

Borough District of Drogheda – March 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held via MS Teams, hosted from the Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on 1st March 2021 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan - Present in Chamber

Members: Attended remotely: Councillors James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Fiachra MacRaghnaill, Paddy McQuillan, Pio Smith, Eileen Tully

Apologies: Cllr. Declan Power

Officials: Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services - Present in Chamber
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer - Remote
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer - Remote
Catherine Duff, Director of Services - Remote
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer - Remote

Minute No. 18/21

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Michelle Hall.

Minute No. 19/21

Matters Arising

- None stated

Minute No. 20/21

Housing Progress Report

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

Minute No. 21/21

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting.

Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer and Catherine Duff, Director of Services addressed all Operations Matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Accident on Ramparts at the Willows and lack of barrier
- Dog fouling
- Road Work Plan to issue at next meeting

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Service agreed to refer item re crumbling wall at College Rise as possible dangerous structure to Planning.

Minute No. 22/21

Infrastructure Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting.

John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer addressed all Infrastructure Matters raised and provided an update on the CFRAM project, and project applications submitted to Dept.

Minute No. 23/21

Drogheda Allocation of Community Grants

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations as circulated with the agenda

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne

Minute No. 24/21

Sympathies

Condolences and expressions of sympathy were extended by the members to the family and friends of:

- Tommy Gorman, Clogherhead
- Cian Tierney, Bryanstown Village, Drogheda
- Carmel Savage, Termonfeckin, Louth

And all who have passed.

Minute No. 25/21

Climate Action Video

David Hanaratty, Senior Engineer introduced a Climate Action Video produced by CARO (Climate Action Regional Office) for Members which was well received.

Minute No. 26/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith

Seconded: Cllr. Kevin Callan

“That this Borough District investigate the possibility of installing new cycle lanes on the Newfoundwell Road.”

Reply from Mr. Frank Pentony, Director of Services, Economic Development, Infrastructure and Planning:

Under the NTA Active travel proposals, Louth currently have with the NTA for their consideration in 2021 are Design Fees to examine a cycle lanes and footpaths along the R166 road from Sandpit junction back towards St. Joesphs School, if approved and subject to the extent of funding received we will examine extending these proposals back further towards the town centre.

Minute No. 27/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

Seconded: Cllr. Kevin Callan

“That the Council examine speed and traffic counts with a view to installing suitable traffic calming measures on Slate Row, Termonfeckin in accordance with Louth's Road Safety Policy.”

Reply from Ms. C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations:

Due to the number of requests being received countywide, Operations is reviewing how these requests are to be dealt with in future. In the interim, the accident history will be checked to consider whether there is merit for further investigation.

Minute No. 28/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Declan Power

Mayor Kevin Callan deferred to April Agenda on foot of Councillor Powers inability to attend meeting following bereavement of his father in law RIP.

Minute No. 29/21

Notice of Motion

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Minute No. 30/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Tom Cunningham

Seconded: Cllr. Joanna Byrne

“That Louth County Council install a hand rail on the slipway at Port Oriel, Clogherhead to aid the swimmers entering and exiting the water.”

Reply from Ms. C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations:

This is not a designated swimming area. Slip ways are designed for launching boats and their return to land.

Response to the motion while noted, was asked to be reconsidered. Members advised that the Slipway at Port Oriel was used by the swimming club who used it to get to depth, and included 120 members who are insured through the club.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____