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Ordinary Meeting

Laytown Bettystown Municipal District

10:00am, 16th May 2024, Duleek Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Tom Behan and Elaine McGinty

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

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11th April 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of April 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There was none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

- Concerns raised over the recent shooting of Slovakia's Prime Minister.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Organisers of the Darkness into Light events held in the various locations.
- East Meath United girls U18 and U11 teams who won in their divisions.
- Organisers of the Cystic Fibrosis event in Duleek.
- Best wishes to the Leaving Cert students on their upcoming exams.

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

There was none.

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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 on a recent motion regarding an audit of the Beamore Road- to follow up with Transportation section.
- Referred to the lengthy road closure for pipeline works by Uisce Eireann which may cause disruption for businesses. - Uisce Eireann has a liaison person dealing with any issues.
- Enquired when maintenance works will be carried out in the Playgrounds- contractor has commenced works on the playgrounds.
- Asked that cover be available for the school warden in Slane – Engineer advised that cover is being provided by the outdoor staff.
- Referred to Uisce Eireann works on the school road, Duleek where some residents cannot get out of their driveways - advised that Uisce Eireann control and monitor these works.

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 To consider the taking in charge of The Gardens Duleek and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

The members agreed to the Taking in Charge on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

5.2.2 To consider the taking in charge of Colliers Place Duleek and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

The members agreed to the Taking in Charge on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**.

5.2.3 To consider the taking in charge of Beachside Laytown and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11

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Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

The members agreed to the Taking in Charge on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

- 5.2.4 To consider the taking in charge of Highfield Laytown and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

The members agreed to the Taking in Charge on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**.

5.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

To receive a briefing update on the coastal erosion and protection studies being carried out by consultants on behalf of Meath County Council, and a report outlining the next steps and timelines for delivering coastal protection works, which will be based on the availability of funding.

Response:

A verbal update was given by David Keyes, SEE Environment section. He advised that the council is working with the OPW who are the lead on this study. He said that RPS are the consultants contracted to carry out a survey of coastal erosion and flooding and to map out scenarios for short, medium and long-term projects. He advised that the study is due to be completed by year end where the final report will be presented to the MD.

The response was noted.

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6.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

To ask Meath County Council to provide an update on the proposed link between R108 Rosevale, Lagavooren Manor and Avourwen estate onto the Platin Road R152. Can you include in your update, timelines for delivery of the project and whether funding has been provided for in the upcoming councils budget or is it dependent on an application to central government/Dept of Transport.

RESPONSE:

The proposal to link the R152 to the R108 through Avourwen and Lagavooren is being reconsidered as part of the Area Based Transport Assessment process for Drogheda that is being jointly undertaken by Louth and Meath County Councils. No funding source or timeline for the delivery of the construction has been identified yet.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

That Meath County Council call on the Department of Education to make provision for a Secondary School in Duleek given the significant local population and potential feeder schools, and the fact that the National Schools in Duleek cater for more than 700 boys and girls.

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

Meath County Council has engaged previously with the Department of Education in relation to the provision of additional secondary school facilities in Duleek, and on foot of this motion, the Planning Department have contacted the Department for an update and are currently waiting the reply. Once received, this can be provided to the next meeting of the Municipal District.

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

Councillor McKee introduced the motion and said that there's a need for a school in the area due to the local population and a population of over 5000 living in the environs. He said that lands are also available from the parish in Duleek. Councillor Meade stated that there's an economic element to providing a school here as the students will use the local shops and businesses. He said also that there would be a reduction in traffic travelling to other schools and it would encourage students to walk and cycle to school locally. The members supported the motion.

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Fiona Lawless DoS suggested liaising with the planning section to make a submission to the department on behalf of this district.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft Minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC meeting of 01st May 2024.

The minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft Minutes of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 24th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

Referred to letters of correspondence submitted to various government departments over the last 5 years with very few responses received.

10 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised by the members:

ClIr McGinty:

- Suggested that a Risk Committee for the coastal area is needed – advised that a steering group is in place who meet regularly.
- Referred to bin collections to be included in the report in the South Drogheda area.



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- Referred to the Beamore and Plaitin roads which require upgrading due to the number of accidents on them.

Cllr Behan:

- Request a yellow box at the entrance to the beach at Laytown village.
- Referred to the old litter bin on the green area in Laytown and asked that it be replaced with a big belly bin.
- Suggested that a pedestrian crossing be placed over the stream on the beach at the Brookside entrance.
- Asked that the shrubbery on the Whitefield Hall roundabout be cut back.

Cllr Tolan:

- Referred to the condition of the public toilets in Laytown.
- Repairs to the playground in Bettystown required.
- Road markings and disability markings need to be updated.
- Referred to parking all day in Laytown playground area.
- Requested bins at the bus stop at Whitefield and in Donacarne.

Cllr Keogan:

- HGV ban required through Duleek.
- Bridge strengthening works needed on Deenes Road
- Speeding issues along the Grange estate road, Donore.

Cllr Meade:

- Referred to road safety issues outside school in Lobinstown.
- Referred to the poor condition of the roads around Lobinstown with a number of CIS and LIS still to be completed.

Cllr Harding:

- Road markings need updating at the Sally Gardens Shop junction.
- Increase in traffic using the local road from Wiggers cross to Gormanlough as a bypass.
- Referred to overgrown hedges along Rosnaree road to Bru na Boinne and at junctions and can they be trimmed back- advised that hedge trimming and grass cutting at junctions will commence in June.

Cllr McKee:

- Referred to speeding on the Duleek to Drogheda Road, at Avourwen.
- Support HGV ban through Duleek.
- Road markings need updating in Mornington and Duleek village.
- Grass verges overgrown along Staleen road.
- Colpe roundabout overgrown and an unsightly banner at Southgate SC.

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- Beamore road needs upgrading.
- Yellow box needed at the junction of Ballygarth road and Whitecross.
- Disability parking space outside Spar, Duleek needs updating.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the officials and outdoor staff for their work and wished the members all the best in the upcoming elections.

The members also thanked the officials and wished everyone success in the elections.

Fiona Lawless, Director of Service thanked the members for their work over the last five years where so much had been achieved. She wished them well in the forthcoming elections.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach