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Ordinary Meeting

Laytown Bettystown Municipal District

10:00am, 7th December 2023, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Sharon Tolan, Wayne Harding,

Councillors Present via Zoom: Paddy Meade and Geraldine Keogan

Apologies/Absent: Councillor Tom Behan and Elaine McGinty

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Eoin McNally

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 9th November 2023.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 9th of November 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 9th November 2023.

The minutes of the special finance meeting held on the 9th November 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Councillor Harding and Councillor Tolan raised their concerns on the inaccurate reporting on social media regarding an invite from Indaver to the MD members to the annual Carranstown

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awards event. Director Dara McGowan had clarified the issue with the invite to the members and can clarify this to the reporter.

Members asked if there was an update to the query raised on why the council houses in Dun Eimer do not pay management fees – advised, referred to housing and awaiting on a response for circulation.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Sarah Lodge, formerly of Athboy.

Congratulations were extended to the:

- Mothers and Others group in Duleek for raising 150k for the Childrens hospital.
- Coláiste na Hinse school, Bettystown on their Christmas event.
- Boyne Valley on their recent victory in the Regional Football championship.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

There was none.

5 To receive a Presentation from Bremore Ireland and Drogheda Port in respect of the proposed Bremore Ireland Port.

Dr Joseph Hiney, and Rory Williams Bremore Ireland Port gave an overview on the Bremore Port Master Plan vision. The members were advised on the following:

- Public Private development with 51% owned by Drogheda port.
- Location studies ongoing over 15 years.
- Situated along a connected East Coast as close to the M1 motorway, rail link and other ports.
- A new state of the art port catering for all cargo types and complementing Drogheda and Dublin ports.
- An energy hub with a transition to green hydrogen production and offshore windfarm support.
- Economic impact by creating employment locally and nationally.
- Enhance the tourist attractions in the area.
- A phased development with a planning application due for submission 2025/2026.

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The members raised the following:

- Welcome and support the plans.
- Welcome the provision of local jobs.
- Referred to engaging with the local community at an early stage and with the National Parks and Wildlife agency.
- Enquired about the impact to the river Delvin, fishing clubs and aquatic species.
- Enquired about impacts to the environment at Laytown/Bettystown/Skerries.
- Referred to securing lands and if there's any progress.
- Enquired if any liaison with the Council and/or commitment from Dublin & Drogheda ports.
- Suggested having a montage of the proposed port for the public to view.
- Referred to the area being designated as a Special Protection area by the department and open for submissions until February 2024.

Dr Hiney and Mr Williams responded and advised that engagement has commenced with the Council Planners, environmental assessments need to be completed prior to applying for a licence from MARA and some scoping works have been carried out already. They advised that talks have commenced with private landowners and that Drogheda Port has CPO powers to acquire land. They said that a digital design of the port is near completion and that they have met with Gormanstown residents several times.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

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

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

- Start date for the Coast Road works- advised will check for a date.
- When will the Pedestrian crossing be energised on the golf links road- advised waiting for the ESB to complete works.
- Enquired if Donore can be included on the list for monthly street sweeping- advised can be added to next year's list.
- A completion date for Donacarney footpath works- advised will check out completion date with active travel section.
- Referred to gullies that near clearing – advised that gully cleaning is ongoing.
- Referred to the Stop sign at Bettystown cross that needs cleaning.

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6.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The allocations were noted.

7 Notice of Question

There were none.

8 Notice of Motion

There were none.

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

- 9.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3rd November 2023.

The minutes were noted.

- 9.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 3rd November 2023.

The minutes were noted.

- 9.3 To note the draft minutes from the Housing, Community, and Cultural Development SPC of 21st November 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

- 9.4 To note the draft minutes of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 3rd November 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

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10 Correspondence

There was none.

11 Any Other Business

The members had the following issues:

Cllr Wayne Harding:

- Referred to the equipment in the Playground in Slane that needs attention- Advised that a playground repairs tender is being prepared.
- Referred to the Cul de Sac on the Navan/Slane Road past Naughtons which requires a sign indicating the turn off – referred to members reps to log.
- Enquired if Avourwen estate which is not completed, with other phases commencing, be referred to planning for an assessment - referred to members reps to log.
- Enforcement required of the public parking in the disabled spaces on the beach - advised no contract for wardens to do these works.
- Referred to safety issues at Crann Daire Bre and Abbeyview junction, Slane - referred to members reps to log.
- Traffic calming measures required at Applegreen on the Duleek/Drogheda Road- referred to members reps to log.

Cllr Sharon Tolan:

- Referred to the Playground in Bettystown which needs attention- Advised that a playground repairs tender is being prepared.
- Beach wardens required at weekends to enforce parking in disabled spaces- advised no contract for Beach wardens to do these works.
- A review of chicanes in Castlemartin estate required as cars are speeding and using the other side of the road – to follow up on a review.
- Lighting at the Voyager and Triton roundabout not working - referred to members reps to log.
- Narrowways road which has dips following re- instatement works by a contractor, which needs to be followed up with the company - referred to members reps to log.
- Road markings required at the Eastham Road junction/Bettystown cross- referred to members reps to log.
- Referred to the sequence of traffic lights along Marsh Road to Drogheda causing backlog of traffic travelling from Bettystown – advised can refer to Louth County Council.

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- Enquired if the traffic survey completed as part of the joint transport plan – advised survey not completed.

CLlr Stephen McKee:

- Enquired when the Heritage plan for Duleek will be completed – advised that this is completed and currently being proofed.
- Asked on an update for works to the Duleek graveyard junction – advised that a scheme has been designed and await details if approved for funding.
- Referred to the road markings along the Colpe to Julianstown road which cannot be seen at night-time. - advised will look at road markings.
- Enquired on an update on the road safety scheme for Station Road junction, Duleek – advised that this is being re-tendered this week.
- Sought an update on the traffic calming scheme for Julianstown - Advised that Uisce Eireann due to commence works here until 2025, scheme on hold until these works completed.
- Referred to the roll out of LED public lighting in housing estates and a commencement date – roll out to commence quarter 3 2024 to replace old lights.
- Additional car parking spaces required for Bettystown – advised there are no plans for more parking spaces.
- A review of road safety measures at Applegreen at Carranstown is required - referred to members reps to log.
- The junction at Beamore cross requires a review of road safety measures – advised that there is €100k in the capital plan, but funding hasn't been approved yet, to carry out a feasibility study.
- Referred to Wolfe Tones GAA club, where traffic calming measures are required - referred to members reps to log.
- Referred to a gap between Avourwen and Lagavooren estates that needs attention – advised that the gap between estates is not taking in charge, so cannot do any works.
- Dog waste bags needed along the Southgate Road, Colpe cross – will review this area.

Dara McGowan thanked all and wished everyone a happy Christmas as this is his last meeting as MD manager.

The meeting concluded at 12pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach