

Borough District of Drogheda – December 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda on Monday, 3rd December 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Frank Godfrey

Members: Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, K. Flood, D. Saurin, P. Smith, O. Tully

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 126/18

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th November, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Smith and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell.

Minute No. 127/18

Matters arising

- Cllr. T. Byrne attempted to have an emergency motion discussed which was ruled out of order by the Mayor on the advice of the meetings administrator. It was pointed out that the motion was not of an urgent nature and that a similar motion had been discussed at the September meeting and standing orders rule out a motion being revisited for a minimum of 6 months.
- It was requested to include that the Council agreed to look again at North Strand in minute 124/18.
- It was again requested that the letter received by the Mayor from St. Vincent de Paul Society in relation to bring banks be made available to the members.

Minute No. 128/18

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were addressed:

- Members expressed their concern at the levels of anti-social behaviour in certain areas and encouraged the Council to use every means available to tackle the issue.
- Members were informed that maintenance requests relating to heating were being prioritised.

Minute No. 129/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were addressed:

- It was agreed to circulate members with the explanation for central government funding not being made available for the Northern Cross Port Access route when it is received.
- It was agreed to bring the increase in abandoned shopping trolleys to the attention of the litter wardens.
- It was agreed to ensure publicly owned buildings with graffiti are addressed by the litter wardens.
- Members were informed that the parking bye-laws would go on public display in Quarter 1, 2019.
- It was agreed to address the flooding of the stream at Newfoundwell.
- It was agreed to follow up on the speed survey for Patrick Street/Bothar Brugha.
- It was agreed to prioritise the repainting of the yellow boxes at the bus station on the Donore Road.
- It was agreed to review the need for speed ramps in Finians Park based on the policy in place.
- A written update in relation to the funding being made available for the Westgate Vision was requested.
- It was agreed to revert to the members with a timeframe for the work at King Williams Glen.
- It was agreed to investigate the flooding at the entrance to Georgian Close.
- It was agreed to look into extending the double yellow lines on Mount Saint Oliver at Millmount.
- It was undertaken to review the repair of potholes at Tullyallen.
- The need for additional public lighting at Burton Hall was noted.
- The potholes at St. Mary's bridge were noted for investigation.

Minute No. 130/18

Proposed Traffic Calming & Low Cost Safety for Drogheda and SLA

This was proposed by Cllr. P. Smith, seconded by P. Bell and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 131/18

Condolences

Sympathies were extended to the family and friends of:

- Michael Byrne
- Michael McCabe
- Liam Wilson

- David Clerkin
- Daphne Mullins
- Paddy Clark

Minute No. 132/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

"That the Borough District of Drogheda review traffic flow at Kierans' Corner, Drogheda (Scarlet Street/Newfoundwell/Hand Street/Glenview Road) with a view to marking a filter box on the road as there is a filter traffic light there and a yellow box, which impedes smooth traffic flow."

REPLY:

The Operations Section will review the traffic management at the junction in consultation with An Garda Síochána and examine the requirement for any alterations to road markings. A report will be issued when a determination is made.

The Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 133/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. R. Culhane

"Will Louth County Council erect signage to identify the Shamrock Villas Estate on the Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda."

REPLY:

Signage as per attached design will be provided to signpost the estate at this location.

This motion was deferred to the next monthly meeting.

Minute No. 134/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

"That Louth County Council contact the owners of the redundant telephone kiosks on Laurence Street, Palace Street and James's Street, Drogheda, and request their removal."

REPLY:

This is a matter for the members.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 135/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

"That Louth County Council apply for funding for the installation of an Electronic Traffic / Pedestrian Control System at the junctions of the Termon Abbey / Aston Village Road and the Newtown Link Road with the R166."

REPLY:

Operations will conduct a survey of the staggered junction on the R166 to determine if any traffic control intervention is necessary.

The Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 136/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Saurin
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Flood

"That Louth County Council in the interest of road safety commit to include the gritting of the road through Tullyallen Village from the junction on the Collon Road through to the crossroads after the National School as part of its Winter road gritting schedule."

REPLY:

At 1.09km length of the L2318-17 in Tullyallen from the crossroads adjacent to the school up to the junction with R168 Collon Road will be included in the gritting route for the 2018-2019 Winter Gritting programme.

The Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 137/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Flood

"This Council calls for a Homeless Hostel in Drogheda to assist Homeless people with entrenched Alcohol & Drug issues.

We recognise these addictions are significant contributing factors to making these people homeless and at present we do not have the provisions in place to alleviate these issues and assist those in our town who need it."

REPLY:

The draft Homeless Action Plan 2018-2020 for the North East has listed as an action a multi-agency review of the need for a low threshold hostel in Drogheda. Once this Action Plan has been adopted this review will be undertaken by the HSE and the Local Authority and if the need is confirmed, action will be taken to open one.

The Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 138/18

Notice of Question

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell

"Can this Council confirm the total cost of Halloween related activities in Drogheda District in the areas of collecting and disposing of bonfire materials before and after October 31, 2018. And also the costs relating to Fire Service deployment through the same period?"

REPLY:

Fire Service: The Retained crew were only out once in relation to the Halloween Period. 4 retained attended a call to a bonfire and were paid 1 x D rate each

4 x 83.32 =€333.28 x 10.75% employers PRSI = Total Cost of €369.11

In the run up to Halloween, approximately 20 tonnes of materials (pallets, sofas, beds, mattresses and household waste) were removed and disposed of at an estimated cost of €3,400. Since Halloween, approximately 42 tonnes of materials have been removed and disposed of at an estimated cost of €7,600. When VAT is included, the total estimated cost of removing and disposing of Halloween related materials in Drogheda is in the order of €12,100.

Please note that of this figure, an estimated €5,200 relates to the cost of Council machinery and manpower, which if not deployed for this work, would be deployed elsewhere in the Council's employ.

The Members noted the reply.

Notice of Question

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell

"Can this Council confirm the quantum of litter fines issued relating to Halloween activities issued to individuals and business entities?"

REPLY:

Fines issued are not recorded by category in relation to their cause. However, during the period from 22nd October to 5th November 2018, Louth County Council issued 31 fines in Drogheda. This compares to a total of 24 fines issued for the same period a month previously.

The Members noted the reply.

The meeting then concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____