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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9.30 a.m., 16th January 2020, Duleek Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Sharon Keogan**, presided.

Councillors Present: Tom Behan, Wayne Harding, Annie Hoey, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Sharon Tolan.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: 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 12th December 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th December 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Sharon Keogan on the recent attack on her local constituency office, which was unanimously condemned, and the related attack on democracy.



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- The family of the late Keane Mulready Woods on his horrific death.
- John Myles, the innocent taxi driver, who was injured in the recent attack.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Keane Barry on winning the BDO World Youths Darts Championship, his second world championship win.
- Katie and Aoife Lynch who are appearing on The Voice UK.

Best wishes were expressed to Councillors Sharon Keogan and Annie Hoey on the forthcoming general election.

4 To receive a presentation from the PPN Resource Officer.

Danielle Monahan, PPN Resource Officer, Community Department delivered a short presentation, on the role and structure of the PPN, its composition and planned improvements, with the Department of Rural and Community Development to undertake a review and publish a new handbook. Of the approximate 900 groups represented in Meath, 152 are located in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District. A Community Wellbeing Statement is to be prepared for each municipal district and at county level and related workshops are being organised throughout the county.

A short discussion followed, with some reservations expressed regarding the role of the PPN and whether it duplicates the role of councillors. It was pointed out that the department review should address some of the issues that has arisen since the PPNs were established, including its role, structure, language used, etc. and that the aim was to improve engagement and build positive relationships.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors wished Danielle well in her role.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation



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

The report had been circulated in advance and it was pointed out that, in relation to storm surges, liaison is ongoing with the OPW regarding surge forecasts and plans are in place, with advance warning signs erected at locations with a history of flooding and additional signage erected if flooding does occur. Storm surges generally only affect the coast road in small sections around the county boundary with Drogheda. All relevant events are recorded, which supports future funding allocations, if required.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The failure by some members of the public to heed warning signs about driving onto the beach during adverse weather events, thereby putting both themselves and the coast guard at risk, and the possibility of issuing fines in such situations – the signage will be reviewed as part of the Beach Management Plan.
- The possibility of adding Eastham Court to the street sweeping programme – no estates are included in the street sweeping programme.

5.2 Environment

- 5.2.1 To receive a report in respect of submissions received in respect of the display of the proposed amendments to the Foreshore Bye Laws 2010 and to consider recommendations arising in respect of same.

Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, and Bernadine Carry, Environmental Education Officer attended the meeting and a presentation was made on the proposed amendments to the Foreshore Byelaws following the public consultation and analysis of submissions. A compromise with regard to the proposed amendments, relating to horses and dogs, was put forward. If agreed, this will go before the February full council meeting for approval, with a view to commencing in Summer 2020.

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Commended the work and effort undertaken in dealing with the significant number of submissions and proposing amendments that address the majority of concerns raised.
- Complimented the level of engagement that took place.
- Requested that all related information issued and published is accurate and not misleading.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** that the amended Foreshore Byelaws be forwarded to the full council for approval.

Councillor Paddy Meade wished to have his objection noted, as he had suggested that the restrictions on access by horses in the dunes be trialled for a one-year period and be subject to further review prior to the byelaws being amended.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“To ask the Transportation Section of Meath County Council for an update/progress report on the proposed traffic calming scheme for Julianstown village?”

Response:

The Transportation Section of Meath County Council is currently in discussions with their Engineering Consultants to finalise the proposed design and progress the application documents required to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval in relation to the proposed traffic calming scheme for Julianstown village and will attend the February Laytown-Bettystown MD meeting to update the members in advance of the formal application being submitted.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion



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7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

“That this Municipal Council will host a Civic Reception in Duleek for 17 year old Keane Barry who became the Junior World Darts Champion in December 2019.”

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

It was pointed out that Keane Barry has now won two world championships – the Junior Darts Corporation World Championship in December and the BDO World Youths Championship in January. If agreed by the Protocol Committee, it was requested that the event take place in an alcohol-free venue, e.g. Duleek Courthouse.

The motion was adopted.

8 Other Matters Arising

Fiona Lawless provided a brief update on the progress on the beach and library facilities.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issue:

10.1.1 The need for road markings and other traffic calming measures on the Pilltown Road – yellow road lines are to be added to road edges on the bend in the coming weeks, with the traffic calming measures provided outside Colmcille’s working reasonably well. Speed enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí. Traffic volumes in relation to the facility are an on-site issue.

10.2 Councillor Annie Hoey raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Concerns of residents of the caravan park on the Eastham Road regarding



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visibility on exiting the premises following road widening works – the issue of visibility is a matter for the property owner but it was agreed to check this.

10.3 Councillor Sharon Keogan raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Requested an update on the Seafields site – the grant application for the Seafields site, Stream 1 funding, has not yet been announced but is expected in the coming weeks. If successful, this funding will go towards progressing the project to planning application stage.

10.3.2 Queried if funding could be allocated to provide a pedestrian crossing and traffic lights on lower Main Street, Duleek – this is included on the Request for Works list.

10.4 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issue:

10.4.1 The possibility of providing a footpath/walkway at McEvoy's Lane, Rosevale with a link to the green – this is unregistered land with the first step being in trying to establish ownership. There is an existing footpath to the school under the bridge. This can be included on the Request for Works list but there are a lot of issues relating to it.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach