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Ordinary Meeting

Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

10.00 am, 11th May 2023, Duleek Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Wayne Harding**, presided.

Councillors Present: Geraldine Keogan, Elaine McGinty, and Paddy Meade

Councillors Present via Zoom: Stephen McKee, Sharon Tolan, Tom Behan

Apologies/Absent:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Deputising Larry Whelan SEO

Executive Engineer: Christy Clarke

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: DoS Fiona Lawless

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 6th April 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of April 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Members requested an amendment to 4.1.1 Eastham Road project; proposal and it should read that the members agreed to proceed with the preliminary design to public consultation.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the:

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- Family of the late Dan McKane, Christine McKane and Julia McSorley who were involved in a fatality on the N2/A5 road.
- Family of the late Mary Morgan, Balrenny, Slane
- Family of the late Hilda Lynch, Minnistown, Laytown.

Congratulations were extended to the:

- Organisers of the Darkness into Light events
- Corporate Services in lighting up various buildings for the event.
- Colaiste na hInce, Bettystown on reaching various sporting finals.

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 circulated in advance was noted.

4.2 Corporate Services

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

The list circulated in advance was noted.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“To ask Meath County Council when work will be carried out to ensure that there is safe and clear pedestrian access between Avourwen, Legavooren Manor and Rosevale estates, Drogheda, County Meath given the Council's commitment to promoting active travel and permeability in urban areas and the fact that Legavooren Manor is soon to be taken in charge.”

Response:

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These estates are at different stages with regard to the taking in charge process, Rosevale is taken in charge, Avourwen is still under construction, Lagavooren Manor is not taken in charge as of yet. The Planning Department are liaising with a third-party regarding undertaking compliance works in Lagavooren Manor on foot of the taking in charge to bring the estate up to standard before handing over to the Municipal District. Until such a time as the taking in charge processes are complete for all the estates the Council is currently not in a position to carry out any works.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“That Meath County Council put in place traffic calming measures on the R152 road between Drogheda and Kilmoon to help reduce the speed of traffic and improve road safety; that the Council continue to liaise with Gardai on speed enforcement on the road and furthermore, in line with its Active Travel commitments, immediately set about the putting in place of a pedestrian crossing on the R152 at Duleek Soccer Club to facilitate safe access to and from the grounds for children and families.”

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

There is currently no funding ring fenced for traffic calming works at on the R152. Meath County Council will consider any traffic calming measures that could improve the R152 from a pedestrian/vehicle interaction perspective, when funding becomes available.

On the proposal by **Cllr Stephen McKee** and seconded **Cllr Paddy Meade** the motion was noted.

Cllr McKee advised that traffic calming measures and signage are required along this road to reduce speeding and that there is no safe crossing area at the Duleek Soccer Club.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

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“To call on Central Transportation and the TII to investigate the erection of bollards on the western side of Slane bridge along the outside rim of the pedestrian lane of the bridge ensuring a short term safety measure for pedestrian users of the bridge.”

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

The existing Slane Bridge is currently included in the public realm proposals being progressed in conjunction with the N2 Slane Bypass scheme. The existing layout on the existing N2 Slane Bridge will be reviewed subject to the various TII and the National Monument Service’s requirements, procedures etc.

On the proposal by **ClIr Wayne Harding** and seconded by **ClIr Paddy Meade** the motion was agreed.

ClIr Harding advised that the Slane Tidy Towns had suggested putting bollards on one side of the bridge to allow pedestrians to walk safely across the bridge.

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 31st March 2023.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the Draft Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC Meeting Minutes of the 20th of April 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

7.3 To note the Draft Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC minutes of 25th April 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from Adetola Akinboboye, Transition Year student at Drogheda

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Educate Together regarding Young Social Innovators Project on Coastal Erosion.

It was agreed to pass on the telephone numbers of the councillors to Adetola to make contact directly with them.

9 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised with responses:

- Update on the taking in charge of Lagavooren Manor – advised Council cannot carry out any works until the estate is taken in charge. An assessment will be carried out with a list of works to be completed along with the costings.
- Seeking a pedestrian crossing between the carpark and Laytown train station as footfall has increased – advised there was a scheme to signalise the traffic underneath the bridge, will need to confirm this.
- Referred to the 3D/4D mast erected under a S254 licence application, lack of consultation – advised applicant granted a S254 licence with several conditions. Applicant appealed the condition to consult with residents to An Bord Pleanála and this condition was overturned.
- Group seeking assistance with Hungary Hall Community Park in becoming a Green Flag site- advised will provide assistance.
- Referred to works outside the playground and can the banks/verges be removed as well- will carry out works if resources allow.
- Referred to the potholes that need repair – advised a crew on fulltime filling potholes.
- Potholes on lane beside Fr Ryans Park need repair – advised currently working on main roads in housing estates.
- Referred to a footpath blocked outside a development in Donacarney – this is a matter for the developer as not taken in charge.
- Concern with the bottle banks re-located beside the playground in Duleek – advised best area and will be reviewed daily by the outdoor crew.
- Members congratulated the Cathaoirleach for his assistance over the last year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach