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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10:00 a.m., 17th September 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

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Christy Clarke, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 16th July 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th July 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** 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:

- Councillor Sharon Tolan on the death of her father-in-law, Frank Tolan.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Elysha Brennan, Meath Rose on winning the 2015 Rose of Tralee.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Services

- 4.1.1 To consider and, if thought fit, to recommend to Meath County Council the making of the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft and subject to such amendments as are considered necessary. The Scheme, if adopted, will come into operation on 15th February 2016.

A presentation was delivered by Olive Falsey, Administrative Officer and Sheila Sheridan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** to recommend to Meath County Council the making of the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft.

A short discussion followed on the provision of a polling station in Starinagh and the type of venues used as polling stations. The Cathaoirleach requested that his support of the submission relating to Starinagh be noted.

- 4.1.2 To receive a presentation on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

A presentation on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 was delivered by Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1 To receive a progress report on works undertaken/planned for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- Suggested locations for the additional funding allocated for footpaths included Deep Forde into Drogheda, Coláiste na hInse to Laytown, Alverno Heights, Donarcarney school, Ledwidge Terrace, front of St. Patrick's Terrace, St. Columbus Villas to seafront, pedestrian crossing on Eastham Road, Newgrange, public lighting on path to GAA pitch in Duleek, L5602 and L56026 road repairs, and traffic calming on Minnistown Road.
- The addition of Mornington to the weekly street cleaning schedule.
- The need to maintain the grass verge at the Maples beside the playground.
- The maintenance schedule for gully clearance – it was confirmed that the Jetvacs would be active in two weeks and would focus on areas prone to flooding.
- The provision of additional car parking spaces at Marian Villas and the plans to address drainage issues – it was confirmed that the road widening would allow parking/passing but no designated parking spaces and that the drawings would be checked regarding the drainage issue.
- The provision of 'Children at Play' signage for estates.
- The inclusion of Beamore Road on winter salting programme – it was confirmed that Platin to Colpe to Donacarney was included as a P3 route.

4.2.2 To inform the Members of the commencement of the process of the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way on the L-56083 at Garballagh & Thomastown, Duleek.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

Councillors did express concerns that all residents affected would be made aware of this process and the responsibility they would assume if it were to proceed.

4.2.3 To receive a presentation on a proposed footpath on the Coast road



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Pat Shore, Assistant Engineer, attended the meeting and outlined plans for the proposed footpath. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the proposal as outlined.

4.3 Planning

4.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015.

- Riverview
- Garrai Na Crann
- Colgan st
- The Belfry
- Inse Bay
- Ardmore
- Ledwidge Hall
- Deepforde

These were approved on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

A number of issues were raised and it was agreed to refer these to the Planning Department:



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- Concerns of residents in the Belfry regarding the quality of work undertaken in the estate and a number of outstanding issues, e.g. boundaries, fencing, deep shores, etc.
- The responsibility of maintenance of green areas once estates are taken in charge.
- The ownership status of the 20 parking spaces identified in the map for Inse Bay.
- The obligation to provide bilingual signs for all estates.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“How much income was generated from parking fees at the beach in the Laytown-Bettystown District this year, and how much was generated each year since the introduction of pay parking at the beach?”

Response:

The annual income generated from parking fees at the beach in the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District for the period 2012 - 2015 (to date), is as follows:

2012 - €23,804.41

2013 - €33,143.30

2014 - €17,465.00

2015 - €9,704.00 (year to date)



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The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“That this Municipal District provides a pedestrian crossing and appropriate safety measures at the bend at Harry's Garage and Ozanam House, using the funding from Sustainable Transport Measures (MCC Funded) under Service Division B - Road Transportation & Safety Expenditure 2015-2020 in the Capital Budget.”

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

Meath County Council sought funding for a crossing and improved pedestrian facilities at Harry's shop in Mornington last year. Funding was not made available in 2015 but we will apply again next year. We will consider funding from our own sources next year.

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

A short discussion followed on the source of funding for projects such as this, i.e. Meath County Council or NTA funds.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“That this Municipal District provides a pedestrian crossing and appropriate safety measures on the Coast Road in Laytown outside Tara House B&B and O'Reilly's supermarket, using the funding from Sustainable Transport Measures (MCC Funded) under Service Division B - Road Transportation & Safety Expenditure 2015-2020 in the Capital Budget.”

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



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Meath County Council will seek funding next year for this from NTA and if unsuccessful will consider funding from our own resources.

An amended motion was proposed by **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**, as follows:

“That this Municipal District provides a pedestrian crossing and appropriate safety measures on the Coast Road in Laytown in the vicinity of Tara House B&B and O'Reilly's supermarket, using the funding from Sustainable Transport Measures (MCC Funded) under Service Division B - Road Transportation & Safety Expenditure 2015-2020 in the Capital Budget.”

The amended motion was adopted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“That, with the agreement of members, meetings in the Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District will from next month commence at 9.30am instead of 10am.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

The motion was adopted.

7 Other Matters Arising

7.1 Laytown-Bettystown Pride of Place – the background to the local awards event was outlined by the Cathaoirleach and a discussion followed on the type of event that would be appropriate. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach would liaise with the Community Department in finalising the arrangements.

7.2 Local Government Boundary Review – it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan** that a letter should be submitted to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government requesting that, in light of recent events, the review be extended. It was also agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding** that the remainder of the discussion on this matter be held in committee.



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8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Laytown Development Association in regard to the Item 9.1 – Correspondence of the April meeting and Item 8.1 – Correspondence of the May meeting.

Deferred to the October meeting.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Iarnród Éireann in regard to the item 4 of the July meeting of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

Deferred to the October meeting.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from the Office of Environment, Community and Local Government in regard to the Item 8.1.1 of the July meeting of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

The response was noted.

- 8.4 Correspondence received from Mary Murphy, Sports Co-ordinator, Meath Local Sports Partnership.

Deferred to the October meeting.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Tom Kelly requested that a 'Welcome to Meath' sign be erected on the Marsh Road.

- 9.2 Councillor Sharon Keogan requested that railings be installed outside the shop in Donore.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** to adjourn the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Signed:

Cathaoirleach