

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

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

***10.00a.m. am, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Duleek Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Stephen McKee** presided.

**Councillors Present:** Geraldine Keogan, Paddy Meade, Tom Behan

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Elaine McGinty, Sharon Tolan, Wayne Harding

**Apologies/Absent:**

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Dara McGowan

**Executive Engineer:** Christy Clarke

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

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

The were no matters arising.

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

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Sympathy was extended:

- To the family of the late Denis Kealy, Dunshaughlin.
- To the family of the late David McAteer, Castletown, Navan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Peggy Downey, Chrissie Ferris and Noel Quinn for their dedicated service to St Vincent de Paul Society.
- Alex Maguire on qualifying for the 151<sup>st</sup> Open Golf Championship.
- Tommy Weir, founder of Drogheda Credit Union.

#### **4 To receive a presentation from Laytown F.C.**

Laytown FC representatives Lisa Keyes and Nicola Crowe gave a presentation to the members and outlined the Clubs plan over the next two years including progressing coaching roles, building female teams, and developing their current facilities by applying for funding through the various schemes. Ms Keyes advised that there is over 400 members now registered with a significant increase of over 70% since 2020. There are over 40 coaches: 22 teams including 2 senior teams and 2 girl's teams.

The members raised the following:

- Commended the club on what it has accomplished.
- Need to ensure that young persons have alternative options to keep them occupied.
- A long-term lease required by the club to secure future funding.
- A need to share facilities with other clubs and the community.
- Update on 5 acres on Tara Road and what's happening with it.
- Insert condition in long term lease to Club, if unsuccessful in securing funding, the lease is dissolved.
- The Council to apply for the large-scale infrastructure fund is the preferable option and if unsuccessful then a long-term lease can be granted to the club.
- Referred to the club been granted a long-term lease and would this hamper the council applying for the large-scale infrastructure.

Dara McGowan advised that a large-scale sports infrastructure fund application was submitted in 2019 but was unsuccessful. Leases were not renewed at that time to enable an application to be submitted.

He said that the draft plan for this area includes changing facilities, not a community centre. He referred to the next call and awaits on the guidelines to issue from the department.

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He referred to the five-acre site on Tara Road, Laytown and as the Council purchased the site at market value, it is not proposed to lease the lands to a club at a nominal fee. It is the intention to develop this site to provide facilities that come under the remit of the Council.

He also advised that if Laytown FC was granted a long-term lease, the Council would not apply for the large-scale sports infrastructure funding as it would need to be the lead partner to develop the lands.

Councillor Sharon Tolan proposed that the club be granted a long-term lease with a condition to return the lease should the club be unsuccessful in securing funding.

Councillor Tom Behan proposed a counter proposal that the Council apply for the large-scale funding and if unsuccessful then grant a long-term lease to the club. This was seconded by Councillor Paddy Meade and agreed by Councillors Keogan, McGinty and McKee.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Community**

5.1.1 To consider the draft Meath Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

Fiona Fallon SEO gave a presentation on the LECP where she outlined the objectives and actions that will support the economic development and the local and community development of County Meath over the next six years. She said that the economic elements will guide and support the economic development role of the local authority and is developed by the Economic Development SPC with the Community elements developed by the LCDC. She advised that the next steps are the consideration of the draft LECP by each MD and the Eastern Midland Regional Assembly with the integrated LECP to be adopted by Full Council in Quarter 4.

On the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** the members agreed to proceed to the next stage of the process.

#### **5.2 Corporate Services**

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

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The allocations submitted in advance were noted. The members were requested to submit completed applications for funding by the end of September where these will be processed for payment if in order.

### **5.3 Transportation**

5.3.1 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws statutory process.

Paul Phelan SEE gave an update on the proposed Special Speed Limit for Housing estates byelaws which were on public display until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023. He advised that no objections were received in relation to the proposed byelaws and therefore will proceed to full council for approval.

On the proposal of **Cllr Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Cllr Tom Behan** the members agreed to proceed as outlined.

- The members requested that the proposed list of Housing Estates for inclusion in the 30 km/h Housing Estate Special Bye-Law update be circulated.
- Enquired if 30 km/h speed limit is now an automatic condition of planning permission. – advised that the Housing estate needs to be taken in charge first.
- Referred to the Northlands and if taken in charge - advised will check out if any of the phases have been taken in charge.

5.3.2 To receive an update on the Julianstown Traffic Relief Scheme (formerly known as the R132 Julianstown Bypass scheme) and the findings from the Phase 0 Strategic Assessment Report.

Paul Phelan SEE gave an update on progress and advised that a preliminary appraisal form had been submitted to the Department of Transport regarding the proposed scheme. The Department advised that an origin destination study needed to be carried out. Consultants were appointed and carried out a review of the traffic movement in Julianstown. A formal Strategic Assessment Report was submitted in March 2023 to the Department requesting approval to proceed to the next phase. The Council are currently awaiting this approval.

The members raised the following:

- Referred to the increase in traffic by 2% and an increase in the tolls.



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- Welcome traffic calming measures but need the by-pass.
- Cars are bypassing the tolls and driving through Julianstown.
- New houses are being built in this area which will add to the traffic volume.
- Need more information on the options identified and a preferred route.
- What is the update on the Traffic Calming scheme.
- What is the timeframe for the traffic relief scheme.
- Can the traffic calming scheme be tendered out.
- How was the traffic that drove through the village measured and when was it carried out.

Paul Phelan responded to questions raised:

- Traffic calming scheme is funded by the council. Uisce Éireann are expected to be laying pipes later this year in Julianstown and when their works are completed, traffic calming works will commence.
- The Julianstown Traffic Relief scheme is funded by the Department Transport. This scheme, if approved to proceed, is expected to require significant funding with some of the potential options noted for further consideration estimated to cost in the region of €30m to complete.
- The potential options were identified as part of the submission, nothing has been approved by the department.
- Traffic study identified that 40% of cars through Julianstown come from Bettystown/Laytown, 15% from Mornington and the balance from Drogheda.
- 60% of traffic in the morning drives through Julianstown to access the M1.
- Traffic count was carried out using the NTA eastern region model.
- Traffic count completed in October 2022 which tracked Bluetooth data.
- Will check data from the live counters for the most recent figures.

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

The report circulated in advance was noted with the following raised:

- Referred to the Dunmoe Phase 2 contract where works still need to be completed.
- Enquired about verge cutting from City North Hotel on R132 to Julianstown- advised that this area is in Ashbourne MD and that Transport section intend carrying out works at the junction next year.
- Enquired on the timeline for completion of works in Duleek – advised seeking tenders and hope to have works completed by year end.

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- Referred to the relocation of the bottlebanks and no dumping signs – advised very little dumping happening here.
- Referred to the survey on the playgrounds where some works need to be completed.

### **6 Notice of Question**

There was none.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

There was none.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was none.

### **10 Any Other Business**

Members were requested to submit nominations for representatives to sit on the Economic Forum.

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- Cllr Behan enquired if there was an update on the pedestrian crossing at the bridge in Laytown- this is on the list for completion.
- Cllr Behan referred to his motion on customer parking and if any update – advised had discussions with transport and to revert with an update.
- Cllr Tolan referred to old signage on the motorway that needs to be removed- will put on list to remove.
- Cllr Tolan enquired about the alternative bus routes when works start on the Donacarney/Eastham Road – advised that this is for Bus operators to notify customers.
- Cllr Meade referred to the poor road conditions & repairs required in the north of the district – Crew in place with pothole repairs ongoing.
- Cllr Meade said that road signs are being stolen and auctioned, need replacements.
- Cllr McGinty enquired about signage at the Battle of the Boyne site where google maps are sending the public to housing estates- these signs are in place many years.
- Cllr McGinty requested re-wilding signs for resident’s groups. – to check out.
- Cllr McGinty asked for the timeframe for completion of works to the damaged boardwalk at Oldbridge- areas identified and to prepare maintenance plan to repair damaged locations.
- Cllr McGinty enquired about a pedestrian crossing at Bryanstown Wood. – on list for works which is carried out centrally.
- Cllr McGinty asked for traffic calming measures at Wolfe Tones GFC on the Platin/Duleek Road. – on list for works which is carried out centrally.
- Cllr McKee referred to overgrown verges at Kilsharvan Cemetery- council don’t do maintenance works at graveyards, very good committee here that are doing good work.
- Cllr McKee enquired about planting flowers on the two Colpe roundabouts-scheme being considered for upgrading the roundabouts.
- Cllr McKee requested Dog Bins along the Colpe road to Bryanstown- to submit in locations to install bins.
- Cllr McKee referred to Lagavooren Manor which needs tidying up – not taken in charge, can do works once in charge.

Christy Clarke EE advised that he is due to leave in two weeks and thanked the members for their assistance during his time as engineer in Duleek.

The members congratulated Christy on his upcoming career change and wished him good health and happiness. They thanked him for all his help, support, and guidance during his time in the district.

On behalf of the executive, Dara McGowan thanked Christy for all his work and wished him well in his new job.

The meeting concluded at 12pm.

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