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Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

10.00 am, 2nd February 2023, Duleek Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Wayne Harding, presided.

Councillors Present: Councillor Elaine McGinty.

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillors Geraldine Keogan, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade and Sharon Tolan.

Apologies: Councillor Tom Behan.

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 12th January 2023.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th January 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Elaine McGinty 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



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Sympathy was extended to:

- Kitty Foyle, Transportation Department, on the death of her brother, Seamus;
- Audrey Norris, Corporate Affairs & Governance, on the death of her mother, Molly.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Claire King, Meetings Administrator, on her new role within Corporate Affairs & Governance;
- The Active Travel Office on the recent funding announcement, with particular reference to the funding allocated for the Donacarneey footpath and cycleway.
- The news of the appointment by the council of a Biodiversity Officer was also welcomed.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 To consider and adopt the 2023 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

In attendance on behalf of the Transportation Department were Martin Murray, Director of Services, Caroline Corrigan, Senior Engineer, Kitty Foyle, Senior Executive Officer, and Majella Farrell, Administrative Officer.

Caroline Corrigan delivered a presentation which included information on an overview of 2022, sustainability and the circular economy, data led SMDW development, pre-2018 versus 2022 PSCI ratings, Meath's performance in comparison to the national average, an overview of the 2023 SMDW programme, challenges for 2023, sources of funding, how increased investment in the road network has led to network improvements and reactive, planned and strategic services.

Matters raised by councillors, and responses provided, included:



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- Welcomed the increased funding and progress made in 2022 – the significant investment being made was acknowledged.
- Welcomed the focus on climate action and sustainability, particularly the planned decarbonisation of the fleet, and queried what measurables will be used for contractors under green procurement.
- Referred to the absence of funding to progress the Julianstown bypass and the recent decision not to progress the Galway ring road and queried if such road projects were no longer likely to be advanced – it was pointed out that the agenda item relates to the Schedule of Municipal District Works and national policy and Department of Transport policy would involve a much wider discussion.
- Expressed concern that some roads in rural areas had not been subject to a PSCI survey and were in poor condition whilst CIS was being used to repair public roads as well as cul-de-sacs – 96% of roads were surveyed and account is also taken of feedback from MD engineers, GSSs and councillors.
- Queried the percentage of overall funding allocated to Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District and if this reflected the population increase – population growth is acknowledged in having an impact on road condition and the programme is based on data and engineering/technical information.
- Referred to the number of new developments in the municipal district, and the associated specified development levies, and in which plan do such road improvements appear – the council's own resources had doubled, due in part to levies. However, there are very few road specific levies and much of the levies generated is targeted towards amenities.
- Queried whether road improvement works on the Station Road, Duleek, Beamore Road and Longford Road, Duleek would include traffic calming and road safety measures, including public lighting.
- Requested that Cockhill Lane, which is a popular access route to the beach at Gormanston, be surveyed.



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- Referred to the delays in Irish Water applying for road opening licences after being paid for connections.

Corrina Elder, Senior Engineer, Housing Department delivered a presentation, which included examples of improvement works carried out, sources of funding including centralised budgets and the funding allocated to the various categories and the planned programme of works for the year.

The 2023 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District was adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**.

4.2 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

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.

5 Notice of Motion

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“To ask the Council to undertake a new Safety Scheme at Beamore Cross due to the high number of cars using that junction and traffic survey if possible. A number of large SHD housing estates have come to stream in the last 6 months and additional traffic is expected. Traffic in the area is well up and we need a plan or review to see what is needed, pending more longer term capital investment plan.”



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Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

The Council previously implemented safety works to provide additional signage and lining at the junction, to address safety concerns.

As part of the Council's submission to An Bord Pleanála regarding the SHD developments on the zoned lands to the north of the junction, the provision of a special contribution towards future improvements to this junction was proposed. However, this particular provision was not included as part of the final determination by the Board.

The Council proposes to carry out some preliminary traffic surveys this year to form part of preliminary assessment of the junction. This information can be used to identify possible interim and medium term options and also support applications for requests for funding.

Councillor Elaine McGinty introduced the motion by referring to the number of SHDs commenced or planned recently and the related safety concerns regarding the junction. Councillors Sharon Tolan, Stephen McKee and Wayne Harding spoke in support of the motion.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Elaine McGinty** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**, was agreed.

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

- 6.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 2nd December 2022.

The minutes were noted.

- 6.2 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC meeting of 20th December 2022.

The report was noted.

- 6.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 8th



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December 2022.

The report was noted.

6.4 To note the report from the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee of 15th December 2022.

The report was noted.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Stephen McKee raised the following issues:

- 8.1.1 Referred to the need for road safety measures at Donore, particularly at the school – this has been referred to the Transportation Section, including the junction.
- 8.1.2 Requested that potholes be filled along the route of the 5kms road race taking place on 26th February in Duleek.
- 8.1.3 Queried if drainage works are planned on the back lane at Mill Race – the drainage issues are partly caused by permanent surfaces in rear gardens and it would be costly to rectify. Consideration will be given to a low cost solution.
- 8.1.4 Requested new bins and dog bag dispensers in Duleek, e.g. at the new bench on the green – the Tidy Towns committee had requested a bin at the bench and had committed to maintaining it.
- 8.1.5 Referred to the damaged wall at the church in Julianstown – it was agreed to check this.



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8.1.6 Requested an update on the provision of EV charging points.

8.1.7 Requested an update on the Duleek Public Realm Plan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wayne Harding".

Cathaoirleach