

Borough District of Drogheda - December 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in The Barbican Centre on Monday 6th December 2021 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Deputy Mayor: Cllr. Declan Power

Members: Councillors, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Fiachra Mac Raghnaill, Paddy McQuillan, Pio Smith, Eileen Tully

Apologies: Councillor James Byrne

Officials: Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Elaine Daly, Administrative Officer

Minute No. 118/21

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Callan and seconded by Cllr. Pio Smith.

Minute No. 119/21

Matters Arising

- None stated

Minute No.120/21

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following Matters were highlighted:

- A request for a media campaign to highlight homeless services over Christmas by Housing staff was made.
- A breakdown on the roles of the 8 additional staff announced for Housing for All once known.
- Request that planning permissions for housing developments be required to consider constraints on road access and extra pressures that might arise.

Minute No. 121/21

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer addressed all Operations Matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Out of 20 speed checks carried out at areas of concern raised, 90% of these were found to not meet criteria for traffic calming measures.
- Tullyallen traffic calming works are to commence soon, school warden assigned in interim.
- No funding remains for footpath repairs in 2021.
- Retrospective 2018 Collision report data being used to inform decisions was brought up at national forum by operations and review requested. Fresh data can be got under special request from Gardaí.
- Pot hole machine has not been secured yet. Department funding has been sought. Two machine options, 1 velocity patcher, or 1 that grinds outs, fills and levels. If funding secured machine will be used County Wide.
- Extra data to be supplied in next MD report.
- Department funding received to carry out improvement works on Mell walkway. Ecologist report required.

The following non-operations issues were raised:

- Public lighting issues should be logged onto the 'Deadsure' app by members of public who can get the number of the light from the pole for quick response from Airtricity.

Minute No. 122/21

Infrastructure Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer responded on all Infrastructure Matters with Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services responding also on some matters.

The following matters were noted:

- Timing of works at St. Dominic's Bridge was noted as unfortunate but unavoidable due to timeframe of process of tender, funding application and NTA approval.

Minute No. 123/21

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

Approval of the Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants as circulated with the agenda was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Eileen Tully
And resolved

Minute No. 124/21

Westgate Vision Briefing

Members received a briefing from Seamus Donohoe, Director of Planning and Karen Power, Assistant Director at Turley, who are leading the Westgate Vision on behalf of Louth County Council. A breakdown of the public consultation process to date, the media campaign, and the proposed vision was given to Members. Members thanked Turley's for the presentation, made some suggestions and raised some questions which were answered by both the Turley team and Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer who is overseeing the project.

Minute No. 125/21

Active Travel Update

Elaine Daly, Administrative Office on Active Travel introduced herself to the Members and gave them a briefing on proposed Active Travel measures in Drogheda which was well received. John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer also contributed and both Elaine and John responded to Members queries raised.

Minute No. 126/21

Tidy Towns Presentation

Cllr. Kevin Callan presented members with a handout of a proposed 5 year plan by Drogheda Tidy Towns. He advised that this would go out to the public in January and asked Members to review the plan over Christmas and he would send the link in January. The aim of the plan was to be the regional gold medal winner.

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services asked the media present to appeal to everyone to only use authorised Waste Collectors as this was a step each of us can take directly to counteract littering and illegal dumping.

Minute No. 127/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Eileen Tully

"Asking that the Borough District provide a detailed update on the Barnatton and Rosehall Reservoirs, in particular to provide information on ownership, plans for the future, site security and the lease agreement with the Drogheda Fishing Club."

Reply from Ms. B Woods, Head of Finance and Water Services:

Barnattin and Killineer Reservoirs are part of the Rosehall Water Supply Scheme which was operational until circa 2017. As this system was operational when Irish Water commenced in 2014, these sites are under the operational control of Irish Water. Any plans for the future of these reservoirs will be a decision for Irish water. As these sites are under the operational control of Irish Water, all maintenance including site security are the responsibility of Irish Water. In addition, any Lease Agreement with Drogheda Fishing Club would need to be agreed with Irish Water.

Minute No.128/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Asking that this Borough District declare if there are any dwellings in the area of Regent Place off William Street in the ownership of LCC and if any of the dwellings in this area are on the Derelict Sites Register."

Reply from Mr. P. Donnelly, Director of Services, Housing, Community and Quality of Life:

No 3 Paradise Place

This was acquired under a CPO. Discussions have taken place with Peter McVerry Trust in relation to the sale of it to them. Awaiting approval from the Dept. - This is part of bigger picture in relation to development of adjoining properties by Egan Taaffe Developments. Section 183 will need to be done.

No's. 4,5,6 & 7 Paradise Place are Long Term Leases

Currently No. 6 and 7 are vacant. The tenant in No. 4 will be transferred before the end of the year. No. 5 is occupied.

No properties in Paradise Place are included on the Derelict Sites Register.

Cllr. P. Smith indicated that he was satisfied with both responses that issued to his motions.

Minute No. 129/21

Correspondence

Members noted correspondence as issued.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____