



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

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

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

***17<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Sharon Tolan**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade

#### **Officials in Attendance:**

**Head of Finance:** Fiona Lawless

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Staff Officer:** Eugene Farrelly

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Jim Colwell

**Clerical Officer:** Fiona Casserly

### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

#### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Planning Workshop held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.**

The minutes of the Planning Workshop held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, subject to the following amendment under Item 1 on page 1, paragraph 1:

“The Chief Executive’s Report on the Amendments to the Draft East Meath LAP was circulated to the Councillors. Fiona Redmond, Senior Executive Planner, made a presentation to the Councillors and went through the Report, including a summary of the submissions received and outlining the Managers’ responses and recommendations.”

### **2.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Sharon Tolan requested that the following amendment be added under **Item 3.4 – Appointment of two Councillors to Indaver Community Liaison Committee:**



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*“As two candidates remained with an equality of votes, that the term be split with each candidate serving two and a half years each with Councillor Sharon Keogan serving the first term and that the appointment of Councillor Sharon Tolan to the Committee be included on the Committee’s Agenda in December 2016.”*

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

Councillor Eimear Ferguson requested that the following be added under **Item 3.4 – Appointment of two Councillors to Indaver Community Liaison Committee:**

*“Arising from a verbal agreement made, Councillor Stephen McKee and Councillor Eimear Ferguson are to split the term of appointment serving two and a half years each, with Councillor Stephen McKee to serve the first term and the appointment of Councillor Eimear Ferguson to the Committee to be included on the Committee’s Agenda in December 2016.”*

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

### **3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Kieran Flynn, brother of Councillor Enda Flynn, Trim Municipal District.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All the clubs that recently succeeded in securing funding under the Sports Capital Grants Scheme.
- Damien English, T.D, on his recent appointment as Minister of State at the Departments of Education and Skills and Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation with Special Responsibility for Skills, Research and Innovation.

### **4.0 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Corporate Services**

**4.1.1** To consider the Standing Orders for the meetings of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

No changes were proposed. It was agreed that the Standing Orders would be adopted at the September Municipal District meetings, incorporating feedback received.

#### **4.2 Planning**

**4.2.1** To consider taking in charge the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public



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roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2014.

- Bathe Abbey, Duleek
- Mornington Court (part of, SA40282)

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

**4.2.2** To receive an update on the status of housing estates in the Laytown- Bettystown Municipal District that have applied to be taken in charge, with particular reference to Mornington Park, Mornington; Grangerath, Colpe; and Castle Glen, Donacarne, Mornington.

A written report was provided by Paul O'Brien, Clerk of Works, Planning.

A short discussion followed on the criteria used for taking estates in charge and the use of bonds to complete works in unfinished estates.

### **4.3 Transportation**

**4.3.1** To receive an update on traffic calming measures in Duleek.

A written report was provided by Paul Monahan, Administrative Officer, Transportation and Jim Colwell provided copies of the maps relating to the project.

A discussion followed on the provision and location of pedestrian crossings, the funding available to complete the project and/or progress elements of the project, and the role of Councillors in deciding on how available funding available is spent. The Indaver fund was also referred to and its potential for funding a large project or smaller projects within the area.

It was agreed that Jim Colwell would contact the Transportation Department regarding the cost of completing the project, the possibility of applying to the NTA for funding to provide the pedestrian crossings and of including the project on the NTA priority list for funding. An update is to be provided at the September Municipal District meeting.

**4.3.2** To receive an update on the Roadworks Programme in the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

A written report was provided by Jim Colwell, Senior Executive Engineer, Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.



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It was pointed out that most of the works have been completed with two works due to be completed within a month – Marsh Road & Ardcaith (school locations). It is also possible that two further CIS projects will be included at Corballis (Red Mountain) and on the N51 Mattock Bridge. Flashing signs have been installed at all school locations with a programme of upgrading to commence.

Councillor Tom Kelly highlighted the absence of a footpath at Donacarney NS; Jim Colwell confirmed that, whilst pedestrian links in East Meath had been included in a submission to the NTA, it had not been successful and no funding was available in the Municipal District to fund these works. It was proposed by **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** that the Transportation Department be asked to make an application to the NTA for funding to undertake these works.

Jim Colwell pointed out that a submission relating to all projects was made four years ago. It was agreed that the status of projects be reviewed at the next meeting. Jim Colwell to liaise with the Transportation Department in respect of same.

### **4.4 Environment**

#### **4.4.1** To receive a report on the recent bathing water quality issue at Bettystown/Laytown.

A written report was provided by Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment and Water Services.

A discussion followed on the adequacy of the signage used to alert the public to the bathing water issue. It was confirmed that larger signage was being acquired in the event of this incident re-occurring. With regard to extending the length of time that lifeguards are present, it was highlighted that this is a budgetary decision for Councillors and that it would need to be looked at in the context of budgetary priorities.

Councillor Tom Kelly asked that Meath County Council contact Irish Water with regard to the discharge pipes from the pumping station at Mornington, with specific reference to the following queries:

- Is waste being brought in here and being discharged?;
- Is the location of the pipe discharge at the low water mark?;
- Are damaged pipes being repaired?

### **5.0 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.



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### **6.0 Notices of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson**

*“That Meath County Council ensures that works on coastline remediation, maintenance and protection measures begin no later than September 2014 and be completed before the winter sets in and causes further damage. And, that all available funds, including the emergency funding received, are accessed and used appropriately.”*

A written report was provided by Jim Colwell, Senior Executive Engineer, Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

Councillor Eimear Ferguson confirmed that she had since discussed this issue with Jim Colwell, who explained that proposals had to be developed for submission to two departments. An Appropriate Assessment is required and this will determine the approach to be adopted. Therefore it is unlikely that works will commence by September 2014.

### **7.0 Correspondence**

**7.1** A schedule of 2014 Summer Events proposed for the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District was circulated and two events that will require road closures were highlighted. Eugene Farrelly outlined the processes used in the event of road closures for events.

### **8.0 Any Other Business**

**8.1** iPad Training: Staff from the IT Section of Meath County Council were in attendance to provide training on the use of the iPads provided. It was agreed to deal with any other business arising before the training commenced.

**8.2** Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

- The concern of some members of the public with regard to being able to read their water meters and monitoring their water usage and whether Irish Water would consider installing internal meters, similar to the ESB. Fiona Lawless pointed out that the ESB has different statutory powers enabling them to enter a property to take readings whilst Irish Water does not have these powers in addition to the underground water pipes with most meters have



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installed on public roads. Installation of internal meters would require extensive plumbing work.

- The need for a protocol to deal with the establishment of illegal camps on lands, e.g. approximately 100 vehicles had set up on a field between Ardcath and Clonalvey over the weekend. Jim Colwell agreed to check with Planning about any existing protocol available but highlighted that if the group had no licence, this was trespass and a matter for the Gardaí.

### **8.3** Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following queries:

- The responsibility for flooding / drainage in Ardmore Green, where Meath County Council has acquired a number of residences. It was confirmed that if the estate has not been taken in charge, this is not the responsibility of Meath County Council.
- The responsibility for sewerage issues in St. Nicholas Village, Bettystown. It was confirmed that this is a matter for Irish Water and should be reported to their Customer Service Centre. Councillor Kelly stated that he felt that the response and feedback from Irish Water to concerns raised was poor. Whilst it was agreed that Meath County Council could not become an intermediary in relation to every issue raised, a letter would be sent to Irish Water in relation to this issue on a once-off basis.

### **8.4** Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following query and the following issues:

- The existence of a maintenance plan for the Greenway as some issues are emerging; Jim Colwell agreed to liaise with the Transportation Department as current resources are not adequate to provide maintenance.
- That Laytown Utd Soccer Club, as part of the Renaissance Plan, is committed to working with Meath County Council if agreement can be reached around the land beside the playground and adjacent to Council owned land. Eugene Farrelly is to review this issue, meet the parties involved, discuss with the Planning Department and report back at the September Municipal District meeting.
- Commended the work undertaken as part of the Community Involvement Scheme.

### **8.5** Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

- Commended the availability of dog foul bags on the beach.
- The need for traffic management in Donore.
- The possibility of liaising with Meath Local Sports Partnership to create cycle paths around the historic locations in the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.



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This concluded the business of the meeting. The iPad training followed the ordinary business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cllr. Sharon Tolan**  
**Cathaoirleach**