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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

09:30 a.m., 16th November, 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

Area Technician: Brian Murray

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Christy Clarke, Executive Engineer, Claire King, Meetings Administrator.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12th October, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th October, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 3rd November, 2017.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 3rd November, 2017 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 Beakey, Cooper Hill who died following a tragic accident.

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 had been circulated in advance and was outlined at the meeting. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- There was a reduction in street sweeping in Laytown to once a month and an update was requested on increasing this to twice a month.

- 4.1.2 To receive an update on the N2 Slane Bypass scheme

Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation and Angela Grady, RPS Design Consultants for this scheme attended the meeting and provided an update to the members. Constraints have been identified in the area and they are currently assessing fifteen preliminary options and are in the process of identifying the best eastern and western option and traffic management options which may be carried out on the existing road. The final options will be presented at a public consultation in Slane on the 29th November at the Cunningham Arms Hotel. Meath County Council has put a notice in the local paper to this effect and various landowners in the area will be written to. Once the brochure is complete a copy will be given to Councillors before Public Consultation. Once 5 or 6 preferred route options have been identified surveys will continue on the ground in detail in terms of assessing route options.

Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- Encourage members to attend the public consultation.
- Asked when route options will be reduced to one – it is hoped to have the emerging preferred route by Quarter 2 of 2018.
- Planning permission is being held up until a route is selected – it was confirmed that once routes are shortlisted the outer bounds of the study will be reduced by the 29th November. Once the preferred options are selected the Planning Department will be notified.
- Requested further detail on Traffic Management options – it was advised that part of the requirements of TII are to look at traffic management options as well as bypass options. Also as part of the last scheme An Bord Pleanála were not satisfied that all possible options were demonstrated.
- When route options are narrowed down what will be the period of time for sterilisation of the land – It was advised that they are currently looking at April/May 2018. Preferred routes will then be further developed and it will be the end of 2018 early 2019 before they will be in a position to submit it to An Bord Pleanála.
- What is envisaged for traffic management as a long term solution – Further delays for southbound HGV's going through Slane will be looked at.
- Asked if traffic management off the N51 through Slane was part of this remit – Consultants advised that their remit is the bypass of Slane but as part of this they need to look at any impacts that arise out of the proposed scheme and identify them and see what potentially could be done.

Maurice and Angela were thanked for attending the meeting and providing the update.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.



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- Coastview Cottages, Laytown

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

4.3 Environment/Beach Management

- 4.3.1 To receiving a briefing on the Architectural Competition for the development of a Seafont Building and Civic Space at Seaview Terrace, Bettystown.

Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer and David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department attended the meeting and provided a briefing on the design competition In Committee. A discussion followed and it was agreed that Councillors email Larry or David individually with their requirements to allow them have an input into the design. It was also agreed that Larry and David would attend the December meeting to go through the detailed scope of the project.

4.4 Corporate Services

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

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

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"To ask the Transportation Section what progress has been made in relation to parking solutions and/or pay parking scheme for Laytown-Bettystown, in order to improve parking availability for customers of local businesses?"

Response:



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For any pay parking scheme to be implemented there needs to be a specific number of public spaces available for the scheme to cover its costs. The number of public spaces required is not available in any town in Meath outside of Trim, Kells or Navan.

The introduction of a maximum time limit scheme should also need to make provision for longer stay parking facilities, to cater for all parking needs. If this was to be considered and only specific spaces designated with a time limit, this scheme would still have enforcement and administration cost. There is currently no allocation in the budget to introduce this scheme.

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“Can I ask for an exact timeline on the route selection for the Slane bypass?”

Response:

The development of the options is ongoing. A public consultation of the options is proposed to be held in Conyngham Arms Hotel on Wednesday 29th November 2017 to show the options to the public and to receive feedback. The options will then be appraised to identify the emerging preferred option by Q2 2018.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“I propose that this Municipal District supports my call for 25% of the proposed 20 housing units in Donore village be set aside as fully serviced sites for local people who qualify for local need within the area.”

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



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Following a submission, funding approval has been granted by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the provision of 20 social units at the site in Donore.

The process of appointing a design team for this scheme is currently underway and is at an advanced stage.

The priority of the Housing Section is respect to suitable sites in the ownership of Meath County Council is the provision of social housing units. Accordingly, it is intended to proceed with the delivery of 20 social units, in accordance with the funding approval granted, subject to the Part 8 Planning process, which will go before the members of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District for consideration in due course.

The provision of serviced sites for private units does provide a mechanism to achieve a mixed tenure within a development, and consideration will be given in the design phase of this scheme, of the potential to incorporate private sites in addition to the 20 social units, if the site is sufficient to facilitate same.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“To call on Meath County Council to include a Shopfront Improvement Scheme in the Budget for 2018 for the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.”

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

There is no budget specifically for Shopfront Improvement Scheme. However within the Pride of Place Awards there is a Shopfront award.

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



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A discussion followed and it was agreed that the Economic Development Unit would be requested to look at derelict units and explore if any grants are available and promote these to the public.

The motion was noted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan – Emergency Notice of Motion

“In light of the recent violent incidents in East Meath, this Municipal District calls on the Chief Superintendent of the Meath Division of An Garda Síochana, to implement a Community Policing Plan for the Laytown Garda Station and the environs it serves, as a matter of urgency.”

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

The motion was adopted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 5th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 18th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 25th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

8 Other Matters Arising



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There were no matters arising.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Animal burning in Carronstown is causing a terrible smell – It was advised that a complaint was received and an investigation was carried out two weeks ago. Carronstown are licensed by the Department of Agriculture under the Animal By products Regulations so any controls or actions rests with the Department. Complaints have also been made to the Department and they have been in contact with the Operators. From Meath County Council's perspective the Planning Department have been contacted to see if there was any change of use or if they are in breach of any planning requirements.

10.2 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested a design plan on the 20 social houses proposed for Donore and the site in its entirety to find out what is left after the 20 houses are delivered – It was agreed that this would be requested from the Housing Department for the December meeting.

10.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Received reports of large dogs off their lead in the Mornington area and requested some dog signs be erected in Mornington at the entrance to the beach.

10.3.2 Requested an update on the barrier at the entrance to the beach for a trial period – It was confirmed that Health and Safety had a look at the possibility of the barrier and two issues had arisen, the Neptune Hotel have declared that they have a right of way and are not in favour of the barrier there and



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threatened Judicial Review if we proceed with the barrier and the Gardai are not fully on side with the barrier.

Clr Tom Kelly asked if the court case which the Council lost many years ago regarding the erection of a beach barrier at the entrance to the beach had been looked at.

It was agreed that an update would be provided on this matter.

10.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issue:

10.4.1 Thanked the Council and Inland Waters for the money invested in and works carried out at Mentrin Lake in Lobinstown.

10.5 Councillor Tom Kelly raised the following issues:

10.5.1 Requested a report on the structural damage to the building in the centre of Bettystown following a fire.

10.5.2 Parking outside the Relish Cafe in Bettystown. The former car park is closed to Patrons of the Cafe. People are now parking on the footpaths and residents cannot access or egress their property.

10.5.3 Requested that a sign be erected indicating maximum parking of two hours at the Anchorage on front of the shops.

10.5.4 Requested an electric car charging facility be installed in Bettystown between the disabled parking and the pedestrian crossing – It was agreed that the Transport Department be requested to liaise with the ESB on this matter.

10.5.5 Asked if there was a smokeless fuel area – It was confirmed that the Drogheda part of Meath and Navan are smokeless fuel areas. It was agreed that a map defining the boundary be circulated to Councillors.

Fiona Lawless advised that Fergus O'Dowd, T.D. had requested a meeting with the Julianstown Group and Officials from Meath County Council will also be in attendance



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at the meeting.

It is hoped to do remote video link between Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District and County hall will be available to deal with small issues on the Agenda.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach