

Special Meeting of Borough District of Drogheda – April 2018

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda, on Wednesday, 4th April 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. P. Smith

Members: Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, D. Saurin, O. Tully

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Catherine Duff, Acting Director of Services
William Walsh, Senior Executive Officer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

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In the course of the discussion members were assured that legal advice had been sought in relation to the draft bye-laws and that they were robust. The Chief Executive also stated that reducing the hourly parking fee from €1.20 to €1.00 would not impact on the 2018 budget and may or may not have an effect on the 2019 budget. A call was made for the CE's legal advice to be made available to the members. It was suggested that it might be fairer to charge €1.10 in both Dundalk and Drogheda, thus ensuring no impact on budgets. It was also suggested that there may be a value in reducing the fee at off-peak times to attract people to the town centre. All members agreed that the suspension of the bye-laws had caused disruption to the town and needed to be addressed as quickly as possible.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane that the bye-laws go out for public consultation with the hourly parking fee reduced from €1.20 to €1.00. A roll call vote followed:

For (3): Cllr. T. Byrne, Cllr. K. Callan, Cllr. R. Culhane

Against (6): Cllr. P. Bell, Cllr. J. Byrne, Cllr. K. Flood, Cllr. P. Smith, Cllr. O. Tully, Cllr. D. Saurin

Abstain (1): Cllr. F. Godfrey

Therefore the motion did not pass.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. O. Tully that the draft by-laws, as circulated, go out for public consultation. A roll call vote followed:

For (10): Cllr. P. Bell, Cllr. J. Byrne, Cllr. T. Byrne, Cllr. K. Callan, Cllr. R. Culhane, Cllr. K. Flood, Cllr. F. Godfrey, Cllr. P. Smith, Cllr. D. Saurin, Cllr. O. Tully

Therefore the motion was adopted.

The meeting then concluded.

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____