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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 13th October 2016, Duleek Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Paddy Meade.

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 15th September, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th September 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Sharon Tolan referred to Item 5.2.1 and expressed her disappointment at the decision to submit an application under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme for upgrade works in Duleek due to the funding already allocated to this project from levies and the traffic issues that affect other locations within the Municipal District and requested that some of the levies funding being allocated to Duleek be redirected to another area. It was pointed out that Councillors had voted on the proposed projects and that the levies allocation to Duleek arose from the Indaver planning permission and were subject to a timeframe.



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Councillor Tom Kelly referred to Item 5.1.1 and, specifically, representation on the Indaver Community Liaison Committee. He proposed that an outlined agreement relating to the position to be shared between Councillors Keogan and Tolan be implemented and this was seconded by Councillor Sharon Keogan. Councillor Sharon Tolan stated that she was not aware of any such agreement. As agreement could not be reached on this proposal, the Cathaoirleach deferred this matter for consideration at a special meeting to be held in November. Councillor Stephen McKee confirmed that he would honour the agreement made in July 2014 and would step down at the end of this year, to be replaced by Councillor Eimear Ferguson for the remainder of the term.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Fr. Joe Deegan on the death of his father, Francie.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All those involved in Youthreach programmes for their achievements at the recent LMETB awards.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

- 4.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Water Services

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on the proposed Meath Watermains Rehabilitation Scheme, Phase 2.

Gerry Boyle, Senior Engineer and Pat Wickham, Senior Resident Engineer, Water Services delivered a presentation to the meeting on the scheme, which included the background to the scheme, the proposed works and locations, the timeframe and scheduling.



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Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The traffic management plans and scheduling for various locations – these were outlined.
- Advice available to the owners of older houses affected, which may have lead pipes – it was confirmed that any lead piping encountered would be replaced and that a grant scheme had recently been launched for the replacement of lead pipes on private property but that no applications had yet been received in Meath. It was also confirmed that Irish Water had a strategy in place with the objective to replace all lead services on their side to be rolled out to 2023.
- The issues affecting Kiltrough water tower – the reasons for the issues occurring, and the plan to address these, were outlined.
- The communication plans to notify householders, businesses, etc. of water stoppages during planned works – the communications plan was outlined and it was confirmed that Irish Water would be notified of any vulnerable customers and would have a resident engineer on site to ensure compliance. It was also confirmed that the timing of stoppages would be planned for times of least demand and that temporary supplies would be provided as required.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Gerry and Pat for the information provided.

5.2 Environment

5.2.1 To receive an update on the Northlands Flood Prevention Works.

Christy Clarke outlined the progress report that had been circulated in advance, including confirmation that works would commence on 24th October, with a scheduled timeframe of approximately one year.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Whether the green area would be cordoned off during works – this was confirmed;



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- The finish of the wall – it was agreed to check this with the OPW.

5.3 Transportation

- 5.3.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015 for the realignment of the N51 National Secondary route in the townlands of Blackcastle Demense, Donaghmore, Dunmoe, Harmonstown, Stackallen & Cruicetown. (Report to follow)

This item was deferred.

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

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

- The damaged traffic light pole at the square in Slane – it was confirmed that additional works were required.
- The flashing lights out of order at the school in Laytown – it was agreed to check this.
- The need for regular repairs to the lights at pedestrian crossings – it was pointed out that many of the issues arose from vandalism and/or damage to the buttons and that, whilst there were other systems available, these were more expensive.

5.4 Corporate Services

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

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

6 Notice of Question



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There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillors Stephen McKee and Sharon Keogan

“In light of the request by the Carranstown Residents Group, we propose that this Municipal District accepts their recommendation to continue with the appointment of both Cllr McKee and Cllr Keogan for the remaining term of this Council to the Indaver Community Liaison Committee.”

The motion was withdrawn.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

“I'd like to call on the Transport Department and Road Safety Department of Meath County Council to carry out a review on the effectiveness of the road safety and information signs in and around the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Visitors Centre site and if found inadequate, to upgrade the signs to the necessary standard.”

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

The Road Safety Officer spoke with An Garda Síochána and the Manager of the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre.

From the information they provided, there does not appear to be a pattern of incidents which would suggest that that a review of the signage at the site was warranted.

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

Councillor Eimear Ferguson pointed out that there were many incidents at this location that were not reported to the Gardaí. It was suggested that the OPW might be approached with a view to erecting signs and/or installing kerbing to mitigate against accidents arising.



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The motion was adopted.

8 Other Matters Arising

8.1 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Welcomed the commencement of drainage works at Ard Rí.

8.1.2 The need to refurbish Nos. 37 & 38 in Alverno Heights and to replace the fascia and gutters on Nos. 55 – 58 – it was pointed out that residents had previously rejected the refurbishment scheme proposed by Meath County Council when funding was available.

8.2 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issue:

8.2.1 The timeframe for renewal works in Duleek and the concerns in the village regarding the restriction of parking at the green beside the church – it was confirmed that advance notification, whilst not required, would be given and that the objective was to control unauthorised parking at the green and that the parish was intending to provide parking at the church with access to be agreed.

8.3 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:

8.3.1 The damaged wall at the entrance to the Mill House in Slane.

8.3.2 The need to coordinate planned footpath and kerbing works in Slane with the planned water main works – it was confirmed that these works would be coordinated.

8.4 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

8.4.1 The need to provide additional road markings at Pilltown – it was confirmed that a scheme to provide additional signage at bends was being developed and that this location would be reviewed as part of this scheme.

8.4.2 Update on the compound at Seafield – it was agreed to check this.



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- 8.4.3 Speeding on the road to Mornington beach – it was agreed to review this once Irish Water had completed works at this location.
- 8.4.4 The provision of lights at Pilltown – it was pointed out that lights were not provided on regional roads.
- 8.5 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:
 - 8.5.1 Requested that the Garda Inspector, recently appointed to Laytown, be invited to the November meeting to discuss relevant issues.
 - 8.5.2 Issues of water pressure at Castlemartin – it was agreed to refer this to Irish Water.
 - 8.5.3 The need to ensure that all lights are working in Northlands before the flood works commence.
 - 8.5.4 The anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping at the Old Village Hotel.
 - 8.5.5 The need for a warning sign approaching the bend on the Mornington to Donacarney road – it was agreed to check this.
 - 8.5.6 The need to review the road markings and signage from the Pilltown Road to Bettystown Cross – it was agreed to check this.
- 8.6 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issue:
 - 8.6.1 The derelict building on the square in Bettystown and the possibility of registering this as a derelict site – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Carranstown Residents Group re representation on the Indaver Community Liaison Committee.

This correspondence was dealt with under Item 2.



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10 Any Other Business

10.1 Fiona Lawless raised the following issues:

10.1.1 The Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Pride of Place awards take place on 25th October.

10.1.2 The contracts relating to the purchase of the properties in Bettystown were due to be signed later today, thereby allowing the project to proceed. It was agreed that a workshop for Councillors be arranged to obtain views on the various aspects of the project including the buildings, the committee, the costs, etc. and that the consultants would attend.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach