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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:15 a.m., 15th June, 2017, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Stephen McKee, 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 18th May, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Councillor Sharon Keogan proposed an emergency motion be heard and it was agreed that this would be dealt with under Notices of Motion.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to the following:



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- Slane N.S. on winning the Cumann na mBunscoil final;
- Stackallen N.S. on reaching the Cumann na mBunscoil final;
- Ledwidge Committee on the mural in Slane;
- St. Patrick's N.S. in the Cumann na mBunscoil;
- St. Colmcille's U14s for reaching the Féile final;
- Elise Carey, St, Cianan's Boxing Club on winning the Junior All Ireland Championship;
- Rafferty Brothers, St. Cianan's Boxing Club;
- Duleek & District Text Alert Committee, Meath County Council and Christy Clarke, Councillor Sharon Keogan, the Indaver fund and the Gardaí and Sergeant Dean Kerins for the work associated with the CCTV scheme and it was acknowledged that this could be used as a model for similar schemes elsewhere;
- John Halpin and all World War I veterans – it was pointed out that John Halpin, a grand-uncle of Brendan Weldon, Lobinstown had two memorials, one in Mitchelstown and one in Belgium;
- All involved in the national Ledwidge commemoration day taking place on 24th June in the museum in Slane.

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 had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:



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- Parking arrangements at the green during enhancement works in Duleek – the availability of parking on one side of the green was explained and it was confirmed that an additional 5 spaces will be provided once the works were complete.
- The schedule of monthly street cleaning in Duleek – it was agreed to talk to Indaver and Irish Cement with regard to maintenance outside their premises.
- The paving outside the church in Duleek – it was confirmed that granite paving would be provided from Main Street to the church entrance.
- The submissions made in respect of the S38 for the works at the bridge in Laytown and bus surveys carried out – it was confirmed that three submissions had been received, two from residents along the route, whose concerns would be addressed, and one from the Gardaí, who had no objections. A bus survey had been carried out to ensure safe passage under the bridge.

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 of the meeting, was noted.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee (*Deferred from the May meeting*)

“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.”



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

In December 2016, a similar request was made in writing to the NTA on behalf of Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors and in respect of Gormanston.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

A short discussion followed on the pricing structure that applies to Laytown and Gormanston compared to stops of similar distances in Kildare and the need to encourage use of public transport.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly

“That Meath County Council appoint Consultants to design the most suitable bypass route for Julianstown and Duleek and seek approval from TII for same and time frame to carry out these projects.”

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

There is currently no funding available to progress the Julianstown and Duleek Bypasses and no provision has been made in Meath County Council's Major Capital Plan for these schemes. However, it is proposed to progress traffic management schemes for both villages. Note that a preferred route has been identified for the Duleek Bypass and that the Chief Executive personally raised the matter of a bypass for Julianstown at a meeting with the Minister of Transport in January 2017.

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

A short discussion followed on the need for traffic management in Julianstown, the need for national funding to progress either schemes and the status of the HGV ban for Duleek.



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The motion was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly

“That an update on progress of Slane bypass be provided.”

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

In February 2017, RPS Consulting Engineers were appointed to re-examine the scheme and to provide engineering and consultancy services to deliver the proposed scheme through Phase 1 to Phase 4 of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project Management Process. Scheme concept and feasibility study phase is now complete. RPS Consulting Engineers are preparing the draft constraints study report including identifying the study area, OS mapping, designated sites, environmentally sensitive areas, desk top surveys and walk through surveys, physical constraints, geology mapping, statutory bodies consultation, land ownership, utilities and services etc. A web site has been set up with the domain name as <http://www.n2slanebypass.ie>

This site will provide regular updates on how the scheme is progressing and a link on the MCC web page will be set up.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

A short discussion followed where it was agreed that the approach had to be detailed and sufficient to avoid any problems with this scheme progressing.

The motion was noted.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan (Emergency Motion)

“That Meath County Council provide urgently temporary toilet facilities for the beach area during the summer months of this year.”

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



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A short discussion followed, where existing toilet facilities were identified and the issues relating to temporary toilet facilities were outlined. The possibility of reopening the toilet block in Laytown was mentioned and it was agreed to get a structural survey and costing. Reference was made to the request by retailers for these facilities at weekends only. It was agreed to improve the signage to existing facilities and to ask Environment to look at this issue again.

The motion was adopted.

7 Other Matters Arising

There no other matters arising.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issue:

9.1.1 The motion brought to the full Council meeting regarding separating the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District for the purposes of availing of the Town & Village Renewal Scheme – it was pointed out that the proposal related to this scheme only and was not considered to have any other effects in terms of how the area was perceived by the Department. Councillor Kelly requested a list of all grants/funding schemes available to urban districts for which the Municipal District would qualify to be provided in September.

9.2 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issue:

9.2.1 The need for a bigger economic development plan for the Municipal District.

9.3 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

9.3.1 The need to apply pressure to Louth County Council to complete the footpath



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to the county boundary – it was confirmed that this was not currently on the list of works for Louth County Council and it was agreed to write to them requesting that it be done.

9.3.2 The maintenance costs for playgrounds arising from vandalised equipment and the possibility of installing CCTV to prevent this, e.g. Station Road – it was confirmed that five playgrounds were to be reviewed by the CCTV provider in terms of requirements, signage and costs.

9.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

9.4.1 The need for urgent wall repairs and remediation at Rossan graveyard.

9.4.2 The possibility of installing CCTV to prevent graffiti on roadsides in Laytown-Bettystown and Kells Municipal Districts.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach