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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10.00 am, 10th March 2022, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 10th February 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th February 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Sharon Tolan and seconded by Councillor Stephen McKee.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Paddy Meade thanked Christy Clarke for the tree works in Rathangan.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Charlie McGee, Woodview, Drogheda;



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- The family of the late Sheila McAuley, Eastham Road, Bettystown.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The organisers of the Ukrainian Solidarity event on Bettystown beach and the businesses and the community for their support;
- The local schools that organised the collection and transportation of materials to Ukraine;
- The organisers of the Drogheda Spring Clean, with thanks to the council staff who assisted;
- Keane Barry on reaching the PDC Darts Semi-Final;
- Evan Ferguson on his Premier League debut;
- Duleek Bellewstown & District on the recent opening of the community facility in Duleek;
- All involved in establishing the Meath Women's Caucus;
- Robert and Tracey Lynch on the opening of Nanny's, Duleek.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:



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- Referred to drainage works at Sonairte – surveys and designs have been carried out and drainage works will be undertaken.
- Referred to recent snowfall that led to a number of roads being blocked, including the N2, and queried if outside contractors are brought in to deal with such events – this was a one-off event due to a lorry going off the road into the verge. Plant hire is on call for small emergencies whilst contractors and equipment can be brought in to deal with larger events.
- Queried when works are due to start in St. Cianan’s Villas – these are due to start at the end of March/beginning of April.
- Requested an update on works at Lower Main Street, Duleek – this is at design stage. Drainage works will be carried out during the summer and the tender for works will go out at the end of the year.
- Requested an update on the traffic calming scheme in Julianstown – this is being managed centrally.
- Thanked Christy and his staff for works carried out during the recent storms, for works being carried out at Mount Hanover Cross, for drainage works at Sonairte and for clean up works on the Beamore Road.

- 4.1.2 To inform the Members of the commencement of a Review of Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye Laws and seek representations in relation to any roads or locations which the members feel should be included for review.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the key points included in the letter, circulated in advance. Submissions are to be made by 29th April. All roads submitted will be subject to engineering, speed and traffic volume surveys, following the national guidelines. It is expected to be the end of the year before the initial draft revised bye-law will be available for discussion in advance of commencing the statutory process. It was explained that, under the Traffic Act, there is a default speed limit for roads, special speed limit byelaws can be implemented and are a reserved function.



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Matters raised by councillors included:

- Referred to the possible impact on planning applications, e.g. the opening of a new entrance onto a road – the guidelines allow for the extension of the speed limit where development already in place but is not intended to facilitate development.
- Queried whether roads where new footpath and cycle schemes have been provided would be automatically included for review – the default speed limit applies, e.g. in close proximity to schools.
- Queried whether additional traffic calming measures such as rumble strips or ramps would be recommended – speed surveys will determine the issues and other measures may be recommended but that is outside the scope of this exercise.
- Queried whether new housing developments automatically lead to reduced speed limits – the default speed limit applies.
- Queried whether the information in the Drogheda Transport Study will be used – surveys will be carried out on specific roads identified.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2021 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2021 on the proposed development which will consist of the provision of a Footpath Cycleway between the existing footpath cycleway at Scoil Naisuinta Realt Na Mara and the existing footpath Cycleway opposite Whitefield Manor along the eastern side of the R150 for a distance of 700m in the townland of Donacarney Great. The works will comprise the construction of a 3m wide shared footpath cycleway, a livestock underpass, public lighting, and associated accommodation & fencing works, landscaping works, drainage/attenuation works and ancillary works (P821005).



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Anthony Morrow, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the key points in the report, including the submissions and recommendation. The Part 8 process, including timeframe, was outlined.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the progress made and the addition of the livestock underpass, which is an important safety issue.
- Commended the positive interaction with residents, which had addressed many of their concerns.
- Queried why it is proposed to increase the width of the carriageway, with a narrower road more effective at slowing traffic – this is a regional road, with the project being funded by the NTA, and the carriageway width must comply with design standards.
- Expressed a preference that additional traffic calming measures be provided – this project will link with the Safe Routes to School programme.
- Expressed disappointment that the detailed design has yet to begin and construction not due to commence until next year and requested that the project go to tender as soon as possible with a view to commencing works this year – every effort will be made to speed up the process but the NTA will not release funding until all criteria have been met and stringent project guidelines must be followed.
- Queried the timeframe for works to be completed – depending on the detailed design, the construction timeframe is 4 – 6 months.
- Requested that disruption to residents be kept to a minimum and that boundaries be fully reinstated – detailed surveys are to be carried out and it may be possible to move the road slightly to minimise the impact on gardens but consideration must be given to sightlines, particularly at the bend.



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- Requested that consideration be given to installing bollards along the footpath to prevent parking.

4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

4.3.1 To discuss the 2022 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget (Christmas Lighting Fund - €7,500)

Fiona Lawless referred to the Community Grants Scheme, which includes a category for festivals and events, details of which were circulated by email.

The allocations made in 2021 were outlined and it was agreed that the following allocations would be made for festive lighting in 2022:

MD	2022 Allocations
Laytown-Bettystown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slane Tidy Towns - €1,500• Bettystown Tidy Towns - €1,500• Duleek Development Association - €1,500• Laytown Christmas Lights - €1,500• Lobinstown Tidy Towns - €750• Julianstown & District Community Association - €750 Total – €7,500

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

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

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty



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“To ask Meath County Council to outline what type of groups the Indaver Grant is open to, to what geographic area specifically does it apply and can a map be provided for clarity? Is there a km distance from the factory which limits groups from applying?”

Response:

The establishment of the Indaver community fund was a requirement of planning permission, PL 17.219721. The permission set out by way of condition the details of the committee membership and also that the developer (Indaver) shall pay a financial contribution in respect of the provision of environment improvements and recreational/community projects. The Carranstown Grants Scheme is an agreed scheme to assess and fund proposals from local community-based clubs and voluntary organisations in the greater Carranstown area. The committee which was established, the Indaver Community Liaison Committee (ICLC) comprises of two representatives from the local community, two representatives from Indaver Ireland, two elected representatives from Meath County Council, Laytown Bettystown Municipal District and two officials from Meath County Council (Community Section).

The ICLC's remit in the administration of this scheme is to assess and recommend the allocation of funds to qualifying projects. Its recommendations shall be submitted to the Laytown Bettystown Municipal District for endorsement. Thereafter, this endorsement will in turn be submitted to the full Membership of Meath County Council for approval.

The local area to benefit generally from environmental community projects and works is determined by the committee as comprising of the town lands or part of the town lands hereunder as delineated within a 2.5km radius of the Indaver facility (see map below).

- Carranstown
- Caulstown
- Gafney & Gaffney Little (Julianstown and Duleek EDs)
- Annagor
- Platin
- Commons
- Donore
- Beaumont
- Crufty
- Kilsharvan



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- Beymore
- Lagavorneen
- Knockisland
- Blackditch
- Newtown (Duleek ED)
- Staleen
- Clonlusk
- Bellewstown
- Rathmullan

Projects outside the area delineated may be considered by the ICLC at their absolute discretion taking into account the significance of such projects to local communities and the overall level of funding available in the relevant year together with the number and nature of other applications on hand. A project's proximity and direct benefit to populations living within the hatched area highlighted on the map, shall always be a material consideration in the disbursement of funding under the scheme.

The response was noted.

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 4th February 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business



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9.1 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issues:

- 9.1.1 Referred to Meath County Council lighting up civic buildings in support of Ukraine. He also referred to the theft of the Ukrainian flag from Laytown Memorial Garden and asked that it be replaced.
- 9.1.2 Requested that line markings be repainted at Ariosa Café, Laytown and at Harry's, Mornington – requests are added to the database, prioritised and the contractor carries out line painting every couple of months.
- 9.1.3 Referred to a request by residents of Inse Bay for a raised zebra crossing between the estates due to safety issues crossing the road – this was raised previously and has been added to the list of requested works. An assessment will be carried out at the end of the year.

9.2 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

- 9.2.1 Requested an update on repairs to the Boyneside boardwalk – long-term remedial works are to be designed and tendered, to coincide with the programme for the Obelisk bridge repairs. Approximately €35,000 has been spent on temporary works.
- 9.2.2 Queried the policy on the removal of abandoned cars.
- 9.2.3 Referred to the need for a footpath at Dun Cairn as soon as possible.
- 9.2.4 Requested an update on the provision of road markings and a safe pedestrian crossing at Colpe/Southgate – the yellow box has been included on the database for line marking.

9.3 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

- 9.3.1 Referred to the need for a crossing/connection from Northlands to the roundabout on the Eastham Road to facilitate wheelchair users.
- 9.3.2 Referred to issues at Whitecross N.S., Julianstown where the footpath is not



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open, fencing is not in place and debris is evident – additional works were requested, including a pedestrian crossing, a footpath and public lighting but this is between the Department of Education and the developer.

9.3.3 Requested that dog bag dispensers be provided on Tara Road.

9.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Referred to the area below St. Oliver's, where the footpath and cycle lane finishes, and fencing on the road edge forces pedestrians onto the road – it was agreed to check the road opening licence and the completion of works.

9.4.2 Referred to a pothole at the IDA roundabout, to Drogheda from the M1 – this is on the roadworks programme.

9.5 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Requested that contact be made with the operators of the M1 toll booths, with reference to most of the toll booths on the M1, near the Donore slip road, being closed in the evenings, leading to tailbacks on the Donore Road and blocking entrances to residences.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach