

Meeting of MCC Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District  
9.30 am 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
MCC offices Duleek

**Present:**

Councillors:

Eimear Ferguson  
Wayne Harding (Chair)  
Tommy Kelly  
Sharon Keogan  
Stephen McKee  
Paddy Meade  
Sharon Tolan

**Officials:**

Fiona Lawless  
Nicholas Whyatt  
Fergal McCabe  
Christy Clarke

**JDCA**

Niamh bn. ui Loinsigh (Chair)  
Brendan Logue

JDCA reps attended to hear the presentation by Nicholas Whyatt on the proposed traffic calming and the bye pass.

**Proposal on Traffic Calming**

In summary, what MCC is proposing are the following measures:

- Two pedestrian crossings, one at the Sandyhall Road junction and the other in the centre of the village north of the R150 / R132 junction. Both crossings to incorporate road ramps.
- A raised platform at the R150 / R132 junction.
- Traffic lights at both R 150 junctions i.e. Duleek and Laytown road junctions are not considered appropriate at this time.
- The width of the carriage ways on the R 132 to be reduced to provide for footpaths where appropriate.
- The daily chaos at Whitecross National School was discussed without a specific proposal being tabled. It was proposed that Board of Management enter into further discussions with Council with regard to constructing a footpath on the same side as church down as far as school and that the council would be sympathetic to this proposal. (school would have to pay for footpath)
- Meath Co. Co. has €500,000 ring-fenced for this project, but would need substantially more and will look to applying to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for additional funding.

**Discussion with Nicholas Whyatt after the formal meeting**

The creation of a “shared space” lane to be considered for cyclists and pedestrians. This would probably require that some of the space in front of the Swiss Cottages be acquired by the Council. The proposal was to remove the wall in front of the cottages (which are protected structures) and to use the space thus created to widen the area. However, as this would require the owners of the privately owned space currently used for parking by some of the residents, to agree to release some of their existing frontage to the Council.

However, there would have to be a quid pro quo for the residents. Consultation with the owners to be undertaken.

**Bye Pass**

An analysis of the options has been done and will be submitted to the Department for approval of capital funding. No routes for the bye pass have as yet been decided.