



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

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

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

***9:30 a.m., 15<sup>th</sup> October 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

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Jim Colwell

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** 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:



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- The family of the late Garda Anthony Golden, Blackrock, County Louth who was killed in the line of duty;
- The families of those who were killed and injured in the fire at Carrickmines;
- Vincent Collins, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing on the death of his brother, Patrick.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The winners of the recent Pride of Place awards and all those who participated;
- The Beach Wardens for their work during the summer.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Environment**

- 4.1.1 To receive and consider the Manager's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2013 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the carrying out of proposed flood prevention works at Northlands Estate, Bettystown.

Cathaldus Hartin, Executive Planner and Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment outlined the Manager's Report that had been circulated previously.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Planning permissions granted on lands adjacent to Northlands – it was confirmed that these were considered and, with works to be undertaken, there would be no impact on works planned.
- The maintenance of the water channels and installation of protective barriers – it was confirmed that maintenance by the OPW was ongoing



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since the end of September and that the parapet walls were of standard height construction as for bridges, following best practice guidelines.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

### **4.2 Corporate Services**

#### **4.2.1 Rose of Tralee Reception.**

Audrey Norris, Staff Officer, Corporate Services outlined the options available for the civic reception for the Rose of Tralee. It was confirmed that 12<sup>th</sup> November was the proposed date and Glenside Hotel the proposed venue. It was also pointed out that Coláiste na hInse wished to organise an event which would involve a planting ceremony and that this could take place the following week. The details of the Council event, including those to be invited, are to be agreed.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

### **4.3 Transportation**

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

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Verge cutting on Council lands at Narrowways – it was confirmed that this would be checked.
- The clearing of sand from drains and gullies on the coast – it was confirmed that monitoring was ongoing and that the Jetvac would return at the end of November to rectify any issues identified.
- Overgrown hedges blocking signage on the approach road from Drogheda into Duleek.



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- The possibility of moving the traffic light at the playground in Laytown – the speed limit at this location was highlighted but it was agreed to look at the possibility of installing transverse yellow bars indicating a hazard ahead and to ask the Gardaí to enforce the speed limit.
- The need to repair the light at the Voyager sculpture in Laytown.
- The need to cut hedges and replace the speed limit signs on the Julianstown to Laytown road.
- The need for a traffic count on the Julianstown to Laytown road – it was confirmed that traffic counts had been undertaken and that a necessary realignment would require CPOs and forms part of a longer term plan.
- The need for traffic calming measures on the Minnestown Road.
- The need to adopt a zero tolerance approach to landowners who do not maintain hedges.
- The works on the footpath and car park at St. Patrick's Terrace, Slane.
- The need to clean road signs and remove any redundant signage.
- The damage to the bridge at Station Road – it was confirmed that Irish Rail was looking after these repairs.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan**



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"To call on the Transportation Department of Meath County Council to progress the Part 8 planning for the new Bettystown to Laytown Link Road as a matter of urgency, now that funding has been allocated for completion of same."

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

*It is an objective of the **East Meath Local Area Plan 2014 – 2020 TM OBJ 1**; to facilitate the provision of a north-south spine road connecting the R150 at Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh primary school to the Eastham road roundabout. This road will include quality footpaths and cycleways. The link road will proceed in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands and be provided by the relevant developer. Meath County Council may assist with the delivery of all or part of this road by using its compulsory purchase powers to acquire lands in certain circumstances e.g. in the instance where the Department of Education and Skills or another agency sought to improve access arrangements to the schools by way of the provision of all or part of this road, subject to necessary funding being made available.*

*There was an allocation in the Transportation 5 year capital budget 2015-2020 (€50,000) to progress the planning of the R150 Laytown to Bettystown Link Road. Therefore in July of this year consultants were invited to submit a tender to progress the scheme to Part 8. Consulting Engineers, Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA), submitted the most economically advantageous tender and were officially appointed in mid September. CSEA are now progressing the scheme and it is intended to present the scheme to the December Municipal District meeting with a view to advertising the part 8 by the end of December 2015. Allowing for the statutory time periods for display, submission of observations and taking account of these observations, the Transportation Section hope to bring the Part 8 scheme to the March 2015 Municipal District meeting for their approval.*

*Following on from this, we have not been notified of the amount of funding that was announced in the recent capital investment programme. However, should the Part 8 for the scheme be approved we would be very happy to progress the scheme to the next stage which would include a CPO process. It should also be noted that should the Part 8 be approved, Meath County Council, in line with procurement law, will need to tender the remaining stages to engage a consultant to progress the scheme.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.



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A discussion followed as to whether this project would be funded as no confirmation of the amount of funding had been provided. The CPO process was outlined. A query was raised as to whether the new owner of Bettystown Court would still be obligated to contribute land/funds towards the construction of this road, which was included as a condition in the original planning permission. It was agreed to refer this query to the Planning Department.

The motion was adopted.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson – Emergency Motion**

A show of hands indicated that a majority, 5 Members, was in favour of hearing this motion.

*“I am calling on the Council to write to Minister Alan Kelly requesting that he investigates the flood risk in areas around the vicinity of the estates Brabazon, Roseville, Northlands and Castlemartin in Bettystown, County Meath. This area has already been identified as a flood risk and further residential development may exacerbate the problem. We are asking the Minister to re-examine this area with a view to de-zoning or down-zoning as a matter of urgency.”*

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

A discussion followed on the legacy zoning that exists as part of the LAP, the continued application of the flood risk maps, the works proposed as part of the development in question to remove the area from the flood plain and the works implemented to deal with heavy rain and high tides.

The motion was adopted.

## **7 Other Matters Arising**

7.1 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

7.1.1 The actions being taken by Meath County Council to access the €79 million EU funding available for Wales/Ireland coastal areas – it was agreed to refer this to



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the Environment Section.

7.1.2 No advance warning given regarding the recent removal of signage erected by community and charity groups.

7.1.3 Playground maintenance.

7.1.4 The need to increase awareness of the €6.9 million Leader funding available.

7.2 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

7.2.1 The new Harbour Bill being proposed regarding the allocation of ports back to local authorities and the need for Meath County Council to be represented on Drogheda Port Company, as was previously the case – it was agreed to contact Drogheda Port Company for further information on the proposed board structure.

7.2.2 Update on whether the car parking spaces are being taken in charge and who will be responsible for these.

7.2.3 The need for the footbridge at Laytown to be refurbished.

7.2.4 An update on the noise pollution survey carried out some years ago in Laytown and the need for a survey to be carried out in Slane in support of the bypass – it was agreed to refer this to the Environment Section.

7.3 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:

7.3.1 Complimented Christy Clarke and his team for the works undertaken.

7.3.2 Thanked Meath County Council for accessing the €100,000 grant from Fáilte Ireland for the Boyne Navigation.

7.4 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

7.4.1 The need to secure funding for coastal protection.



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7.4.2 The need for additional traffic calming measures at Duleek National School during peak school times – it was agreed to check with Transportation as to whether the speed limit review in estates could be extended to schools, to undertake speed monitoring and contact the Gardaí regarding enforcement.

7.5 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

7.5.1 The need to address dog fouling on the coast road.

7.5.2 The need to ensure buses serving the schools, e.g. Coláiste na hInse, use designated drop-off and collection points – it was agreed to request the Road Safety Office to contact Bus Éireann with a view to asking private bus operators to comply.

7.5.3 The position of the safety barrier at the school campus limiting visibility – it was agreed to review this when the footpath was being upgraded.

7.5.4 The need to meet to finalise the work at the park in Laytown.

7.5.5 To ask Louth County Council to identify the long-term measures to rectify the situation at the Ramparts.

7.5.6 The concerns of residents at the Maples regarding the entrance to Shepherds Lodge through the playground – it was agreed to refer this to the Housing Department.

7.6 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

7.6.1 The signs at Mountnugent are not erected.

7.6.2 The need to repair the bridge at Woodtown – it was agreed to refer this to the Transportation Department.

## **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





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The correspondence was noted. It was pointed out that an outline plan for the library site was required before a decision on the lease could be taken and that the second site would form part of the Beach Management Plan.

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

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed to request an update from Iarnród Éireann on the works needed.

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

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.4 Correspondence received from the Office of Environment, Community and Local Government in regard to the Item 8.1.1 – Any Other Business of the July meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**