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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 13th July, 2017, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Stephen McKee.

Apologies: Councillor 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 Annual Meeting held on 15th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th June, 2017 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 15th June, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Eimear Ferguson requested that the Under 14s win in the County Final also be noted.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Eugene Geraghty, former Chair of the League Gaelic Football Club, who also played for the county at minor level and who won a People of the Year award in 2013.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath Ladies Team on winning the Leinster Championship;
- All involved in organising the Ledwidge Festival including Councillors Tom Kelly, Wayne Harding and Gerry O'Connor and Fiona Lawless who will be attending the wreath laying on 30th July;
- Meath Minors Boys Team on winning the Leinster Junior Finals, including the 6 players from St. Colmcille's;
- Sophie Gough on her performance in the Meath Macra Blue Jeans Festival;
- Rachel Eagleton on winner a silver medal at the World Transplant Championships;
- Dara Rowe, Lobinstown on becoming Captain of the Juniors Team.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive an update on the N2 Slane Bypass scheme.

Angela Grady, PRS Consultants confirmed that PRS had been appointed in January 2017 to look again at the route options for the Slane Bypass. The first public consultation was provisionally planned for Thursday 20th July 2-9pm in Slane and the draft Public Consultation Brochure and Questionnaire was circulated. The drawings to be displayed were also provided.



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Following a short discussion, it was agreed that this initial public consultation would be put back for a week to facilitate its promotion.

- 4.1.2 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.2) 2017, subject to there being no objection from An Garda Síochána on or before the 27th July 2017.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation confirmed that there was no proposed change to the speed limit in on the N2 in Slane.

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

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

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, was noted.

5 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 5.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 15th June 2017.

The report was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan



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“Could Meath County Council please advise what plans they are putting in place to spend the first €150,000 this year of the €300,000 allocated for traffic calming measures for Julianstown R132?”

Response:

Meath County Council proposes to prepare a brief for the works and engage Consultant Engineers later in the year to consider options and plan a design.

The response was noted. Councillor Sharon Keogan sought clarification on the amount to be spent on consultants/plans and the timeframe for works to commence.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“That Meath County Council makes provision for a playground in the Southern Drogheda Environs part of County Meath designated in the 'Area of Interest' under the terms of the recent Drogheda Boundary Review.”

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

Following the report of the Drogheda Boundary Review Committee, it is anticipated that both Meath County Council and Louth County Council will work together to, among other issues, identify the needs of the communities in this area and a playground will be considered in this context.

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

The motion was adopted.

8 Other Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising.



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9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from County Arts Officer re M1 Artwork.

Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction at the ongoing failure by the relevant authorities to reinstate the artwork at its intended location and it was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to Louth County Council that immediate action be taken to reinstate the artwork and secure it adequately to prevent access and any further vandalism.

- 9.2 Councillor Tom Kelly requested an update on the Seafields Agreement.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issue:

10.1.1 The request by residents for bollards to be installed at the graveyard, Duleek to prevent cars and trucks parking and blocking visibility to traffic exiting the R152 – it was agreed to check this.

- 10.2 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Issues with trucks parking outside petrol stations and blocking visibility of traffic;

10.2.2 Update on the Alverno Court refurbishment – it was confirmed that this was progressing and the designs were with the Department;

10.2.3 The need for a traffic count and traffic calming measures on the Minnistown Road and also signage at the Pilltown end.

- 10.3 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Obstructed visibility leaving the Applegreen station at Julianstown due to trucks parking;

10.3.2 Welcomed footpath in Bettystown and works on Beamore Road.



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10.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

10.4.1 The possibility of spraying verges at junctions – it was pointed out that this practice had stopped following an objection made and a court decision;

10.4.2 Welcome works commencing at Knockcommon and queried why they were not completed at the same time – the staged process was outlined.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach