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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 14th September, 2017, 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

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 13th July, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th July, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Sharon Keogan referred to the allocation made for traffic calming measures in Julianstown – it was confirmed that, whilst no appointments had yet been made, this money would be ringfenced for traffic calming measures.

Councillor Tom Kelly requested an update on the agreement between the clubs at Seafields as referred to by the FAI Development Officer – it was agreed to check this.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Alan Watson, Tom Leonard, the committee, Meath County Council staff and all involved in the Sand Yachting Championships;
- The Ledwidge Committee on their trip to Belgium, including ONE and the Flanders Field Committee;
- Laytown Race Committee on their successful race meeting;
- Christy Clarke on the delivery of the footpath from Coláiste na hInse to Bettystown Square;
- The Johnsons Festival Committee.

An emergency motion was proposed by **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**. Following a show of hands vote, five in favour and two against, it was agreed to deal with this motion under Notices of Motion.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

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

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

4.2 Corporate Services



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- 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. Following a query raised around allocations to Sonairte, it was confirmed that the centre remained operational with the public areas closed temporarily.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

“In the event of any road or environmental catastrophes after 6pm, what plan of action is taken by this council in the Laytown- Bettystown Municipal District?”

Response:

In the event of an emergency at any time in the context of “Road or Environmental”, the initial response will be the Emergency Services (Fire, Gardaí, Ambulance) who are activated through the 999/112 system. If a Major Emergency is declared, there is a mechanism whereby all three agencies are notified through their central control rooms. If the emergency is a marine emergency, it will be the Irish Coastguard.

For smaller localised incidents e.g. fallen trees, etc., it will be to the Meath County Council staff through the out of hours contact number who can attend and scale up the response if needs be.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Tom Kelly – Emergency Notice of Motion

“That this municipal area rejects any motion that is not previously agreed at district meetings being proposed to the full council meeting, therefore undermining local democracy of the elected members and negating the functions of the municipal district.”



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

Following a short discussion and a show of hands vote, indicating five in favour, one against and one abstention, the motion was adopted.

7 Other Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

9.1.1 The possibility of reverting the signs on the Minnistown Road to their original position to avoid additional traffic using the road – it was agreed to check this and to review the need for a bridge warning sign at the top of the Pilltown Road.

9.1.2 The need to provide a continuous white line at Bay Beg to deter overtaking – it was agreed to add this to the road marking programme as a priority.

9.1.3 The possibility of providing lights at the Pilltown/Smithstown junction – it was pointed out that this would be contrary to policy as it was a regional road and that line markings would be reviewed and cats eyes replaced.

9.1.4 The width of the new footpath at the schools to accommodate wheelchair users – it was pointed out that the path width conformed with guidelines.

9.2 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

9.2.1 The timeframe for the completion of the footpath and traffic calming measures



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– it was confirmed that these should be completed in approximately three weeks.

9.2.2 The need to renew the paint and upgrade the lighting at the zebra crossings at the Neptune Hotel and Funtasia - - it was confirmed that the lighting was adequate, the markings would be reviewed and that the planned works would improve visibility at this location.

9.2.3 The need to clean up and renew the road markings at the Gormanston/City North junction – it was pointed out that, as this was area overlapped the Ashbourne Municipal District, talks were ongoing to undertake a joint initiative, which requires special traffic management.

9.3 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Road lining – it was confirmed that a schedule of road lining works would be undertaken at the end of the year, prioritised based on funding available.

9.3.2 The need for a county policy to address trucks parking outside petrol stations – it was agreed to refer this to the Transport SPC.

9.3.3 Requested that a traffic count be undertaken on the Minnistown Road.

9.3.4 Requested that signage be erected at Pilltown.

9.3.5 Requested an update on the housing programme in the municipal district – it was agreed to arrange this for the October meeting.

9.3.6 Queried whether the upgrading of public lighting was complete – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

9.3.7 The need to replace the barriers and remove the weeds at Southgate, Colpe.

9.3.8 The need to repair the light at the Voyager, Laytown.

9.4 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:



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- 9.4.1 The narrow footpath approaching the school in Donacarney – it was pointed out that problems are caused by parents parking on the footpath and that the Gardaí would be requested to visit the site to monitor this and the school consulted to identify the issues.
- 9.4.2 The signage at the junction at Deep Forde causing confusion as to right of ways – it was agreed to check this.
- 9.4.3 The possibility of installing green bollards at the junction on the Beamore Road – it was pointed out that this was not policy on a local primary road.
- 9.5 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:
 - 9.5.1 The need to check the turn right sign in Slane village travelling from the north.
- 9.6 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:
 - 9.6.1 The closing date for the receipt of submissions in respect of the Irish Cement planning application.
 - 9.6.2 The poor condition of paths in Ryans Park.
 - 9.6.3 The need for additional parking in Duleek village.
 - 9.6.4 The hope that the owners/developers of the Old Mill, Julianstown will deliver a welcome facility.
 - 9.6.5 The possibility of providing a Columbarium Wall in Duleek graveyard.
 - 9.6.6 The timeframe for the commencement of works at Laytown Bridge.
- 9.7 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:
 - 9.7.1 The need for a zero tolerance approach with regard to hedge cutting.
 - 9.7.2 The effectiveness of the abandoned car policy.



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9.7.3 The need for road markings at T junction from Rathmullen to Oldbridge.

9.7.4 Potholes on French Lane, adjacent to Stackallen School.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach