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Ordinary Meeting

Laytown Bettystown Municipal District

10:00am, 11th January 2024, Duleek Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Sharon Tolan, Wayne Harding, Paddy Meade, Elaine McGinty, and Geraldine Keogan

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/Absent: Councillor Tom Behan

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

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 7th December 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of December 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There was none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Senator Regina Doherty on the passing of her father Paddy Dalton.

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- Sinead Murphy LMETB on the passing of her father Michael Ludden.
- Cavan Councillor Clifford Kelly on the passing of his wife Betty.
- Family of the late Anne Barden, Julianstown and former school principal.
- Family of the late Bernadette Noone London Irish Association.

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

There was none.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transport

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

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

- Enquired if a date can be agreed to commence works on the playgrounds once the contractor has been approved. – Engineer advised a date can be agreed.
- Referred to the street sweeping carried out in the South Drogheda area and if this can be included in the monthly progress report. – noted by the engineer.
- Referred to the bins on Station Road, Duleek which were overflowing – engineer advised that bins checked daily and will follow up.
- Enquired if the two Colpe road roundabouts and top of Mill Road be included in the grass cutting contract along with Beamore cross and Platin junction- noted by the engineer.
- Sought a completion date for the Donacarney cycle way works- engineer to revert with a date.

5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 5.2.1 To approve amendments to the Municipal District Standing Orders Regulating

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the proceedings of the meetings

The members approved the amendments on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**.

6 Notice of Question

There was none.

7 Notice of Motion

There was none.

8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports

There was none.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The members raised the following:

Cllr Elaine McGinty:

- Referred to flooding on the Beamore road with heavy rainfall- referred to engineer.
- Referred to no footpath/ cycleway on the Beamore Road causing a danger to people using the road – referred to engineer.
- A need for footpaths on the Platin road Duleek where pedestrians are walking – referred to engineer.
- Referred to a yellow box needed at Avourwen estate to Wolfe Tones club house, Drogheda – referred to engineer.
- Enquired when road lining will be completed at Bryanstown Wood, Beamore Road – advised that the developer will be completing these works.
- Referred to the green kilometre and intends organising this event again with environment.

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Cllr Sharon Tolan:

- Referred to the members rep's portal where a case updates as being resolved but works remain outstanding – to follow up on the details.
- Referred to a footpath that needs to be repaired in the Cloisters, Bettystown- noted by engineer.
- The barrier is damaged at Southgate roundabout and grass need to be trimmed- noted by the engineer.
- The gate into the Bettystown playground needs repairing. - engineer to follow up.
- Enquired if there was any update on the OPW flooding report- to follow up with environment.
- Referred to black bags dumped in the Old Mill, Julianstown –submitted to members reps.
- The Wildflowers along Tara Road, Bettystown need to be cut so they will grow back. - engineer to follow up.
- Enquired when the lighting will be repaired to the Voyager and at the Triton Roundabout- engineer to follow up.
- Referred to dips on the Narrowways Road at the Maples, Bettystown where a road opening was carried out by a contractor – Engineer to follow up.
- Enquired on an update to the footpath to connect the boardwalk from the Golf links road- Engineer to follow up.

Cllr Wayne Harding:

- Raised concerns that the road where the NS school in Duleek needs to be gritted and referred to all roads to schools need to be included – Fiona Lawless suggested that this be raised at the Transport SPC to look at the feasibility of schools close to regional roads to be included on gritting routes.
- Referred to speeding along the Donore to Staleen road- noted by engineer.
- Enquired if a sign for horses crossing be erected on the Tubberfin road at Franks Cottage- noted by engineer.,
- Referred to break in footpath to the Drogheda retail park, coming from Donore.
- Referred to a second public light required at the houses in Beauparc, Slane.
- Raised concerns around the parking at the pub in Laytown-noted by engineer.

Cllr Geraldine Keogan:

- Referred to businesses affected by Uisce Eireann and ESB outages.
- Enquired if a one-way system be installed at the Spire to the Navan Road, Duleek – engineer to review.

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- Sought update on when works are commencing on lower Duleek/Station Road junction- referred to engineer for an update.
- Enquired on road safety measures for Carranstown road.

Cllr Paddy Meade:

- Referred to the locals gritting the roads in Lobinstown village as they were blocked due to black ice.
- Enquired when the banks will be lowered near the playground to allow for a stand in area- noted by the engineer.
- Referred to speeding in Donore village and noted by engineer.
- Raised the parking issue in Laytown village which was noted by engineer.
- Referred to the ongoing issues with broadband in Lobinstown – Fiona Lawless advised will seek a report from the Council’s Broadband officer on the broadband coverage in that area.

Cllr Stephen McKee:

- Support the inclusion of schools on the gritting routes.
- Referred to works required on the Beamore road due to flooding issues.
- Footpath required on the Rathmullan road to the boardwalk – referred to the engineer.
- Referred to dumping on the Plaitin road- referred to the engineer.
- No dog bins in Donacarney or Colpe road to Dublin road- to review to environment to assess
- Need bus shelters in Duleek and Donacarney
- Referred to Wolf Tones FC, Drogheda where a pedestrian crossing is required – referred to engineer for update.
- Update on start date for works on Station Road junction, Duleek. - engineer to update.
- Referred to speeding through Donore. - noted by engineer.
- Advised on sandbags in estates that need to be removed – noted by engineer.
- Referred to Public Lighting which is not energised in Donacarney – advised if logged in CRM, it is therefore in system for the contractor.

The business concluded at 11.15am.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach