it was confirmed that this formed part of their duties.
- Welcomed the painting of the lighting columns in Bettystown and the plans to do the same in Laytown – it was confirmed that this formed



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part of the annual maintenance programme, subject to limited funding, and that a review would take place next year.

- Potholes in Castletown and on the R132.
- Welcomed the improvements on the N52.
- Welcomed the works on the clearance of the footpaths and hedge cutting on the Donore Road.
- Ongoing road issues in Barnswell/Woodtown/Lobinstown.
- The grass cutting in coastal areas.
- The need to regularly empty the bins at the beach and implement a regular cleaning programme.
- Illegal dumping at the Maiden Tower, Mornington.
- The need to refurbish and repaint the footbridge at Laytown.

5.2 Corporate Services

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

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

A short discussion followed on possible contributions to CIS projects and the related processes were outlined.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.



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7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"In light of recent funding announcements, and a revised route, I call on the Transportation Department of Meath County Council to proceed to Part 8 planning for the Boyneside Trail from Mornington to Drogheda."

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

In light of the objections made to the original route, the Boyne Trails Group has carried out an analysis on a further option with a view to achieving a consensus with the local residents on the preferred route.

Meath County Council made provision in its Capital Investment Programme to progress this scheme through the Part 8 process and remains committed to this course of action.

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

Following a lengthy discussion, which focused on the background to the project and the options now available to progress it, it was agreed to hold a roll call vote on the motion, as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	FOR			
Cllr. Wayne Harding	FOR			
Cllr. Tom Kelly		AGAINST		
Cllr. Sharon Keogan	FOR			
Cllr. Stephen McKee	FOR			
Cllr. Paddy Meade		AGAINST		
Cllr. Sharon Tolan	FOR			
RESULT	5	2		



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The motion was therefore adopted.

8 Other Matters Arising

8.1 Fiona Lawless raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Confirmed the consultation undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Review Committee and the next steps in the review.

8.2 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Traffic management measures needed at Abbeylands, Duleek.

8.2.2 The collapsed wall at Balsaran – it was confirmed that a consultant had been appointed to review the replacement of the wall prior to its collapse and a structural engineer was to submit a report within 3 weeks on the reasons for the wall collapse. The solution would involve cooperation between the Council and the landowner, however no funding was currently available.

8.2.3 Parking spaces, including disabled parking, and other measures needed at Main Street, Duleek – an update was provided on all the options being considered.

8.2.4 Overgrown hedges obstructing signage at various locations.

8.2.5 The need for signage onto the Beamore Road indicating the beaches.

8.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issue:

8.3.1 Update on the purchase of the houses at the entrance to the beach.

8.4 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

8.4.1 Responsibility for reinstating the compound at Seafield.



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8.4.2 The need to cut the grass in the park at Laytown.

8.4.3 Replacement of the broken sign at the M1 junction.

8.5 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:

8.5.1 Issue regarding visibility turning left onto Broomfield Road on the N2.

8.5.2 The need for a yellow box at the Credit Union in Slane and road markings on the Navan to Drogheda Road.

8.5.3 The need for the Council to liaise with the community in relation to maintaining the lay-by at Rosnaree towards the interpretative centre.

8.6 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issue:

8.6.1 The need for road markings at the junction to St. Oliver's Secondary School.

8.7 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

8.7.1 The need to cut grass verges at junctions.

8.7.2 The erection of signs in housing estates indicating CCTV coverage and responsibility for same.

8.8 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

8.8.1 The programme for the erection of signage for Ireland's Ancient East and the timeframe for the roll-out of signs in the county – it was confirmed that the signage was subject to a protocol.

8.8.2 The timeframe for the delivery of the report by consultants on the Beach Management Plan – it was confirmed that the report was completed but had been stalled pending the outcome of the closure of the sale of the properties at the beach entrance. A lot of work was to be done but could be progressed quickly once the sale was complete.



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9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach