



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

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

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

***10.00 am, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, County Hall, Navan***

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

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Asaciova

**Apologies:** Meetings Administrator: Claire King

### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

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

Councillor Sharon Tolan requested a response to the issues raised at the September meeting i.e. electric vehicle charging points and public lighting on the Tara Road.

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

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Claire King on the death of her mother, Bernie King.
- The family of Patsy McKenna, Millhill, Smarmore, Lobinstown.
- Annie Hoey on the death of her father, Roy Hoey.
- The family of the late Eileen Rush, Brookside, Bettystown.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath County Council on the official opening of the Tara Road.

### **4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.01 Ha of land at St. Mary's Villas, Donore, Co Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

It was agreed that for future Disposal of Lands, a photo of the lands be included with documentation as part of the disposal.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

- 5.1.1 To note the three-year Roadworks Programme 2022-2024.

Christy Clarke, Executive Engineer, Transportation advised that the programme was based on 2021 funding, a PSCI Survey which rated the roads 1-10, the amount of time the outdoor crew spent filling potholes and maintaining the roads and road usage. The programme must be submitted to the Department of Transport as part of the multi annual submission before the end of October. It was pointed out that the programme is a draft and may be subject to change. A more detailed Schedule of Municipal District Works Programme will be brought to the February 2022 meeting for adoption.

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Matters raised by councillors and responses provided included: -

- It was felt that this Municipal District is not getting an adequate share of the budget and that more roads need to be included.
- Asked if Donacarney could be brought forward as it was previously included in the 2016 Roadworks Programme, but was deferred due to the pending footpath which remains pending – It was pointed out that Meath County Council had a design prepared by Consultants for the Donacarney footpath. The NTA are now the funding agency and have different criteria and guidelines in managing their projects and requested a full review and overview of the project in order to fulfil their requirements.
- Asked if the programme included road safety measures and drainage – It was confirmed that where drainage works are required, they will be carried out.

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

### **5.2 Corporate Services**

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

### **5.3 Planning**

5.3.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2021.



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- Eastham Square, Bettystown

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**.

- Eastbury, Bettystown

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**.

### **6 Notice of Question**

There was no Notice of Question.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee**

“That Meath County Council immediately lobby for Government funding and make the case to restart work on the provision of a Bypass for Duleek, which remains an Objective in the Meath County Development Plan, and which would greatly enhance the quality of life for Duleek residents and create a much improved environment for local business.”

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

*We will raise this matter with the Department of Transport’s Inspector during our discussions on funding applications for 2022, and subsequent years. However, given the number of project appraisals that we have submitted to the Department, and the availability of funding for road schemes, we do not envisage that there will be funding for this project in the immediate future.*

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



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

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

The minutes were noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The report was noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the Notice of Item 9.3.10 from the September meeting re water disruptions and outages.

The correspondence was noted. It was also noted that there are a lot of unexplained unnotified water outages, with notices being issued after the event. Frequently, this is as a result of burst mains and serious investment is needed in infrastructure

- 9.2 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the Notice of Item 9.3.11 from the September meeting re malodour issues arising from the Drogheda wastewater treatment plant.

The correspondence was noted.

It was agreed that a response issue to Irish Water outlining that this is an ongoing issue that needs to be addressed as a matter of priority.

### **10 Any Other Business**

- 10.1 Fiona Lawless, Area Manager raised the following issue: -

10.1.1 Advised that, following representations, there is a tentative date for the Laytown-



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Bettystown Pride of Place on the 28<sup>th</sup> October in the Solstice, as it will be hybrid, depending on availability of councillors. The Cathaoirleach is not available on that date but will revert with possible dates.

### 10.2 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues: -

- 10.2.1 Referred to a major fire recently in the field beside Deepforde and Five Oaks and asked what the arrangements are with the Fire Services in terms of coming from Drogheda to service Meath – It was confirmed that Meath County Council have a service level agreement with Louth County Council in relation to fire services and this is running very well. They have very strict call out times and they meet on a regular basis.
- 10.2.2 Requested an update on the signalised traffic junction on Station Road and Main Street, Duleek.
- 10.2.3 Asked if there could be a ban on HGVs on the road outside Legavooreen.
- 10.2.4 Requested an update on the Safe Roads School Programme. Donacarney had been awarded money.
- 10.2.5 Referred to works at Carronstown which resulted in the removal of daffodils and the need for the contractor to replant them. – It was pointed out that once the works are completed, the contractor would make a contribution to Carronstown for the replacement of daffodils.

### 10.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues: -

- 10.3.1 Requested a presentation on the Public Realm Plan for Laytown-Bettystown with specific emphasis on the steps to be taken, how it will be delivered and the timeframe for delivery.
- 10.3.2 Sought an update on the turning on of public lighting on Tara Road and an estimated time for when the EV charging points will be installed.
- 10.3.3 The need for traffic calming to be resolved in Seabury Lawn. The residents



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indicated that they would prefer a chicane rather than nothing.

### 10.4 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issues: -

10.4.1 Paid compliment to the Community Alert in Rosnaree for finding evidence relating to illegal dumping and alerting the Litter Warden. Asked what the conviction rates in this municipal district are and how many people have been taken to task and how much they paid.

10.4.2 Requested an update on the Public Realm Plan for Slane Village.

### 10.5 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issues: -

10.5.1 Complimented the great work done on the gabions and asked if the other gabions could be looked at as there is a lot of wire exposed.

10.5.2 Requested traffic calming measures at Barabazone – It was pointed out that they hadn't applied to be included in the last review of housing estate speed limits and would need to make an application for the next review.

10.5.3 Referred to lack of parking on the Golf Links road and asked about the possibility of creating additional spaces past the double yellow lines – It was advised that the reason for the double yellow lines was following consultation with the Gardaí last year as there insufficient width for a footpath and a carpark.

### 10.6 Councillor Elaine McGinty raised the following issues: -

10.6.1 The need for an upgrade of McEvoy's lane. – It was advised that there are proposals to extend the footpath from the new housing estate to McNamara's towards the pedestrian crossing which will alleviate the need for any children to cross the road at the school.

10.6.2 Asked when the lights on the Beamore Road to Legavooreen might be installed.

10.6.3 Requested an update on the resurfacing works at Ard Ri – It was noted that an additional funding of €250k was received for housing estate roads. It is intended



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to extend the scope of works within housing estates. A CIS scheme is an alternative to getting works done.

10.7 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues: -

10.7.1 The need to reinstate and extend the white line running through Lobinstown village.

10.7.2 The need for ramps in Donore.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**