



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

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

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

***10.15 am, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Wayne Harding, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Tom Behan, Elaine McGinty, Geraldine Keogan, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Sharon Tolan.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Martin Murray

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Asaciova

**Apologies:** Fiona Lawless, Director of Service

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Elaine McGinty and seconded by Councillor Geraldine Keogan.

#### **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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- The family of the late Ken Piper, St. Benan's Villas, Laytown, who died following a tragic accident;
- The family of the late former councillor, Patsy O'Neill;
- The family of the late Seamus (Shamie) Califf, Mandistown, Drumconrath, with tributes paid on his Christmas lighting display on the N52;
- The family and colleagues of the late Tony Kinsella, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department, who was Project Manager for the Tara Road;
- The family of the late Jack Oliver, who died following a tragic accident at Kells Road Races.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath County Council for the organisation of the MD Civic Awards Event and particularly all those who were acknowledged at the event, including the Alzheimers Society and all the young sports people whose achievements set an excellent example for others;
- The organisers of the Duleek Fair Day;
- Cushinstown AC on celebrating their 50th Anniversary;
- Meath County Council, the Beach Management Committee and all volunteers on achieving the Green Flag Award for Mornington Beach, with hopes expressed the Blue Flag status can be achieved when the new facilities are open at Bettystown;
- Larry Clarke, Slane on his display to welcome the Rás.

## **4 Statutory Business**

### **4.1 Planning**



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- 4.1.1 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 2001–2022 on the proposed development which will consist of - the construction of 2 single storey 2-bed housing units, including all site development works with access through the existing Blackhill Crescent estate. The Development has been subject to an Appropriate Assessment screening in accordance with Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2021. In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2022 Meath County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination, that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. Location: Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney, Co. Meath. (P822005).

Paul Barrell, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Department outlined the report circulated, including the summary of submissions and conclusions, with a recommendation to proceed as proposed. The Part 8 process was also outlined.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Expressed support for the development.
  - Queried whether the units would be designed and/or designated as age friendly units – whilst not specifically designed as age friendly units, the design will accommodate access for those with limited mobility.
  - Underlined the need in the area for increased provision of single storey units for the elderly/disabled.
  - Queried whether additional parking could be provided as part of the design for the benefit of residents within the estate.
- 4.1.2 To receive a presentation from the MSc students in Planning & Development from Queens University Belfast on the proposed Public Realm Plan for Duleek.



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Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner introduced Neil Galway, Lecturer and students Jordan Torch and Darragh Friel, whom he thanked for undertaking a detailed analysis for Duleek and for presenting a summary of their main findings.

A presentation was delivered, which included information on key issues and opportunities, analysis on zoning and policies, notable buildings/architecture, connectivity/accessibility, a SWOT analysis and proposed projects.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Congratulated the students on their approach and welcomed the proposals, particularly those relating to facilities for teenagers, active and public transport, co-working spaces, illuminating landmarks, the riverwalk, communal spaces, etc.
- Underlined the need for a footpath and improved road safety measures on the approach to the new community facility.
- Requested that local schools be included in the Safe Routes to School programme.
- Welcomed the reference to the bypass and outer orbital link to address the serious traffic issues in Duleek, particularly HGV traffic, and improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Referred to the need for additional parking to be provided.
- Queried the next steps, including public consultation and community engagement, prioritising proposals and accessing funding.
- Acknowledged the wider benefits of having a public realm plan in improving civic pride.
- Queried whether public realm plans can be amended – it was confirmed that, as non-statutory documents, these can be amended at any time.



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Councillors were requested to review the report and submit ideas on projects and possible funding, with the council also to consider the opportunities based on the work completed. A number of short, medium and long term solutions have been proposed, with the bypass being a longer term solution. It was confirmed that an informal public consultation process will be undertaken, with the dates to be decided in the next month.

### **4.2 Community**

- 4.2.1 To receive details of the recommended grant offers by the Indaver Community Liaison Committee under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grant Scheme following their meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and if in agreement to forward to the Full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department outlined the recommended grant offers and these were endorsed on the proposal of Councillor Stephen McKee and seconded by Councillor Geraldine Keogan.

In response to an issue raised in relation to the timing of the receipt of the information, it was pointed out that a significant amount of work had been undertaken by the committee in assessing the applications and that every effort was being made to expedite the approval of the recommendations by the full council and allocate the funding to the recipient groups.

### **4.3 Transportation**

- 4.3.1 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:

- Welcomed the additional signage and Garda presence over the weekends to monitor parking and queried if there were plans to open up



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the field for additional parking and, if so, would height restriction barriers be installed.

- Welcomed the cycle repair station and parking racks in Duleek and Donore, the pedestrian warning signs in Staleen and the chevron signage in Mornington.
- Requested an update on works at St. Cianan's Villas – a road closure application has been received from Irish Water and the works will take place afterwards.
- Requested an update on the road safety scheme at Colpe – work on this is continuing.

### **4.4 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

4.4.1 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 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The minutes were noted.



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### **8 Correspondence**

#### **8.1 Correspondence received from the OPW re Brú na Bóinne.**

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

#### **9.1 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:**

9.1.1 Referred to additional funding allocated for bins and queried if these are to be provided in Mornington and Donacarney – there are no plans for additional bins. If funding is available for additional solar bins, this will be considered.

9.1.2 Requested additional dog bag dispensers in Mornington and Donacarney.

9.1.3 Expressed disappointment at the plan to commence the construction of the footpath in Donacarney in March 2023, when both the planning and funding are in place.

#### **9.2 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issues:**

9.2.1 Queried if further works are planned in Lobinstown to raise the footpath to improve accessibility to Heronstown N.S. – there are no plans for works on this historical path, which is on an rural road with no public lighting.

9.2.2 Referred to a number of roads in the municipal district that require urgent attention in relation to pothole repair.

#### **9.3 Councillor Geraldine Keogan raised the following issue:**

9.3.1 Referred to the need for a plan to slow traffic on the Carronstown Road, Drogheda – contact will be made the Road Safety Officer to see what can be done at this location.



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- 9.4 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:
- 9.4.1 Requested that contact be made with the JPC and Road Safety Officer querying what plans are in place to slow traffic from Drogheda to Greenogue to Kilmoon.
  - 9.4.2 Requested that road markings be renewed and additional traffic calming measures be provided in Donore – traffic calming measures will be included on the request for works list, with requests prioritised by the Transportation Department based on funding available.
  - 9.4.3 Queried an update on the boardwalk repairs – functional repairs were carried out in 2018. Full reinstatement would cost approximately €250,000. Long term temporary reinstatement is being considered.
  - 9.4.4 Queried who is responsible for emptying the dog waste bins – no specific dog waste bins are provided by the council.
  - 9.4.5 Requested that contact be made with Irish Water requesting that sufficient advance notification be provided for planned water outages and as soon as possible for unplanned water disruptions.
  - 9.4.6 Referred to the need for bins at bus stops on the Dublin Road and Deep Forde.
- 9.5 Councillor Wayne Harding raised the following issue:
- 9.5.1 Referred to the road at Slane Bridge where access to cut the grass in the field is no longer possible and requested that access be facilitated – it was agreed to check this.

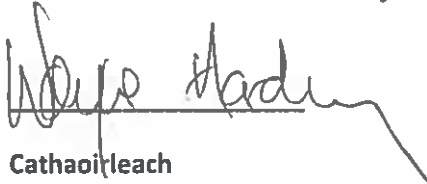
This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**





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Cathaoirleach

