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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10.00 am, 4th November 2021, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Tom Behan, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Sharon Tolan.

Apologies: Councillors Wayne Harding and Geraldine Keogan.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Christy Clarke

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 7th October 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th October 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Behan** 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

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Claire King, Meetings Administrator, on the death of her mother, Bernie;
- Former councillor, Eimear Ferguson, on the death of her father, Des Ferguson.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Meath Minors team and Meath County Council on the recent civic event held to mark the team's achievement;
- Meath County Council on the Pride of Place awards event and all community and voluntary groups that participated and won awards at the event;
- St. Colmcille's GFC on their Win a Garden Room fund raiser and best wishes to their Ladies and Intermediate teams on their forthcoming finals;
- Laytown Races Committee on a very successful event;
- Hubert Murphy, Drogheda Independent on his appointment as General Manager of Drogheda United with tributes paid to his contribution as a journalist and community advocate.

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

4.1 Disposal of 0.9671 Ha of land at Corballis, Laytown, Co. Meath.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

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The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried whether traffic calming measures were to be included as part of the works being undertaken on the Station Road, Duleek – the works being undertaken are to improve accessibility for those using the bridge, as it is in a poor state of repair, and to add road markings.
- Queried whether the Part 8 for the footpath in Donacarney would be brought to the December meeting - this is now with the Transportation Department and it was agreed to check.
- Welcomed the securing of the additional solar compacting bins for the Tara Road.
- Requested that the grass be cut to facilitate access to the playground in Lobinstown.
- Referred to a bonfire and a burnt out car at the rear of the council depot at Halloween and queried if measures can be taken to deter anti-social behaviour at this location.

5.1.2 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws statutory process.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the documentation circulated in advance and sought approval to present the bye-laws to the December full council meeting. If ratified, the signage will be erected and the bye-laws will take effect in early 2022.

Matters raised by councillors included whether a planning condition can be added to set the lower speed limit as a default for residential developments. In response, it was pointed out that, until such time as an estate is taken in charge, the road is a private road and the council has no jurisdiction.



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

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 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

- Seabury Lawns Phase 2, Mornington

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st October 2021.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the report from the Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 8th October 2021.

The report was noted.

8.3 To note the report from Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services SPC of 18th



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October 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.4 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 19th October 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.5 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC of 20th October 2021.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the notice of item 9.2 from the October meeting re malodour issues arising from the Drogheda wastewater treatment plant.

Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the response received and it was agreed that a letter issue to the Chief Executive of Irish Water requesting further information on the issue, how it is being measured and the steps being taken to resolve it, including a timeframe, as it is having a significant adverse effect on residents within the area.

- 9.2 Correspondence received from Mr Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services, Louth County Council.

Fiona Lawless pointed out that, from an operational perspective, the two local authorities meet regularly and also confirmed that a full briefing on related issues will be provided to councillors at the December full council meeting. Councillors acknowledged the joint initiatives that are ongoing but referred to the need for greater public awareness of this cooperation.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Fiona Lawless raised the following issues:



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- 10.1.1 Requested that a special online meeting be held in November to consider a S183 licence agreement to facilitate it being brought to the December full council meeting – this was unanimously agreed.
- 10.1.2 Referred to the funding for festive lighting and proposed that the allocations be made as in previous years with €1,700 to be allocated to Slane, Bettystown, Laytown and Duleek with a further allocation of €1,000 to Lobinstown. This was agreed and a query raised as to where the projector would be located this year – it was agreed to refer this to CS.
- 10.2 Councillor Elaine McGinty raised the following issues:
 - 10.2.1 Referred to the monthly meeting commencement time and it was agreed that meetings would commence at 10.00am.
 - 10.2.2 Referred to a statement from the ESB regarding the delays to connections to facilitate people moving into units in Bryanstown Wood and which referred to the efforts being made to expedite the connections and the works required by the developer.
- 10.3 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:
 - 10.3.1 Commended Newtown Utd for allowing local schools to use their facilities;
 - 10.3.2 Requested that, from 2022, annual meetings with councillors from mid-Louth be arranged.
- 10.4 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:
 - 10.4.1 Requested an update on the Public Realm Plan for Bettystown/Laytown.
 - 10.4.2 Referred to the poor condition of the Gormanson Interchange – most of this area is within Ashbourne Municipal District and the works will be done jointly in early 2022.
 - 10.4.3 Referred to the collapsed wall and overgrowth from Pilltown to Bettystown Cross



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and queried if the wall would be removed as part of the overlay works or whether the landowner had responded – it has proven very difficult to make contact with the owner, as multiple companies are involved, but it will be followed up again.

10.5 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

- 10.5.1 Queried whether traffic calming measures are to be provided to the entrance of St. Cianan's Villas – this is part of the Duleek scheme works, the design for which is being prepared.
- 10.5.2 Requested signs on the approach to the playground on Station Road – the access to the playground is off the road but additional signs will be provided to indicate children walking on the road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach