



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

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

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

***9.30am, 10<sup>th</sup> September 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:**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late former councillor, Ann Dillon-Gallagher, to whom tributes were paid;
- The family of the late John Hume, whose contribution to the country was acknowledged.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Edita Zolotuchina, Corporate Services – Meeting Administration, on her recent wedding in Lithuania.
- Councillor Paddy Meade on his recent engagement.

## **4 Statutory Business**

### **4.1 Community**

- 4.1.1 To receive details of the recommendation by the Indaver Community Liaison Committee under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grant Scheme and if in agreement to forward to the Full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community outlined the recommended allocations and these were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

- 4.1.2 To receive details of the allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2020 and if in agreement, recommend to the full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community outlined the recommended grant allocations following the assessment process. These were proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**.

Following a discussion, **Councillor Sharon Tolan** proposed an amendment and this was seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**:

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*“That grants be allocated as follows: €75,000 to Slane Community Centre, €50,000 to St. Colmcille’s GAA Club and €25,000 to Duleek, Bellewstown & District Community Partnership Facility CLG.”*

The amended proposal was put to a roll call vote, with the following result:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
BEHAN, Tom	Against
HARDING, Wayne	Against
KEOGAN, Geraldine	Against
MCGINTY, Elaine	For
MCKEE, Stephen	Against
MEADE, Paddy	Abstain
TOLAN, Sharon	For

### **RESULT:**

4 votes against, two in favour and one abstention. The amended proposal was therefore defeated.

The recommended grant allocations were agreed.

### **4.2 Transportation**

- 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.

### **4.3 Corporate Services**

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

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The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed applications, i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty**

*“In light of the need for increased social distancing and reduced public transport capacity, that Meath County Council, as a matter of urgency, compile a full review of all housing estates in the East Meath area where the developer has not provided the public footpaths and cycle lanes as per planning permission granted. This report should also include what specific action points the Council will undertake to ensure that the works are completed and the timeframe which can be communicated to the residents of the affected estates.”*

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

*This information is available to Members on sugar HReg at the following link:*

[https://localgovcrm.meathcoco.ie/index.php?module=HERIG\\_HEReg&action=index&parentTab=Planning](https://localgovcrm.meathcoco.ie/index.php?module=HERIG_HEReg&action=index&parentTab=Planning)

*We are not aware of any cases where the developer has not provided the public footpaths and cycle lanes as per planning permission granted.*

*Our Enforcement section follow up on cases where written complaints are received into Non-Compliance with planning permission.*

*Please also see a copy of a Register of Housing Estates for L/B MD Area. This details Estates In Charge, Not in Charge & Part in Charge.*



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A short discussion followed, with a number of locations identified where footpath infrastructure was urgently required.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**, and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**, was agreed.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty**

“To ask Meath County Council to provide a detailed traffic management plan, including a review of the number of cars using the Beamore Road and L56113, including recommendations on appropriate speed limits. In addition, to provide specific details and maps on what footpaths and cycle lanes are to be delivered for this area. In light of the very significant increase in traffic expected due to the Bryanstown Wood development, a commitment from the Council that these issues will be addressed before the estate is operational.”

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

*Meath Co Council acknowledges that the proposed Bryanstown Wood development will result in increased numbers of pedestrian, cycle and vehicular traffic in the surrounding area and advised An Bord Pleanála, as the Planning Authority, that additional infrastructure would be required to accommodate the development. An Bord Pleanála did not include a condition that required the developer to provide the necessary infrastructure or to pay a levy towards the costs of same.*

*It is an objective of Meath Co Council to provide the required infrastructure and in this regard will arrange for the extension of the footpath/cycleway along the eastern side of the R108, c.200m, between the Bryanstown Wood development and The Oaks housing estate. The Beamore road/L-56113 junction was assessed as part of the planning application process and deemed to be compliant with current standards. No further works are proposed at this junction.*

A short discussion followed with councillors calling for increased national funding for roads infrastructure and also an increased allocation to the municipal district, arising from the increasing population and traffic flows.



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The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**, and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**, was agreed.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee**

“Based on my understanding that the funding allocated under the Stimulus Programme 2020 must be expended in 2020, that Meath County Council does everything possible to ensure that the funded projects announced for the Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District are successfully delivered under the Scheme.”

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

*The strategy of the Council is that all funded projects on the capital programme are given priority.*

Councillors referred to a number of locations where works were required and it was pointed out that requests for additional works were recorded centrally, assessed and prioritised based on available funding. Whilst the stimulus funding is welcome, reference was also made to the challenges that will impact on the forthcoming budget.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee**, and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**, was agreed.

### **6.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding**

“That Meath County Council undertakes a comprehensive review of the structure and governance arrangements of the Indaver Community Liaison Committee.”

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

*The Indaver Community Liaison Committee was established following the An Bord Pleanála planning decision PL 17.219721 which set out in Condition No. 5 that “A community Liaison Committee shall be established consisting of a minimum of 8 representatives - 2 officials from the Planning Authority, 2 representatives from the*



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*developer, 2 local residents and 2 elected members of Meath County Council. The composition of the committee shall be subject to the agreement of the Planning Authority.” Meath County Council have administered the Grant Scheme since the inaugural meeting of the Indaver Community Liaison Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008.*

*The grant scheme was reviewed in 2017 to incorporate the changes in the Local Government Act 2014 namely the setting up of the Municipal Districts and also changes in Procurement legislation however there is no requirement set out within the grant scheme to review the membership.*

*There have been changes in the membership of the committee over the years due to personnel changes in Indaver and in Meath County Council and the Elected Members representatives are elected to the committee every 5 years. The community representatives were selected by agreement with the local residents and there has been no change in representation. It should be noted that should a community representative vacancy arise on the committee, a replacement will be sought through the PPN as this is now the mechanism for seeking community representatives on local authority committees.*

A discussion followed, with a request that the community representation be revisited in line with the council term and change of council representation. It was also pointed out, due to the structure of the fund, council representatives should be invited to attend any promotional events. Queries were also raised in relation to the level of public consultation undertaken in respect of the proposed extension of operations at the facility, given its potential impact on local traffic volumes and other environmental and health issues.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding**, and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**, was noted.

### **6.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding**

“That Meath County Council immediately initiates a dialogue with all stakeholders to include the developers, the Ledwidge Hall and Green Residents and Oaklee Housing Association before any planned development at Ledwidge Hall, Slane.”



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

*A detailed statement was issued by Meath County Council to residents of Ledwidge Hall, Slane and elected representatives, on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020, which outlined the processes governing the acquisition by Oaklee Housing Association of the 28 turnkey units in Ledwidge Hall.*

*In summary, support was provided by Meath County Council, in its capacity as a Housing Authority, to the application submitted by Oaklee Housing Association, with funding subsequently approved by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, with a commercial agreement thereafter between Oaklee Housing Association and the developer concerned for the units in question.*

*Accordingly, the relevant processes have reached the concluding phase, namely the construction of the units for acquisition by Oaklee Housing Association and is now in effect an agreed commercial transaction between the two parties concerned.*

*Meath County Council has offered to facilitate a meeting between a representative group of the residents and Oaklee Housing Association, in order to address estate management concerns in advance of project completion.*

*However, Meath County Council cannot commit to the request of arranging a meeting between the various stakeholders as described, as the matter, as clarified, has advanced beyond that point.*

A discussion followed, with councillors acknowledging the need for social housing but requesting that, in future, councillors and local residents be informed of similar plans by Approved Housing Bodies.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding**, and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**, was agreed.

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

7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting





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of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The report was noted.

### **8 Other Matters Arising**

There were no other matters arising.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

10.1 Councillor Geraldine Keogan raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Requested that the installation of ramps be considered beside the playground on Station Road, Duleek to slow traffic and queried when the traffic lights would be erected on Station Road – a speed limit review will be carried out and the related issues reviewed.

10.1.2 Queried whether funding is available for a pedestrian crossing on Lower Main Street, Duleek at the Post Office – there has been no confirmation yet of approval of funding under the Town & Village Scheme 2020.

10.1.3 Queried when the Terms of Reference would be available for the Irish Cement community fund.

10.1.4 Referred to the bollards at Duleek graveyard and the issues for traffic exiting onto the Duleek/Ashbourne Road – this will be referred to Ashbourne Municipal



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10.2 Councillor Elaine McGinty raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Queried the possibility of installing VAS signs at the pedestrian crossing at Meadowview, where the lights are obstructed by foliage and traffic is failing to slow on approach – whilst speed limit enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí, a traffic speed count can be requested.

10.2.2 Requested that secure bicycle stands be provided at beaches to encourage increased cycling and discourage cars needing to access beaches – this will be added to the list of requests for additional works.

10.3 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

10.3.1 The need to widen the road at Mountnewtown and/or provide pull in bays and the need to repair the potholes on the road by the church, which was damaged due in part to diversions during roadworks in Slane – a road condition survey is required to determine the treatment required prior to inclusion in the roadworks programme. The request for pull in bays will be forwarded to the Transportation Department.

10.3.2 Commended the works from Donore to Navan and queried whether road lining would continue from Navan to Newgrange – this is being managed centrally.

10.3.3 Referred to ongoing graffiti on roads and footpaths in Lobinstown, which has been reported to Gardaí and the Environment Section. Whilst this was cleaned quickly by municipal district staff, this represents an ongoing waste of resources. It was agreed that the Environment Section would be requested to erect CCTV in an effort to catch those responsible.

10.4 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

10.4.1 Requested that a submission be made to An Bord Pleanála by the deadline of 5pm tomorrow expressing the support of Municipal District councillors for the Boyne Greenway application.



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- 10.4.2 Requested that contact be made with Donacarney N.S. regarding the provision of a drop off zone within the school premises and also that a traffic management plan be prepared – the Road Safety Officer has met with the school board and requested that these works be carried out but they have not been implemented to date.
- 10.4.3 Referred to the possibility of introducing a temporary turning measure at the education campus in Laytown – any such works would have to be carried out by the school within the school site.
- 10.4.4 Referred to the need for a footpath in Inse Bay, which has been taken in charge – the development was completed as per the planning permission granted and no further works are planned.
- 10.4.5 Highlighted the collapsed wall at Narroways/Bettystown Cross, with overgrowth obstructing the roadway, and the possibility of rectifying the wall and recouping the cost – Dangerous Structure and Derelict Site notices have issued, with works having recently been undertaken to deter anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to follow this up.
- 10.5 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issue:
- 10.5.1 The need to address the weeds along the embankment of the promenade on the Coast Road – it was pointed out that these were wild flowers but would be cut back if becoming unsightly.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**