

Borough District of Drogheda – February 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda on Monday, 4th February 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Frank Godfrey

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

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

Apologies: Cllr. T. Byrne

Minute No. 12/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th January 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. D. Saurin.

Minute No. 13/19

Matters Arising

- Officials were reminded 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.
- Members were assured that it was intended to carry out the rough sleeper count in Drogheda as soon as possible.
- An update in relation to when the work on the junction at King Williams Glen would commence was requested.

Minute No. 14/19

Housing Progress Report

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

- Concern was expressed at the number of allocations in the Drogheda area for 2018 not keeping pace with the increase in applications.
- The issue of Carstown House being identified by an Taisce as an “at risk” building was raised, and the need to renovate it for housing was emphasised.

Minute No. 15/19

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- It was agreed to e-mail members with an update in relation to Leonards Cross and how the €25,000 budget will be spent.

- It was agreed to inform Irish Water of issues in relation to Chord Road, College Rise, Newfound Lane and 3 Bolton Square.
- It was agreed to circulate the members with the traffic survey in relation to Bothar Brugha.
- The need to repaint the road markings on Termonfeckin Road was noted.
- The need to review the traffic light sequence at Fair Street and Patrick Street was noted.
- The issue of catalytic convertors being stolen from cars was highlighted and the public were encouraged to be vigilant.
- It was agreed to update the members in relation to work that will be undertaken in relation to the Obelisk Bridge.
- The need to extend the double yellow lines at Mount St. Olivers was raised.
- The view that anti-parking bollards were needed at Silk Park was noted.
- The need to monitor the green area at Mell car park for littering and fly tipping was noted.
- The need to urgently repair the pot hole at Sundays Gate was noted.
- It was suggested that semi state companies that do not remove graffiti when notified by the Council should be fined.
- The need for parking spaces to be provided for the residents of the North Strand was highlighted.
- The need to extend the yellow box at Eddies Hardware shop was noted.
- An update in relation to the park and share facility planned for Louth was requested.
- Anti-dog fouling signs were requested for the town, and it was suggested that information in relation to fines should be issued with every dog licence.
- It was agreed to inform Irish Rail that the lighting on the Viaduct Bridge isn't working.
- It was undertaken to update members in relation to the redevelopment of the Council offices on Fair Street at the next meeting.

Minute No. 16/19

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to families of:

- Mary Durnan
- Liam Leach
- John Daly
- Jackie Mullen
- Garret Cooney

Minute No. 17/19

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

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

Minute No. 18/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

"That this Council take the appropriate action to ensure that issues of road safety on the North Road along the southern part of the road caused by parking on what is considered to be a "pedestrian zone" be addressed through the construction of an identifiable and designated parking spaces for commuters travelling to Dundalk and Dublin requiring safe parking for their cars. And that public lighting be upgraded in this immediate area".

REPLY:

The width of the existing carriageway at 11m wide will not accommodate further car parking spaces on the north road for safety reasons.

There is a LED replacement programme nationally replacing older type sodium lights in the medium term.

It was clarified that the motion referred to the section of the road from Cross Lane to O'Rathallaigh GAA grounds and was seeking the area currently being used for car parking to be marked properly if it was safe to do so. Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 19/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

"Calling on the Local Authority to carry out a study at the junction of Stameen Housing Estate and the Dublin Road to determine if additional measures are required to allow residents to enter and leave the estate in a safe and timely manner."

REPLY:

Traffic Lights timing at Junction of Bryanstown Cross route & Dublin road is being monitored and marginally adjusted to allow for ease of traffic flow entering/leaving Wheaton Hall estate. LCC will also consider imposing a restriction preventing traffic turning right when exiting from this estate.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 20/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

"Asking that this Borough District carry out a review of the traffic light sequences along the Dublin Road, St Mary's Bridge and North/Merchant's Quay areas in order to determine if change is required to facilitate quicker traffic movements along the Dublin Road."

REPLY:

LCC's are working on a project to source funding, survey, review the existing system and commission an upgraded traffic lights system in the Bullring area.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 21/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by: Cllr. D. Saurin

"That the District Borough of Drogheda provides a report on and solution to the chaotic and out-of-control parking in Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda."

REPLY:

LCC will review the parking issue at this location, considering in the first instance whether physical adjustments such as Double Yellow lines, can contribute to greater control particularly in relation to facilitating access for emergency services.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 22/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by: Cllr. D. Saurin

"That the District Borough of Drogheda resurfaces Ship Street and that a directional sign / nameplate be erected indicating one of the oldest streets in the town."

REPLY:

LCC's Roads crew commenced patching Ship Street week Monday 21st January 2019. Full resurfacing is not warranted given the low traffic volumes on Ship St. LCC will consider new signage.

A report was requested addressing the issues of flooding, building status and ownership. Members agreed the motion.

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____