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Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District

10.00a.m. 9th July 2026, Duleek Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Maria White** presided.

Councillors Present: Sharon Tolan, Carol Lennon, Wayne Harding, Paddy Meade, Stephen McKee

Councillors Present via Zoom: Geraldine Keogan.

Apologies/Absent: none

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Services: Gareth McMahon

Executive Engineer: Paul Tumelty

Meetings Administrator: Alison Condra

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

Observer: Mr. Tom Wilson, Binghamton University.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 11th June 2026

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Carol Lennon.**

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 11th June 2026

The Minutes were proposed by **Councillor Carol Lennon** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan.**

3.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

4.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were conveyed to the Louth Senior GAA team on reaching the All- Ireland Senior Football Semi Final.
Cille's Athletics on the organisation of the Bettystown 5k event.
Nicola Sheridan on her completion of the Gold Coast Marathon.

5.0 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report was circulated in advance and reviewed by the Members. Mr Paul Tumelty responded to any issues raised.

5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The allocations were noted.

6.0 Notice of Questions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria White

"Can Meath County Council please provide a breakdown of the costs for the Civic Centre in Bettystown, to include specifically the cost of the site, cost of reports/studies completed prior to purchase of site, reports/studies completed after the purchase, cost of raw materials and labour."

Response:

While the building is now substantially complete and has been opened to the public, it is important to note that the construction contracts associated with the project cannot yet be formally closed out. In accordance with standard contractual procedures, these contracts will remain active until the Defects Liability Period has fully expired, allowing for the identification and rectification of any outstanding issues. Only after this period has concluded, and once the Project Architect has reviewed the works in full and issued the Final Certificate for Payment, can the construction phase be considered fully complete and the contracts officially closed. Consequently, the final account for the project has not been closed out.

Councillor White noted the response and stated that she would seeking the expenditure figures at a later date.

7.0 Notice of Motions

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Geraldine Keogan

"To call on Meath County Council to implement immediate traffic calming & signage measures along the L5622 in Moorechurch, Julianstown which links Whitecross, Julianstown to Stamullen village."

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

Meath County Council Transportation Department adopted a Traffic Calming Policy for the County at the Full Council Meeting November 2025.

The policy sets out detailed criteria for the assessment and delivery of Traffic Calming measures to reduce the adverse effects that speed and volumes of traffic have on our roads.

Traffic Calming aims to improve road safety and enhance the environment for all road users and allows for a programme of schemes to be developed and to seek annual funding. Traffic calming requests will be assessed based on the criteria and appropriate action will be taken in line with the policy. This request has been added to the list.
The request for road signage has been noted and the location will be inspected. If signage is deemed necessary, it will be added to the road signage programme of works.
Proposed :Councillor Geraldine Keogan
Seconded: Councillor Stephen McKee

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria White

"This Municipal District requests that Meath County Council develop and implement an awareness- raising campaign on parking and traffic management and accessibility in advance of the Laytown Races with the aim of ensuring safe movement for residents, racegoers, and emergency services."
Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded, and considered
Proposed : Councillor Maria White
Seconded: Councillor Carol Lennon

Response:

The Municipal District will liaise with the organisers of the Laytown Races to encourage the enhancement of their public awareness campaign in advance of the races, with particular emphasis on parking arrangements, traffic management and accessibility, to assist in promoting the safe movement of residents, racegoers and emergency services.

All Councillors agreed that event was a wonderful community event for Laytown. Gareth Mc Mahon agreed to discuss the matter internally within Meath County Council to see what additional support could be provided to the organisers.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Maria White
"This Municipal District write to the Minister for Education requesting an immediate and comprehensive audit of all special education provision in the Laytown- Bettystown MD of East Meath, specifically focusing on the availability of special classes other than those designated for children with autism. And that the Minister be asked to outline what immediate steps the department will take to address the dearth of non-autism special classes and the lack of special school places in this district, ensuring that every child in this district can access an appropriate, local educational placement."
Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded, and considered:

If the Motion is passed, we will issue the letter to the Minister for Education.

Proposed: Councillor Maria White

Seconded: Councillor Carol Lennon and Councillor Stephen McKee.

8.0 Correspondence

Correspondence received from Uisce Éireann regarding AOB- April 2026

9.0 Any Other Business

Councillors Stephen Mc Kee, Carol Lennon, Sharon Tolan, Paddy Meade and Maria White raised issues regarding traffic calming on the Piltown Road, Slane Concert traffic arrangements, accessibility at Ben's Head, clearing overgrown vegetation at Gormanston Interchange, road markings at Lobinstown and refreshed signage at St. Marys Villas, Donore. These were noted by the Area Engineer.

Director Of Services, Gareth Mc Mahon updated the Members regarding progress at Bettystown Open Library. Testing of systems is well advanced, and Members will receive an update in August regarding the schedule of works and an indicative opening date.
A meeting with Drogheda Municipal District Councillors to discuss the Joint Urban Area Plan and to re-establish the joint cross-boundary forum is provisionally arranged for Monday 14th September at 3.00pm. Members will be invited once the date and venue are confirmed.

Members were provided with a reminder regarding the ORIS scheme, and any prospective projects to be discussed with Paul Tumelty.
Councillor Sharon Tolan raised the issue of Laytown Park and asked if there was any alternative funding mechanism to progress the project. Director Of Services, Gareth Mc Mahon will consider the matter and revert to the Members at a later date.

The meeting concluded at 11.23 am.

Signed:

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Cathaoirleach