

Draft Budget Meeting of Borough District of Drogheda – October 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Tuesday, 16th October 2018, at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda.

In attendance:

- Mayor:** Cllr. Frank Godfrey
- Members:** Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, K. Flood, D. Saurin, P. Smith, O. Tully
- Officials:** Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Bernadette Woods, FCCA, Head of Finance
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 108/18

Draft Council Budget for 2019

The Chief Executive outlined the position in relation to the budget for 2019 and informed the members that cuts of over €1,000,000 were required in relation to discretionary spending in order to present the members with a balanced budget. She informed the members that she was considering recommending municipal discretionary budgets based on the number of members in each district at €2,000 per member which would result in a budget of €20,000 for Drogheda Borough municipal district.

Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the pay parking charge of €1.00 per hour not yet being introduced and their sense that they were not involved adequately in the budget preparation. There was also frustration expressed at works not being carried out and the housing maintenance budget being expended before the end of the year. A lengthy discussion took place in relation to a proposal by Cllr. P. Smith, seconded by P. Bell to increase the pay parking rate to €1.20 and ring-fence the additional income generated for projects in the Drogheda area.

It was then proposed by Cllr. Godfrey and agreed by a show of hands by 5 votes to 4 to adjourn the meeting briefly to allow the members to consider the situation. Following the adjournment there was further discussion in relation to the wording of the motion being proposed. Cllr. F. Godfrey proposed, P. Bell seconded and the members agreed that the proposed municipal discretionary budget of €20,000 be rejected.

A roll call vote then took place in relation to the following motion proposed by Cllr. P. Smith and seconded by P. Bell;

That the hourly pay parking rate be increased by €0.20 to a maximum of €1.20 with the additional income generated ring-fenced for projects in Drogheda

For (5): Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, R. Culhane, P. Smith, O. Tully

Against (5): Cllrs. J. Byrne, K. Callan, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, D. Saurin

The Mayor made a casting vote against the proposal, and the proposal fell.

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____