



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***9.45 am, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020, County Hall, Navan***

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

**Councillors Present:** Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Sharon Tolan.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Senior Executive Officer:** Dara McGowan

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Apologies:** Fiona Lawless, Director of Service

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 5th March 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- Alan Watson, Laytown on the death of his father, Gerry;



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- The family of the late Johnny Kierans, Drogheda;
- The family of the late George Conway, Laytown;
- Councillor Paddy Meade on the death of his cousin, Thomas Dunne;
- Fiona Lawless on the death of her sister, Siobhan Rooney;
- Jackie Maguire on the death of her aunt;
- Councillor Conor Tormey on the death of his wife, Kathleen, and mother-in-law, Phyllis;
- Patsy O'Neill, former councillor, on the death of his sister, Vera Collins;
- All those who have lost family members during the recent difficult times.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Former councillors Annie Hoey and Sharon Keogan on their election to the Seanad;
- Councillors Elaine McGinty and Geraldine Keogan on their co-option onto Meath County Council;
- All local community & voluntary groups involved in the Community Call initiative and for their response in assisting vulnerable people;
- Bettystown Tidy Towns for their poster campaign welcoming visitors to the area;
- The Beach Management Committee for the recent clean up of the dunes and beach;
- Helen Behan on being nominated for a BAFTA for her role in Channel 4's 'The Virtues' whilst also working as a nurse on the frontline;
- Fiona Lawless on the birth of her first grandchild.



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### **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 matters raised by councillors included:

- The need to replace the solar compacting bin in Mornington following the award of the Green Flag status – a new base is to be installed and the bin will follow.
- Queried the planned re-opening of playgrounds in Meath – signs are being prepared and the equipment will be checked for defects with a view to re-opening playgrounds next week, with parental supervision required.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

### **7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes**

7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC virtual meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

The report was noted.

### **8 Other Matters Arising**



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Dara McGowan referred to the Part 8 process in respect of the Bettystown library, with the advertisements to issue and documents to go on public display in June, both online and in Buvinda. The other public counters in the municipal district offices are due to re-open at the end of June/beginning of July. It was agreed that a larger site notice would be provided, to include drawings and details of how to access further information. The public display period lasts for 6 weeks, to mid-August. Considerable consultation has already been undertaken and it is intended to commence the design phase now with a view to making a funding application and going to tender this year. The construction period will be approximately 18 months, taking account of possible delays due to COVID-19 requirements. If commenced in Q1/Q2 2021, the project should be completed in 2022. Whilst a capital allocation has been made, the tender will indicate any cost increases and the capital programme is dependent on income levels, with a programme review planned.

Reference was made to the current absence of any library service in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District and it was requested that consideration be given to the provision of the Contact & Collect service in Duleek library.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

10.1 Councillor Geraldine Keogan raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Referred to a SHD application for Duleek and queried as to whether a special meeting was planned to receive the Chief Executive's report – it was confirmed that this would be included on the agenda of the July meeting.

10.1.2 Referred to funding allocated for the Boyne Greenway and Boyne navigation restoration and queried why funding had not been allocated for the provision of traffic calming measures on lower Main Street, Duleek – it was pointed out that the funding allocated for the Drogheda to Navan Greenway was a separate funding stream for a specific project and the RRDF funding must be spent on the Boyne project. The advertisement for the Town & Village Renewal Works was issued two weeks ago and applications can be submitted.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**