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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00a.m., 16th July 2015, 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

Senior Executive Engineer: Jim Colwell

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Christy Clarke

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 11th June 2015.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th June 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 11th June 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th June 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes



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Councillor Tom Kelly requested an update in respect of Item 8.1.4 on the minutes of the June monthly meeting, the security fence at Laytown train station – it was agreed that a letter would issue to Iarnróid Éireann to request an update.

Councillor Sharon Tolan requested the schedule for street sweeping – it was confirmed that this had not yet been finalised.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

4 To discuss relevant issues with a representative from An Garda Síochána

Superintendent James Cannon and Garda Denise Paul attended the meeting.

Matters raised by the Councillors, and responses, included:

- The first meeting of the JPC is to take place in September.
- The need to develop a plan in advance of the exam results on 12th August to prevent issues in Laytown, on the beach and in the surrounding areas – the additional measures to be employed were outlined. It was also highlighted that few incidents were reported on the night of the results in 2014. It was agreed that Iarnróid Éireann would be requested to provide staffing at Laytown train station for this period.
- The need for cooperation between Meath County Council and the Gardaí in the area, particularly on the beach.
- Anti-social behaviour in Laytown at the train station – it was confirmed that the response would be determined by the nature of the incidents occurring.
- Garda numbers in Meath and in Ashbourne District and the possibility of recruiting additional Gardaí.
- The status of the Garda station in Duleek.



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The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Superintendent Cannon and Garda Paul for attending.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Environment

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation on the proposed Northlands Flood Relief Scheme and, if thought fit, to resolve to commence the Part VIII Planning Process for the proposed works.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Section attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the proposed Northlands Flood Relief Scheme.

Matters raised by the Councillors, and responses received, included:

- The plans for the capacity of the channels – it was confirmed that it was not intended to alter the existing channel but to ensure that the flood water would be safely contained in the new concrete channel.
- The timeframe for works to commence – the process and possible means of carrying out the work was outlined and it was suggested that works would commence in summer 2016 due to lower water levels. It was also confirmed that the OPW had committed to undertaking twice yearly maintenance of the channels.
- Both Councillors and officials complimented the residents for their patience and assistance.
- It was confirmed that the finish to the concrete retaining walls to be constructed would be in agreement with residents and would not detract from the estate.
- The impact of works on resident's access to home insurance – it was confirmed that the OPW notifies insurance companies following such



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works and companies will then consider the reduced flooding risk as a result.

- The need to consider flood risk as part of the development plan process.
- The need to communicate by letter with each resident in respect of the consultation.
- The responsibility of the local authority for the annual maintenance and cleaning of streams and the impact of unmanaged vegetation, vandalism and illegal dumping.
- The need to deal with other affected areas also – Councillors were asked to submit information on other locations affected and it was agreed to raise these with the OPW.

Councillors welcomed the scheme and it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** to proceed with the Part VIII planning process for the proposed works.

Councillors thanked Fiona for her presentation and commended her on the progress made to date.

5.2 Corporate Services

- 5.2.1 To receive an update on the Municipal District Members Discretionary Fund.

A report was circulated at the meeting, indicating the allocations made to date by Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors. Councillors were reminded that applications should be submitted no later than 30th September, otherwise allocations would be deferred to 2016.

5.3 Transportation

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



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The report was circulated in advance.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The process for cutting hedges and grass on private lands, in urban areas and around signs – it was confirmed that hedge cutting notices can be served but that this is a time consuming process. It was agreed that this matter would be referred to Transportation to review the process of administering hedge cutting notices.
- The schedule for street sweeping – it was confirmed that a schedule for the county was being developed and that this would be circulated when available.
- The need to ensure that the dog bag bins are filled.
- The status of the CIS in Crewbane – it was confirmed that negotiations were taking place with residents with a view to extending the works.
- The need to keep signs cleaned – it was confirmed that Gateway staff may be able to assist.
- The need for the local authority, NRA and landowners to ensure the control of ragwort.
- The bridge on Station Road that was recently damaged – this has been referred to Transportation.
- The provision of signage for housing estates – it was pointed out that the review of speed limits was ongoing and that signage would form part of this review.
- It was confirmed that the traffic study to be carried out on the N2 will take place in September.



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6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“What was the cost of the ARUP cycle and walk way report undertaken for the Laytown-Bettystown area, what plans are in place to implement any of its recommendations for the area, and what is the expected timeframe for implementing those plans?”

Response:

The cost of the Arup report was €52,107.72. This report will be used as a basis for all sustainable transportation measures and is incorporated in the Local Area Plan for the area. Therefore the intention is to implement all of the objectives of the plan. Implementation however depends on funding being made available. The most likely source would be from the NTA and the Council will apply to the NTA when it is seeking funding for projects in 2016.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Other Matters Arising

8.1 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

8.1.1 The Local Government Boundary Review and Eircode Postal Codes and the implications for the county, the local authority and affected residents. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** to write to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government requesting an extension of time to the process and that adequate consultation take place with those affected, including residents. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly** to continue the discussion on this matter in committee.



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8.1.2 Update on the enforcement of planning conditions that formed part of the permission granted to East Meath UFC on the Minnistown Road, Laytown. Specific reference was made to parking and a new entrance. Cllr. Kelly also referred to a designated road through the site in the LAP and the lack of provision for same. It was agreed to refer this to Planning Enforcement for an update.

8.2 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Speeding on the Minnistown Road – it was agreed to refer this to the Gardaí.

8.2.2 The removal of mounds and improvement of the picnic and family area in Laytown – it was confirmed that this area would be considered as part of the Beach Management Plan.

8.2.3 Update on the Village Hotel and whether a derelict notice has been served – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.

8.3 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issue:

8.3.1 The provision of Children At Play signs for estates – it was confirmed that this would be considered as part of the review of speed limits in estates.

8.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

8.4.1 Commended the works that have taken place in Newtown and Rossin.

8.4.2 Action needed in relation to flooding in Newtown.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach