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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10.00 am, 8th July 2021, Via Zoom

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Elaine McGinty**, presided.

Councillors Present: Tom Behan, Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan, 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 Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2021.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th June 2021.

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2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following matters:



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- Referred to the email circulated with an update on the serviced sites in Donore and requested a further update in terms of plans for the site – it was agreed to request the Director of Services for Housing to provide an update for the September meeting.
- Referred to the email circulated regarding the Low Cost Safety Scheme at the L5602-17 and L1604-38 Rathbran Junction and requested that his request to provide a four-way stop junction be considered in preparing the final design – it was confirmed that the Transportation Department was taking this request into consideration, with a further response having issued yesterday, but that the final design would have safety as a priority.

Councillor Sharon Tolan expressed disappointment that the Part 8 for the footpath in Donacarney was not being presented at today's meeting.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath Senior Ladies Gaelic Football team on winning the National Football League Final 2021, in particular those players who reside in and/or play for clubs within the municipal district;
- Duleek/Bellewstown GFC players Katie Lenehan and Katelyn McMahon who have been called up to the Meath Minors team;
- Holly Brennan who won the National Junior 3,000m title.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To advise the members of the Municipal District that Meath County Council Transportation Department propose to put the draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2021 on public display as required by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Acts, 2004 (No.44 of 2004) (Paul

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McKown).

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the information circulated in advance, including the estates to be added for review. Consent was sought to proceed to put the maps and new byelaw on public display, following which they would be brought back to the municipal district and then to the full council for approval.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that Coney Hall be reviewed in terms of providing traffic calming measures – a 30kmph limit already applies in Coney Hall and a speed report undertaken. It was agreed to review the possible measures that can be provided in the relevant section of the estate but underlined that chicanes are preferred to speed bumps.
- Queried whether signage would be provided and would this include 'Children At Play' signs – a funding application will be made to the department for signage, which is specified based on the speed survey results.
- Queried the timeframe for implementing the new byelaw – the byelaw will go on public display following the six July municipal district meetings. Submissions can be made within 30 days, following which the byelaw can be reviewed/amended. It will be brought back to the municipal districts in September or October and, if approved, will be brought to the next full council meeting for final approval. A date will then be set for its implementation, which will coincide with the signage being erected.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** to proceed as outlined.

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

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Matters raised by councillors included thanking Christy and his team for the ongoing works, including the extra signage regarding beach parking and the footpath works in Slane. The beach wardens were also commended on ensuring elderly and disability access to parking. In response to a query raised, it was agreed to look at verge cutting at Platin junction.

4.2 Community

4.2.1 To discuss issues relating to broadband in Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.

Cormac McCann, Broadband Officer delivered a presentation which included information on the Open Eir and SIRO new estate processes and a developments update on estates within the municipal district.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried if the council can do anything to improve and expedite broadband provision and connections, particularly for new estates and in rural areas – the process is, by its nature, slow and providers can be reluctant to authorise expenditure on outside chambers until they have possession of the ducting. With regard to rural areas, reference was made to the National Broadband Ireland plan.
- Suggested that those buying new houses in estates should seek an assurance from the developer that all infrastructure is available – it was agreed that buyers should be aware of the difference between being ready for broadband against it actually being available.

Councillors thanked Cormac for the presentation and commended him on his efficient responses to queries raised.

4.2.2 To receive a short presentation about the UN Sustainable Development Goals and how Meath County Council are integrating these into organisational culture. To receive an update on the URBACT Global Goals for Cities project (Caroline Corrigan).



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Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment delivered a presentation which provided information on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Global Goals 4 Cities, which includes Trim, the only Irish town, and examples of how to become involved.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Acknowledged the commitment of young people to the aims and objectives, with particular reference to the Young Social Innovator Programme.
- Queried how the private sector is contributing with reference to initiatives being undertaken by Boyne Valley Flavours and Nature's Best – many private sector companies are aware of the benefits and can assign more resources to this area. The council is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to advance initiatives.
- Queried if the council has adequate resources in rural areas to achieve the objectives – discussions are ongoing with relevant organisations with a workshop already held and more planned. The council is also partnering with Kildare County Council with regard to alternatives to chemical herbicides.

4.3 Corporate Services

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted. Councillors were reminded that the deadline for the receipt of completed application and deferral forms is 30th September.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.



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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 Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 11th June 2021.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 6th May 2021.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 30th June 2021.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Fiona Lawless raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Referred to the naming of the Spine Road and the protocol that applies. A number of names have been selected and the voting concludes tomorrow.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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Cathaoirleach