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Ordinary Meeting

Laytown Bettystown Municipal District

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

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Tom Behan

Apologies/Absent:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Fiona Lawless

Executive Engineer: Eoin McNally

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1 Confirmation of Minutes

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Stephen McKee advised that an emergency motion had been submitted and that this would be dealt as the first item under motions as per the standing orders.

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 7th March 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of March 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Sharon Tolan and Councillor Elaine McGinty.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Members requested that items under AOB be recorded per the councillor who raised them.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Cllr Wayne Harding on the passing of his Aunt Josie Flood, Lobinstown
- To the family of the late John O'Hagan, Donacarney

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- To the family of the late Niall MacEaney, Rathmullan Road, Drogheda who tragically passed.
- Congratulations was extended to Simon Harris TD on being nominated Taoiseach.

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 Transportation

- 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 following raised:

- Sought an update when the playground repairs will take place- engineer advised that the contractor is appointed and due to start in 2 weeks.
- Referred to tree pruning works carried out and where branches have been dumped in the estate – engineer to follow up with contractor.
- Referred to contractors not re-instating the roads where a road opening licence has been granted. - engineer to follow up with the Utility.
- Asked that gullies be cleared on back lane to Laytown shops – add to list.
- Asked that the carpark and toilets be open for the darkness into light run in Bettystown and other races happening -noted, to look at routes.
- Commended the works carried out in Alverno estate.
- Asked that the grass in Lobinstown playground be cut lower.
- Require street cleaning in south Drogheda and Donacarney – will add these areas to the new contract when finalised.
- Referred to development at Bryanstown where junction needs to be completed.
- Require ramp in Abbeylands, Duleek.
- Footpath needed at 2 St Ciannans Villas, Duleek.
- Asked that potholes in Millrace be filled- extra patcher hired to fill potholes.

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5.2 Planning

- 5.2.1 To receive an update and presentation on the preparation of the Duleek Heritage Led Regeneration Plan.

A presentation was given by consultants Sheridan Woods on the heritage led plan for Duleek. They said that the plan will promote the heritage regeneration of the town and aims to enhance the historic fabric of the town for residents, communities, businesses, and visitors and to support the town to fulfil its potential as an historic town.

The members commended the plan and said it will feed into the Boyne Valley tourism plan. They welcomed the use of derelict buildings which will encourage landowners to engage and reuse buildings. They referred to the public realm plan and that this should link into this plan as well.

The members were advised that the public realm plan is part of this plan. The draft plan will go on public display for six weeks from May. Funding for projects can be sought through the URDF or the Heritage council funding streams.

5.3 Community

- 5.3.1 To receive details of proposed grant allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2024, for recommendation to full Council.

Councillor Elaine McGinty declared a conflict of interest with the Sonairte project as she works there part time and left the room.

Brian Hora SEO, Community gave a presentation on the scheme and advised accordingly on the applications received and the criteria used to allocate the funds to the projects.

The members complimented the scheme and on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** the members agreed to the proposals as presented.

- 5.3.2 To receive details of recommended grant offers by the Indaver Community Liaison Committee under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grant Scheme, for recommendation to full Council.



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Fiona Fallon, DoS, Community updated the members on the grant scheme and the new marking criteria used to assess the projects. She said that 39 applications were received under the scheme for a fund amounting to €298,069. She said that the Indaver committee met twice to consider and agree the applications for funding.

The members welcomed the report and the new marking scheme and complimented the committee and Fiona Fallon for all their work. On the proposal of **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** the members agreed to the proposal as presented.

The members enquired on an update to the Irish Cement scheme. Fiona Fallon advised that the scheme is being drafted and she said that funding is small however this will be built up over time. She advised that the criteria will specify who would sit on the committee and will have an independent chairperson.

5.4 Corporate Affairs & Governance.

5.4.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Laytown Bettystown Municipal District

The allocations were noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

Please provide a full update on the Taking in Charge of Highfield Estate in Laytown.

RESPONSE

Highfield Estate in Laytown is one of 10 Housing Estates currently going through the statutory public display period for Taking in Charge, which will end on Thursday 4th April, 2024. Objections or representation in relation to the proposed Taking in Charge can be submitted to the Planning Department up to and including Thursday 18th April. Once the submissions period has closed, the Planning Department will prepare a report and bring it to the Municipal District meeting, where the Members will decide on whether or not to approve the Taking in Charge of the Estate. We would envisage that this should be on the agenda for the May meeting, and that the TIC will be formally signed off once the minutes of the May meeting are adopted. As this estate is being Taken in charge at the

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request of the residents, any outstanding works will then be contracted out. It is hoped that remedial works will commence in this development in the second half of 2024.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Emergency Motion submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

Such is the deterioration of the Beamore Road, Drogheda, and particularly the junction of Beamore Cross to the new Bryanstown Woods estate in Drogheda Co Meath, I call on the council to immediately carry out a detailed inspection of the road and junction to examine and plot the potholes, subsidence, drainage and loose or submerged manhole covers including those belonging to other utility companies.

Councillor McGinty introduced the motion and said that works are required urgently as there has been a lot of complaints and accidents occurring here. She said that the council needs to devise a plan of action to remedy these defects in a timely manner which should be communicated to the elected representatives of this Municipal district. The utility defects should be communicated to the relevant companies and if necessary, the council will revert to the Department of Transport for more funding to add additional roads to the road works programme for 2024.

The motion was proposed by **Cllr Elaine McGinty** and seconded by **Cllr Sharon Tolan** and was agreed unanimously.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister and the relevant organisations, to pursue the installation of Average Speed Cameras for Julianstown Village, as an interim, or if successful, a permanent traffic calming solution for the village.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister for Transport, the NTA and Irish Rail, to pursue the delivery of a new train station in Bettystown in accordance with our County Development Plan, so as to ensure that the inevitable increased passenger



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numbers can access a local station and not to overburden parking areas already at maximum capacity.

Cllr Tolan introduced the motion noting that a station could be delivered here as part of the dart line to Drogheda. The members supported the motion and said it would deter passengers travelling to other stations and causing congestion.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

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

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st March 2024

The minutes were noted.

- 8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 1st March 2024

The minutes were noted.

- 8.3 To note the Special Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 2nd April 2024

The minutes were noted.

- 8.4 To note the Draft Housing Community & Cultural Development SPC Meeting Minutes of 20th March 2024

The draft minutes were noted.

- 8.5 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 21st March 2024

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

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10 Any Other Business

The members were presented with the proposed dates for the AGM's and July meetings for noting.

The following issues were raised by members:

Cllr Wayne Harding

- The layby on the Roassnaree road needs a clean-up.
- Referred to speeding on the Newtown/Plaitin
- Requested an update on disability parking on the beach.
- Referred to an accident at Sally Gardens on the Slane to Lobinstown road due to speeding.

Cllr Geraldine Keogan

- Traffic calming required in Donore due to speeding.
- Issue with lorries speeding to/from quarries.
- Traffic calming required on the Station Road, Duleek
- Disability parking spaces in Duleek need painting.
- Disability space required on lower main street, Duleek.
- The double yellow lines on Church Lane need painting.
- Roads in Oakley estates need to be reviewed.
- Millrace lane is in bad condition.

Cllr Tom Behan

- Sought an update to Seafield site and if funding applied for.
- Enquired if a design has been prepared for the 5 acres on the Tara Road.

Cllr Sharon Tolan

- Referred to the timber footbridge in Laytown which is rotting.
- Update on flooding at Mornington.
- Speeding on the Ballygarth Road.
- Review of the Disability spaces required, and lining has faded on some spaces.

Cllr Paddy Meade

- Referred to lining which is worn on the Slane to Lobinstown to Collon roads.
- Referred to the low-cost safety schemes where some landscaping works not finished off.
- Referred to the upcoming Government funding for community CCTV schemes.

Cllr Stephen McKee

- Asked that the sign be replaced as you enter Donore village at St Marys Villas.
- Request a traffic calming audit on the Station Road, Duleek to Donore.
- Road safety issue on the road outside the Tribe restaurant, should have one way system.



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- Parking issues and potholes in Millrace estate.
- Require traffic calming measures at the Belfry estate, Navan Road, Duleek.
- Speed ramps required at Abbeylands, Ryans Park, Millrace and Maudlin estates.
- Yellow box needed at Ard Rí and The Oaks estates, Beamore road.
- Update on the speed limits review.

Fiona Lawless advised that the 2024-2026 Capital programme is currently being prepared and that members should send in any issues/requests to the relevant department for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach