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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 17th November 2016, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Eimear Ferguson, Wayne Harding, Sharon Keogan, Paddy Meade, 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 October, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th October 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 4th November, 2016.

The Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 4th November 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Pat Boshell, former Meath County Councillor;
- The family of the late Joe Horan, former County Manager, Meath County Council.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All involved in organising the recent Municipal District and County Pride of Place awards nights, all participants and winners, including Jackie O'Shea and John Kirwan (individual awards), Julianstown (Best Approach Road) and Limekiln (Best Shop Front)
- St. Colmcille's Intermediate Team for qualifying for the Leinster Finals and for being nominated for Club of the Year and to Gráinne Rice for being nominated as Ladies Player of the Year.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Services

4.1.1 Festive Lighting Allocation 2016

In 2015, it was agreed to make five allocations of €200 to each of the following towns: Laytown, Bettystown, Duleek, Slane and Julianstown.

It was unanimously agreed that an allocation of €1,000 would be made to each of the following towns: Laytown, Bettystown, Duleek, Slane and Julianstown in 2016.

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

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

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4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1 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.

It was confirmed that this item had been withdrawn.

- 4.2.2 To inform the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Members that Meath County Council Transportation Section intend to apply for a Part 8 planning approval in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

- Laytown/Bettystown Coastal Protection Works

Jim Colwell, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the report that had been circulated and the updated situation with regard to the planned works. It was agreed that a copy of the Coastal Protection Study be circulated to Councillors. A discussion followed on the timeframe that would apply and planned events on the beach, the nature of the works planned, funding, maintenance issues, the possibility of extending the works in a further phase, and the issues affecting private properties. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged for Councillors on 18th November at 11.00am to explain the scope of the works.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** to proceed with the Part 8 as outlined.

It was also agreed to invite the OPW to meet with Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors to discuss relevant issues of concern, including beach properties in private ownership and landbanks.

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.



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5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillors Sharon Keogan & Tom Kelly

“Calling on the Transportation Department to conduct a traffic management plan for the village of Julianstown immediately.”

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

This is an objective of the County Development Plan – Item MA OBJ – 1:

To investigate the effectiveness of, and if appropriate, progress the implementation of, traffic management and traffic calming options and environmental measures through Julianstown village, in conjunction with the National Roads Authority, Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism and the National Transport Authority with a view to providing an enhanced and safer environment for the village.

Meath County Council would hope to progress this objective within the lifetime of the plan, however, those agencies have not yet provided the necessary funding. The Council proposes to raise this matter with the agencies concerned to address the issues raised.

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

A short discussion followed on the issues affecting the village and surrounding roads, particularly speeding and traffic volumes at peak times.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillors Sharon Keogan & Tom Kelly



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“We propose that Meath County Council CPO folio number MH11045F in the town centre of Bettystown for the sole purpose of village enhancement in association with the current Draft Beach Management Plan.”

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

While the Beach Management Plan will seek to provide for enhanced facilities for visitors to the beach, including parking, traffic management and toilet facilities, there is no provision in the plan brief for any acquisitions other than the properties at the entrance to Bettystown Beach, which will facilitate these primary issues. Also no funding provision has been made in the Capital Programme for the acquisition of the property contained within Folio.MH11045F.

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

A short discussion followed on how this property could be acquired and the possible impact on the implementation of the Beach Management Plan.

The motion was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

“Can we ask the Transportation Department to carry out a traffic management plan for the road stretching from the motorway interchange at Gormanston, Exit 7, through the village of Julianstown as far as the first roundabout at Colpe Cross. This should be carried out as a matter of urgency.”

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

This section of road between City North Hotel interchange on the M1 and Gormanstown Interchange is classed as a Level 6 Carriageway and as such requires specialised traffic management.

The section straddles both the Ashbourne and Laytown/Bettystown Municipal Districts who are currently compiling a maintenance plan which will be carried out bi-annually.



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This maintenance plan will include sweeping of carriageway, verge and hedge cutting, gully cleaning and litter picking.

The section of road between Gormanstown Interchange and Colpe will be maintained as normal.

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

The motion was adopted and it was agreed to forward the motion to Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors for their information.

7 Other Matters Arising

7.1 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

7.1.1 Update on the compound at Seafields and the views of residents that it should be removed – it was pointed out that a number of community groups had expressed an interest in using the compound but that this raised other issues and Corporate Services were currently considering the options. It was agreed that expressions of interest should be sought from the community and the options presented to the Municipal District for decision.

7.1.2 The provision of lighting at Pilltown Cross – it was confirmed that TII would not fund lighting on national primary routes and that accident statistics did not support its provision at this location.

7.2 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issue:

7.2.1 The need to remove the flashing signs on the Eastham Road once works are complete – it was confirmed that contact had been made with the contractors.

7.3 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:

7.3.1 The parking bays that affect visibility in villages, e.g. at junctions – it was pointed out that many of these bays are historic and many would have to be removed if sight line guidelines applied.



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7.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

7.4.1 The need to repair potholes on the L56004.

7.4.2 The events taking place and infrastructural works being undertaken by the community at Mentrím Lake and the support available from the Council – it was pointed out that the group could apply under the Community Grants Scheme.

7.4.3 The need for urgent maintenance of older graveyards, including Castletown Old – it was pointed out that a grants scheme was available for committees for grass cutting.

7.5 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

7.5.1 The opening times of the cemetery in Duleek – it was confirmed that a notice was in place indicating the designated opening times.

7.5.2 The possibility of introducing a pilot paint grant scheme for council houses in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.

7.5.3 The recent anti-social behaviour incidents at Knockcommon graveyard, partly due to the layby and inadequate lighting – it was agreed to check the location.

7.5.4 Poor broadband access in many areas – it was pointed out that Meath County Council intended to appoint a Broadband Officer to coincide with the implementation of the National Broadband Plan and that Councillors should submit details of locations with poor access to the Community Department.

7.6 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

7.6.1 Trucks parking at the petrol stations on the R132, blocking visibility for traffic – it was agreed to submit the information to the Gardaí and ask that they monitor the location.

7.6.2 The restricted access to Marian Villas due to on-road parking.



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- 7.6.3 The need for drainage and damp proof course in Alverno Heights – it was pointed out that further works were planned and that individual householders may be required to carry out additional drainage facilities.
- 7.6.4 The need to check hydrants in Alverno Heights – it was pointed out that any encountered are updated to a higher standard.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District re Appointment of Minister for Brexit.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach