



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

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

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

***10.00 am, 7<sup>th</sup> July 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:** Fiona Lawless

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Paddy Meade and seconded by Councillor Stephen McKee.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Stephen McKee and seconded by Councillor Geraldine Keogan.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Conor Tormey on the death of his father.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Planning**

##### **4.1.1 To receive an update on Slane Public Realm Plan.**

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner delivered a presentation which provided a brief recap on the purpose of public realm plans and with reference to the public consultation that took place in January/February and an outline of the 23 submissions received, the majority of which related to cycling, heritage and other general issues. The next steps include the finalisation and publication of the draft plan and an action plan, which will identify the elements that are eligible for funding and can be delivered.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Acknowledged the importance of the bypass in removing traffic and opening the village for pedestrians and cyclists and increasing the potential to create a more attractive tourist destination, with links to the greenway.
- Referred to the need to underline the benefits of such plans being implemented, despite any associated disruptions.
- Underlined the need for additional parking facilities to accommodate business customers, commuters and tourists.
- Requested that the filter lane from the N2 onto the N51 be retained.



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### 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.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that active travel initiatives be prioritised, e.g. in estates such as Briarstown Wood.
- Requested an update on works on the cycle path near Oldbridge and on the section of boardwalk still to be repaired, where there is limited access for wheelchair users – the boardwalk is in reasonable condition and is accessible. A longer term upgrade is planned to coincide with works being undertaken by Louth County Council on the obelisk bridge.
- Requested that an additional bollard be installed in Donore to prevent parking at weekends – the bollards installed were agreed with residents.
- Requested that the hedges be trimmed on the roadway along Beamore Business Centre.
- Requested that the stop lines in Donore village be repainted and that road lines in Lobinstown be renewed – it was agreed to add these to the list if not already included.
- Requested an update on the road safety scheme on the Colpe Road – this is on the list of works for the outdoor crew, which is currently busy dealing with the beach.
- Requested an update on the footpath in Donacorney.



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- Requested a schedule of works, with timelines, for housing estates – an indicative programme for road overlay is available but is weather dependent and subject to a number of other variables.
- Requested that the verges be cut alongside the temporary footpath on Colpe Road – the grass verges will be checked but this footpath will no longer be required from September.
- Queried whether it would be possible to cut verges twice per year, e.g. at Rosnaree, or consider moving verges back from road – verge cutting takes place annually over 8 weeks and efforts are made to do two cuts if required. It is not possible to visit every location and junctions/junction approaches are prioritised.
- Requested that the street sweeper visit Donore and Lobinstown in the next month and in advance of the Tidy Towns judging – councillors were requested to submit the judging dates.
- Referred to the N51 road closure and associated diversions and queried if TII would fund any require road reinstatement on diversion routes – additional traffic is being monitored and government funding has been provided in previous years to deal with any damage arising.
- Acknowledged works that have taken place in estates in Slane, such as St. Patrick's Terrace.

### **4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed applications.

## **5 Notice of Question**



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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 report from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The minutes were noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Referred to a presentation given to the Environment SPC on Eco Toilet Systems and requested that further details be sought, e.g. costs, connections, etc., with a view to seeing if these would be suitable for Seafield – portable toilets are used in Bettystown and consideration would have to be given to the maintenance and



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leasing costs associated with the eco facilities, which are a longer term measure.

9.1.2 Requested that all disabled parking spaces be repainted using the blue paint used elsewhere – it was agreed to check the latest standards that apply and compile a list of locations.

9.1.3 Requested that refill water stations be installed in Laytown, e.g. Tara Road and Seafield.

9.1.4 Queried when free WiFi will be provided in Laytown, Bettystown, Duleek, etc.

9.2 Councillor Tom Behan raised the following issue:

9.2.1 With regard to the Eco Toilet Systems, pointed out that these cost approximately €12,000 for installation, with the company undertaking the connections, maintenance, disposal, etc. They charge a usage fee and advertising is also used to cover the costs.

9.3 Councillor Paddy Meade raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Referred to the excellent work being carried out by community groups in maintaining graveyards, some of which are in poor condition. He requested that the council undertake one grass cut per year and/or provide groups with environmentally friendly weedkiller to assist and to improve health and safety in advance of Blessings of the Graves – these graveyards are in different ownership and the municipal district staff do not carry out any works other than in Duleek graveyard. Works outside graveyards, e.g. verge cutting, are carried out. Whilst it is not possible to cut the grass annually, consideration will be given to what, if anything, can be done. Community grants are also available to assist such groups.

9.4 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Requested an update on plans for Mount Hanover crossroad – this low cost safety scheme will be progressed this year and an update will be provided when it is further advanced.

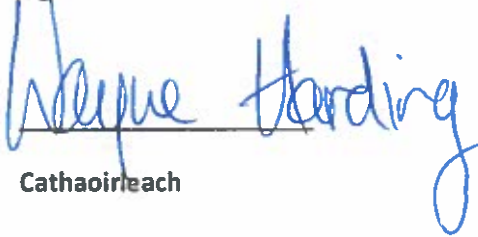


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- 9.4.2 Referred to the poor road surface at Duleek graveyard – a lot of the area is within Ashbourne Municipal District, with damaged kerbs within the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District. It was agreed to request an update.
- 9.4.3 Queried if there were any plans to improve visibility/safety at the junction at Duleek graveyard, especially for traffic exiting the Julianstown Road.
- 9.4.4 Requested that bins be provided at bus stops, e.g. on the Dublin Road opposite Deep Forde.
- 9.4.5 Referred to HGV traffic on the road outside Legavoureen, despite the restriction signs at either end of the road, and queried if additional measures could be introduced to prevent this – this requires Garda monitoring and enforcement.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

  
Cathaoirleach

