



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

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

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

***10.00 am, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor Geraldine Keogan, presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Wayne Harding and Elaine McGinty.

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Sharon Tolan and seconded by Councillor Stephen McKee.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Conor Tormey on the death of his mother, Teresa;



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- The family of the later former councillor Oliver Brooks;
- The family of the late Larry Murray, Creewood, Slane, who was involved with Rathkenny FC.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Fiona Lawless on the birth of her second grandson;
- The basketball and volleyball teams from Coláiste na hInse;
- All local volunteers who are supporting Ukrainian refugees and local families who are hosting those in need;
- Local actors, Helen Behan and Clinton Liberty, on their roles on the ITV show “Holding”, written by Graham Norton;
- St. Brigid’s Drama Group and Navan Drama Group on their recent performances.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

- 4.1.1 To agree a date for the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Awards Night and list of recipients.

The protocol for the Municipal District Awards Night was outlined and responses were provided to queries raised. Councillors were asked to submit the names of suitable recipient groups and individuals and the decision regarding the final list and date can be made at a later meeting.

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



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

### **4.2 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update was provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the proposed works at the Platin junction – it is proposed to extinguish the right of way at the end of the R152 but this requires a statutory process, including site notices and public consultation, and an assessment of the junction. Kerb realignment has been carried out. The timeframe will depend on any objections received.
- Referred to a request by residents on Mosney Road for the road to be widened – the road improvement scheme included strengthening and overlay but there is no proposal to widen the road.
- Requested an update on works at the entrance to St. Cianan's Villas – the contractor is working on a number of projects and works are planned for during the summer holidays.
- Referred to the poor road surface at Ard Rí and queried if resurfacing works are planned – a number of estates have been identified for overlay works over a three year programme. The Transportation Section will carry out condition surveys and sections requiring attention will be done. This estate is on the list for assessment but increased costs will limit the works to be included.
- Welcomed the footpath repairs at the Commons, grass cutting in Lobinstown playground and the tree pruning undertaken.



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- Expressed concern at the impact of the Donore N51 road closure on the condition of the Boyne Road and queried if funding would be made available for its reinstatement – this will be raised with the Transportation Section.
- Welcome the proposal to provide a four-way stop junction at Rathbran – a number of options are being considered.
- Referred to the need to include grass removal as part of the grass cutting contract, e.g. in towns, villages and playgrounds – grass removal is not included but grass cutting is starting earlier in the year and therefore grass removal should not be an issue after the first two cuts.
- Referred to grass spreading along the cycle path on the Tara Road – it was agreed to check this.
- Queried when weekly street sweeping will take place in Bettystown and Laytown – this will commence when the Beach Wardens start in May/June but is weather dependent.
- Queried if the council is responsible for the treatment of Japanese Knotweed on private property and the cost involved – the council is responsible for the maintenance between roadside verges. If it is overgrowing onto the road from private property, the council will treat it, with the consent of the landowner. Otherwise the council is not responsible for its treatment on private property.

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.



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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

The minutes were noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested an update on the Public Realm Plan for Duleek.

9.1.2 Referred to road safety issues at Colpe/Southgate, including the number of entrances in close proximity to each other, the need for a safe crossing to access public transport and additional public lighting, and queried if any measures were planned other than maintenance works – a number of issues relating to Colpe Cross were discussed during a meeting between Transportation and the Gardaí. The entrances formed part of the planning permissions and Grangerath is not taken in charge so no works are planned at the entrance. Transportation are to review the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the roundabout. A safety audit of the junction in 2021 resulted in a recommendation that the barriers should be replaced with reflective bollards and this will be looked at.

9.1.3 The need for short-term traffic calming measures on the Mill Road, especially at peak school times, and the long-term plan for a parallel road – this is an unlit rural road and is not suitable for traffic calming measures. Consultations will be held with the developer regarding a footpath to the school.

9.1.4 Requested if the gap between Lagavoreen Manor and Avourwen, which is used as a shortcut to Rosevale, could be formalised to improve permeability between estates – neither estates are taken in charge. The lane under the railway is in private ownership and part is in Louth County Council remit. If the estates are



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taken in charge, ownership would need to be formalised and agreement reached with the parties involved.

9.1.5 The need for road markings and improved traffic calming on the Staleen/Drogheda roads and by the school in Donore – whilst there have not been many accidents reported, Transportation are looking at this and it is included on the request for works.

9.1.6 Requested that a letter issue to the NTA asking that all buses on the D1, D2, D4 and D5 routes be wheelchair accessible.

9.2 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Referred to complaints regarding speeding in Coney Hall and Seabury Lawns and the need to consider traffic calming options, including chicanes – Coney Hall had been included in the housing estate speed limit review and residents rejected the proposals put forward by the Transportation Section. The estate can be included in the next review, subject to funding being available. Signs are first erected, followed by chicanes and then ramps, if required.

9.2.2 Queried the timeframe for providing two dog bag dispensers on Tara Road.

9.2.3 Referred to the need for a raised table at the pedestrian crossing at Colpe/Southgate to provide safe access to the bus stop and encourage use of public transport.

9.2.4 Referred to the success of the temporary footpath at Colpe, for access to schools and for people walking.

9.2.5 Referred to the need for a proper footpath and cycle scheme on the Mill Road.

9.2.6 Queried why Brú na Bóinne was not included for free access to OPW sites on the first Wednesday of the month, as advertised.

9.3 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issue:



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9.3.1 Referred to hedges overgrowing onto the road opposite Mornington Manor – it was agreed to check this and issue notices, if required.

9.4 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Requested that the sections of footpath between the M1 roundabout and the IDA roundabout be remediated to facilitate wheelchair access to the bus stops – further information was requested. The action to be taken will depend on whether the sections are in the council's care or under the PPP.

9.4.2 Expressed thanks for the pothole repairs in Rathkenny.

9.4.3 Referred to the need for ramps on the approach roads to Donore – this is on the list for traffic calming requests.

9.4.4 Requested that the road markings at the junctions in Lobinstown be renewed – this will be included on the list for the contractors, who undertake the works at various times.

9.5 Councillor Geraldine Keogan raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Referred to the urgent need for traffic calming measures on Station Road and Main Street, Duleek – a preliminary design is to be undertaken for the junction at Station Road. Some works have been undertaken at the bridge on Station Road, with road lining to be done.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

