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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9.30 a.m., 5th November 2020, County Hall, Navan

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Wayne Harding.

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 8th October 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th October 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Elaine McGinty** 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

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

4 Statutory Business



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4.1 Transportation

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Other Matters Arising

- 7.1 Councillor Elaine McGinty raised the following matter:

- 7.1.1 Referred to a situation whereby publicly owned land is no longer available for public use and queried whether this should come before the full council as a disposal of land, which is a reserved function. Councillors were reminded that live planning applications cannot be discussed at a statutory meeting and that the issues raised were complex by nature. Councillor McGinty was requested to submit her query by email and it would be referred as appropriate for response. It was also pointed out that relevant information is made available publicly, through public notices and the circulation of planning lists to councillors.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:



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- 9.1.1 Overgrown hedges on the Minnistown Road at Sonairte – councillors were requested to submit details of any relevant locations that require hedge cutting notices to be issued. Advertisements have also been placed to highlight the hedge cutting season.
- 9.1.2 The need for additional litter bins, preferably compactor bins, at various locations, including Eastham Road and at bus shelters – there are no plans to provide additional bins as there are currently no available resources for collections.
- 9.1.3 Speeding and safety issues on the Eastham Road, where pedestrians are walking on the road to comply with social distancing requirements, and the possibility of extending the footpath onto to the grass verge.
- 9.1.4 The need for a speed table at the pedestrian crossing on the Eastham Road to slow traffic – whilst speeding is a matter for the Gardaí, the road lines will be renewed.
- 9.1.5 Highlighted a dangerous section of walkway between the Obelisk Bridge to Oldbridge House and the possibility of providing a delineated pedestrian space on the bridge – there are pedestrian markings in place and these will be checked to see if they can be improved. Otherwise, there is limited road width available for a designated pedestrian space.
- 9.1.6 Requested an update on the plan to complete works in Northlands, including the artwork and landscaping – this will be raised with the OPW. It is understood that some objections had been raised in relation to the planned landscaping.
- 9.1.7 Requested an update on funding applications that can be made to advance the recommendations in the Arup Pedestrian and Cycling Report.
- 9.1.8 The traffic volumes and speed from Church Road to the Montessori and bus stop in Donacarney and the possibility of delivering a section of footpath on the corner – a footpath is to be provided as part of a planning permission but there is no timeline yet available.
- 9.1.9 Welcomed the pedestrian crossing and footpath improvements at Harry's Cross and queried whether the road condition on the bend can be improved – there



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are no plans for road resurfacing at the moment but it will be looked at in the next roadworks programme.

9.1.10 The possibility of providing secure bicycle parking at the beach entrances and train station car park – it was pointed out that Irish Rail have indicated that they intend to move the bike storage locker from Gormanston to Laytown, where it will better utilised, and that such a facility will form part of the new civic building design at Bettystown.

9.1.11 Requested an update on the Part 8 for the footpath at Donacarney – Transportation and Planning are to meet informally this month to review the documentation, following which the application can be submitted.

9.1.12 Requested that a traffic review be undertaken following the opening of the Spine Road and compare that to previous surveys undertaken.

9.2 Councillor Elaine McGinty raised the following issue:

9.2.1 The need to cut back trees to improve visibility at the pedestrian crossing at Bryanstown and the possibility of additional measures to reduce speeding, e.g. VAS signs – this location will be included in the hedge cutting programme. The protocol regarding the provision of flashing lights acknowledges that the more of these that are provided, the less effective they become. Given the distance between the two ramps, the signs are not considered to be needed. It will be reviewed when works have been completed.

9.3 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Acknowledged the works undertaken under the CIS and also acknowledged those that had made a contribution towards these works.

9.3.2 Underlined the need to follow up on the minority that do not comply with hedge cutting notices.

9.3.3 The need for urgent footpath repairs to provide safe access to those attending Heronstown N.S. – the cost of such works due to the length of the footpath would be significant but it can be added to the list of requested works. Signage to warn of pedestrians can be provided.



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9.3.4 Welcomed the planned works from Woodgrange to Colpe Roundabout, which are urgently needed.

9.4 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

9.4.1 The overgrown hedgerow obstructing the footpath at Platin – work was undertaken last year. The path is narrow and a notice has been issued to the landowner.

9.4.2 Welcomed works at Harry's and from Woodgrange to Colpe.

9.4.3 The need for litter bins outside Deepforde and at bus stops on both sides of the road - there is no funding available for additional bins.

9.4.4 The possibility of relocating the bins at Bettystown Racecourse to an alternative location identified by the Tidy Towns group, i.e. near Woodview/school – this will be raised with Ashbourne Municipal District.

9.4.5 Requested an update on the road safety measures on the Garrow Road and also outside Duleek Soccer Club – a meeting with the residents and Gardaí did take place with residents on the Garrow Road and additional advance warning signage will be provided on the approach to the bend. Discussions are ongoing with the soccer club regarding the entrance.

9.4.6 Requested a timeline for the provision of a yellow box at the entrance to Ardrea.

9.4.7 The possibility of undertaking works to improve the access point between Rosevale and Lagavoreen, where the gap in the hedgerow is being used as a short cut and also the possibility of cleaning the dumped materials – the path is not taken in charge and, as it is in private ownership, there is little that can be done.

9.4.8 The need for urgent works at Murray's Lane, Julianstown to improve the road condition – residents have been contacted and, as it is a cul-de-sac, the quickest way to advance this is under the CIS.

9.4.9 Proposed that a tree be planted in a strategic location as a symbol of hope and



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solidarity in terms of mental health and suicide and in conjunction with Darkness Into Light/Pieta House. This was seconded by Councillor Tom Behan.

9.5 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issues:

- 9.5.1 Welcomed the resurfacing works at Laytown car park, the moving of the bottle banks and the works at Harry's Cross whilst referring to the need for road markings on the bend at this location.
- 9.5.2 Requested additional signage, Go Slow signs, on the Minnistown Road – this location will be subject to a Low Cost Safety Scheme. Whilst additional signage can be added, it is a narrow road and there is limited action that can be taken.
- 9.5.3 The possibility of adding yellow lines on the sides of the Pilltown Road – double yellow lines will be added on the road sides.
- 9.5.4 Requested an update on the funds available for this year's Pride of Place and queried whether there was any funding remaining to support Christmas trees and lighting – it was pointed out that the funding allocated for Pride of Place this year had been redirected to the community and that a lighting projector is to be purchased, as agreed at the last meeting. Any funds remaining from that budget will be distributed to groups.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach