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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30 a.m., 10th December 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 12th November 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 12th November 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meade Potatoes and Tattersalls for their success at the Meath Business & Tourism Awards.



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The UN International Day of Human Rights was acknowledged and the Irish government urged to be more proactive with regard to human rights in Ireland and abroad.

4 To meet with representatives of Bus Éireann to discuss the location of bus stops in East Meath and the provision of bus shelters.

Joanne Duffy, North East Services Manager, North East and Michael McKeown, North East Regional Operations Manager, Bus Éireann attended the meeting.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The need to move the bus stops in Bettystown village;
- The need for bus shelters at a range of locations in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District, including Inse Bay, Laytown; Mosney junction on the R152; Julianstown-Laytown Road; Bettystown; Duleek; Slane; Mornington; Donacarney; Rathdrinagh Cross – it was confirmed that applications would be made for the locations identified.
- The possibility of reinstating the bus stop at Pilltown on the old Dublin Road – it was confirmed that the stop had been moved a short distance away for operational reasons.
- The need for bus bays to be designed to facilitate disability access to buses – it was confirmed that efforts were ongoing to make improvements in this area.
- The possibility of extending the service into Stamullen – it was agreed to assess this.
- The need for Meath County Council to feed into any plans for bus stops.

The issues raised were noted and it was confirmed that any relevant responses would be communicated to Councillors through Corporate Services.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Ms. Duffy and Mr. McKeown for attending the meeting.



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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Services

5.1.1 To receive proposals on a 1916 commemorative garden.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the proposal for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District, which included:

- The 1916 Gardens of Remembrance is an initiative to ensure an enduring physical legacy following the centenary celebration of the 1916 Rising. These gardens are an important element of the project with the objective of commemorating The Easter Rising, celebrating and honouring the lives of those who signed the Proclamation and those who fought in the cause of Irish freedom.
- These gardens will have 3 elements in common: an engraved life size typographical replica of the 1916 Proclamation, a maintenance-free flag pole and 7 trees that would represent the 7 signatories of the Proclamation.
- The proposed site and design for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** to proceed with the proposal as per the site presented.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding** to proceed with the proposal as per the design presented.

It was also pointed out that applications by groups to erect commemorative plaques should be submitted to the 1916 Commemorative Committee for approval.



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5.2 Transportation

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

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The overgrown hedges on Meath County Council land on Narrowways beside the playground and on the Garrow Road – it was confirmed that the first would be dealt with before the end of the year and it was agreed to check the landowner for the second.
- The plans in place to deal with any potential flooding in Northlands – the resources in place were outlined.
- Complimented the progress made by the Jetvac, street sweeping and the works undertaken in St. Patrick's Terrace, Slane.

5.2.2 Report on the extinguishment of public right of way on the L-56083 at Garballagh & Thomastown, Duleek.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

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

Information had been circulated in advance and Ronan Geoghegan and Geoff Emerson of Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates presented maps outlining the proposed R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road. It was confirmed that the statutory period for public consultation would be extended to 8 weeks to allow for Christmas and the New Year and that copies of the maps would be circulated to Councillors once finalised.

Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- The need to upgrade the current access road to the new schools. It was confirmed that this road is not taken in charge and is under the control of the Department of Education and Skills.
- The provision of adequate coach parking/drop-off and collection points.
- The process involved in acquiring the necessary lands.
- The need to consider businesses during the works.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“That this Municipal District reaffirms its intention to carry out the planned full streetscape of Duleek as approved and that updates on progress and the next steps towards completion of same are provided to Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors.”

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

Some preliminary design work has already been carried out on a scheme in Duleek in relation to traffic calming and footpath improvements. The Transportation Department is currently considering the work programme for 2016 and will seek to progress the development of this scheme subject to available resources.

The motion was withdrawn.



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7.2 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“As part of its annual submission to the NTA for assistance with projects in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District, that the Transportation Department applies for funding for a new footpath connecting Grange Rath with Gaelscoil An Bhradain Feasa on the Mill Road, Mornington.”

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

Meath County Council will add this to the list of schemes for potential NTA funding. At this stage there are over 200 schemes on the list for possible funding and there is a major body of work involved in evaluating and prioritising these schemes. When this is complete, a decision will be made as to what schemes are put forward for funding to the NTA for 2016.

The motion was withdrawn.

8 Other Matters Arising

8.1 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issue:

8.1.1 The possibility of adding Planning Matters to the agenda – it was agreed to consider this at the January meeting.

8.2 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues:

8.2.1 The damage at the bridge in Slane.

8.2.2 The need to re-set the direction of the light in Slane village.

8.3 Councillor Eimear Ferguson raised the following issues:

8.3.1 Potholes on the L56113.

8.3.2 Filter lane at Meadow View.



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8.4 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

8.4.1 The need for double yellow lines at Bettystown Square between Donovans and Chans – it was agreed to check if this road was taken in charge.

8.4.2 The flooding at the bridge in Pilltown – it was agreed to contact Iarnróid Éireann in relation to this.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Cathaoirleach wished all Councillors and staff a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach