



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

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

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

***09:30 a.m., 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Tom Kelly**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Sharon Keogan, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, 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 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late John Martin, Donore, who died in London;



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- The family of the late Daniel Roche, who died recently in an accident on the Slane Road.

Congratulations were extended to:

- St. Colmcille's GAA Men's Team on winning the Cór na Bóinne Cup and the Ladies Team on winning the Junior A Club Championship.
- Slane Tidy Towns and Council staff on their work on the opening of the village garden.

#### **4 To receive a presentation from Francis Ledwidge Museum Committee.**

Rosemary Yore, Chairperson of the Francis Ledwidge Museum Committee introduced the committee members in attendance, including Bob McMahon who outlined the Committees' plans for the Centenary celebrations in 2017.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The possible funding sources, including Leader, who are launching their programme on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Navan, and the Heritage Council Lottery funding.
- The potential benefits for Slane and Meath.
- The possibility of the World War I Memorial having a broader remit to include all Meath people who lost their lives – the Committee felt that this should have a focus on Slane.
- The need to ensure as many young people as possible are involved to increase knowledge and appreciation of Francis Ledwidge.

The Committee emphasised that they require the help and assistance of Councillors to ensure the programme of events are a success.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked the Committee for attending and for their presentation.



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### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Corporate Services**

##### 5.1.1 To review representation on local committees.

Councillor Paddy Meade confirmed that his position on the Meath Heritage Forum was transferring to Councillor Tom Kelly. Councillor Meade expressed his dissatisfaction at the way the OPW manage the bigger monuments in Meath and how they engage with the Heritage Forum.

The issue of representation on other local committees was deferred to the October meeting.

##### 5.1.2 To receive a report on the proposed Protocol for Twinning Arrangements.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation, which outlined the key elements of the proposed Protocol.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The previous agreement reached to twin Slane with Donaghpatrick, based on the St. Patrick connection, but which had not been progressed.
- The funding available – the funding sources were outlined, including the EU funding.
- The strong community involvement in other twinning initiatives, e.g. Athboy.

The Cathaoirleach requested that submissions be made for the October meeting.

##### 5.1.3 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

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The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

Councillors were reminded of the deadlines that apply to applications for internal and external allocations and the relevant terms of the Protocol.

Councillor Paddy Meade enquired as to whether Councillors' annual allocations could be deferred towards a local authority project that had been identified as proceeding but with no definitive commencement date. Fiona Lawless confirmed that this should be possible and would be included in the 2017 Draft Protocol, should the scheme continue.

### **5.2 Community**

#### **5.2.1 To consider applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.**

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department attended the meeting and outlined the key elements of the scheme, including the funding available, the timeframe that applies, eligibility and the projects being proposed for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

A discussion took place around the background to the four proposed projects, following which the Cathaoirleach called for a roll call vote, as follows:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Duleek – Augment planned works</b>	<b>Julianstown – Pedestrian Safety Measures</b>	<b>Lobinstown – Playground</b>
<b>FERGUSON, Eimear</b>		In favour	
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>			In favour
<b>KELLY, Tom</b>	In favour		
<b>KEOGAN, Sharon</b>	In favour		
<b>MCKEE, Stephen</b>	In favour		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>			In favour
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		In favour	
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

It was agreed therefore to submit an application for 2016 in respect of additional works in Duleek.



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### **5.3 Transportation**

- 5.3.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law statutory process.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department, confirmed that the draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No. 1) 2016 had been on public display from 05<sup>th</sup> July to 05<sup>th</sup> August and no objections had been received in relation to the proposed document. It was now proposed that the draft Bye-Law be submitted to the full council meeting in October for formal ratification.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

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

The report was circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- The possibility of extending the duty of the beach wardens to cover weekends in May and September – it was pointed out that this would need to be funded in the 2017 budget.
- Thanked Council staff for works undertaken on roads and bridges and acting quickly to deal with illegal dumping incidents in the Municipal District.
- The commencement of the drain cleaning schedule- it was confirmed that this usually commences once leaves have fallen.

## **6 Notice of Question**

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



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“What, if any, penalties are imposed on Indaver and/or Waste Collection Companies for breaches of the Planning agreement in relation to trucks travelling through the village of Duleek?”

### **Response:**

*The Council can confirm that according to Section 13.1 of the appendixes to the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) submitted as part of planning permission SA/60050 traffic travelling to and from the Indaver site is not restricted by any condition of planning from travelling through the village of Duleek. Restriction of traffic movements through Duleek Village was to be during the construction phase of the development only. The Council can confirm that the routes restricted for use by traffic travelling to and from the Indaver site are the R150 between Kentstown Church and the N2 and the Beamore Road between the R152 and the R150. The Planning Authority has carried out a number of inspections in recent years on the use of these routes and was unable to establish any breach of conditions with regard to the matter.*

The response was noted.

## **7 Notice of Motion**

### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan**

“That this Municipal District calls on Irish Water to urgently start upgrade works in the Carranstown Platin Area of Duleek following the unprecedented number of faults and pipe bursts this year, causing huge disruption to both residents and businesses in the area. “

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

The motion was adopted.

### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson**



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“Following the recent traffic accidents, I call on Meath County Council to carry out an audit and give a report of any accident reported on the N51 Slane to Drogheda Road over the past 10 years.”

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

*Meath County Council can confirm that there were 13 accidents on the N51 between Slane and Mattock Bridge since 2004.*

*There are none recorded in 2016 for this area. (Two recent fatalities and one serious incident in 2016 all occurred in Co. Louth – in the area of Townley Hall).*

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

It was agreed that a letter should issue to Louth County Council on behalf of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors requesting that safety measures be implemented at this location.

The motion was noted.

### **7.3 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson**

“I call on Meath County Council to open discussions immediately with the relative land owners in connection to acquiring the lands needed to deliver the Spine Road linking Laytown to Bettystown.”

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

*The R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road scheme is listed in the Government’s Infrastructure and Capital Investment Plan 2016 -2021, to be progressed ‘subject to planning permission’. The scheme received Part 8 approval in May 2016 and Meath County Council has submitted an application to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport seeking funding to complete the scheme. The Council has engaged with landowners on the scheme throughout the preliminary design and planning process.*



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*Meath County Council will continue to engage with landowners throughout the detailed design, CPO process, construction and close out phases of the scheme.*

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

It was agreed that a full report on this project would be requested for the October meeting.

The motion was adopted.

### **8 Other Matters Arising**

8.1 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

8.1.1 The timeframe for the footpath works in Alverno.

8.1.2 The need for additional traffic calming measures at Beamore Cross.

8.1.3 The need to replace the Stop sign from the Ashbourne Road on Main Street.

8.1.4 The need to remove trees at the Belfry.

8.1.5 The need for the lights in the playground to go off earlier.

8.1.6 The need to assess the Bridge of Deans.

8.1.7 The implications of Brexit on funding applications for the Ireland-Wales programme for coastlines and the need exert pressure on the Government to commit to the funding.

8.2 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

8.2.1 The possibility of erecting signage to slow traffic down on the hill from Ardee to Newtown school – it was agreed to check this.





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- 8.2.2 The impact on Meath's housing figures when people are allocated houses in Louth.
  
- 8.3 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:
  - 8.3.1 The condition of the entrance to Castle Hill estate in Slane opposite the library.
  - 8.3.2 The need for a yellow box at the credit union/Ledwidge Terrace.
  - 8.3.3 The condition of the Old Parochial House, Slane, a listed building in an area of conservation, where works have stopped but the roof has been removed and the hoarding is deteriorating.
  
- 8.4 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:
  - 8.4.1 The need for additional measures on the Minnistown Road to slow traffic.
  - 8.4.2 Update on the wall at Balsaran – it was confirmed that a survey had been requested from a consultant engineer and this was due in approximately two weeks.
  - 8.4.3 Update on the provision of bus shelters in the Municipal District – it was agreed to request an update from Bus Éireann.
  
- 8.5 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:
  - 8.5.1 Clarification on the procedure in relation to the spreading of bio-solids and the problems experienced by local residents during the summer – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.
  - 8.5.2 Thanked Council staff for the new signage on the beach and for the work on the benches but requested that the benches be painted in a different colour.
  - 8.5.3 The timeframe for the preparation of the Draft Beach Management Plan – it was pointed out that the Draft Beach Management Plan was complete and had been presented at a previous meeting and that once the site purchase had been completed, the implementation of the plan could commence. It was also



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confirmed that the Beach Management Committee could be established in the meantime.

8.5.4 The status of the provision of the train station in Bettystown, which was an objective in the Local Area Plan and County Development Plan – it was pointed out that this beyond the remit of the local authority and it was agreed to write to the Department of Transport on behalf of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors requesting an update in relation to same.

8.6 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

8.6.1 The responsibility associated with flying the national flag and the need to renew or replace it if in poor condition.

8.6.2 In honour of the 1916 Anniversary, that a section of the remainder of the meetings this year would be conducted in Irish.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

10.1 To receive an update on the M1 Artwork.

Gerardette Bailey, Arts Officer provided an update on the M1 Artwork and it was unanimously agreed that the Artwork should be reinstated at its original location and only relocated if the location selected was appropriate and agreed in advance. It was agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors to CRG and TII requesting an update.

10.2 Fiona Lawless raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Provided an update on the Local Government Boundary Review, the report on which is due to be submitted to the Minister by the end of September.

10.2.2 The Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Pride of Place Awards is confirmed



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for 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Courthouse, Duleek.

- 10.2.3 Suggested that Councillors meet separately to discuss the events planned for 2017 in the Municipal District and what support could be provided.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**