

Borough District of Drogheda – October 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in The Barbican Centre, William Street, Drogheda on Monday 5th October 2020 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan

Members: Councillors: James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Fiachra Mac Raghnaill, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pio Smith

Officials: Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Darius Messayeh, Executive Engineer
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
James Searson, Assistant Engineer

Apologies: Cllr. Eileen Tully

Minute No. 70/20

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th September 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Michelle Hall.

Minute No. 71/20

Matters Arising

- Cllr Joanna Byrne sought an update on Minute No. 58/20, Frank Pentony advised that he will revert.
- The Mayor and Members acknowledged and welcomed new Member Cllr Fiachra MacRaghnaill
- Director of Services also welcomed Cllr Fiachra MacRaghnaill
- Members requested an update on the Pay Parking Review

Minute No. 72/20

Housing Progress Report

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

- Members sought information on tenancy agreement in connection to feud activity advised legal advice had been sought and housing worked with An Garda Siochanna.

- Members sought clarification around process to qualify for disability housing list and were advised.

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services for Housing addressed all matters raised.

Minute No. 73/20

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. A number of items were discussed and it was agreed that the following issues required further investigation:

- Traffic lights on Trinity Street needing timing adjustment
- Vandalism of fence between 106-107 Knockbrackdowns, 107 vacant property and tyres are being stockpiled, residents seeking erection of wall instead of fence.
- Street lights between 1-7 Tradagh View lights out causing ASB.
- Junction at Rathmullen Road, Bridge of Peace, developer to be contacted re traffic plan
- Serious Structural issues at Laurences Gate, request Council write to OPW
- Grass being left by contractor at Bothar Bruagha school after cutting
- Traffic calming at Morgan's pub Newtownstalaban needed
- Lights needed at Beaulieu Village
- Anti-social behaviour due to no lights at Tullyallen on Collon Road
- No resident input into tenders at Baltray
- Grass cutting in council estates needed (Trinity Gardens)
- Speeding in Pearse Park, request for traffic advisory signs, markings with view to ultimately providing speed ramps
- Overgrowth on footpath at Ballsgrove to Marion Park forcing pedestrians onto road.
- Aston Village illegal dumping – request for signs to be erected
- Yellow boxes fading in Termonfeckin
- North Quay/Palace Street in bad repair

Matters raised were addressed by Operations Staff, Darius Messayeh, Executive Engineer, and Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer.

Minute No. 74/20

Infrastructure Report

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

- Donore Road / Matthews Lane – 200yds footpath missing.
- Chord Road / Constitution Hill junction update requested

Matters were addressed by John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure

Minute No. 75/20

Taking in Charge Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting:

- Cllr. Michelle Hall had queries around an update on the wall at the The Stables, Termonfeckin,
- James Searson, Assistant Engineer advised.

Minute No. 76/20

Sympathies

Condolences and expressions of sympathy were extended by the members as follows:

- Cllr. James Byrne to the family and friends of
 - Joan Byrne, Monsterboice
- Cllr. Declan Power to the family and friends of
 - Micheál Ó Broin and
 - Brian Conyngham

Minute No. 77/20

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

The Allocation of Members Community Grants was proposed by Cllr. Michelle Hall, seconded by Cllr. Pio Smith and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 78/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith

"That Louth County Council will apply for funding to install a priority pedestrian/cycle bridge from Southside of Drogheda to link with the Northside of Drogheda, as per Drogheda Docklands Plan 2007. The bridge to have access to river traffic."

(SDG GOAL 3: Good Health & Well-being & SDG GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality & SDG GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities; Healthy Ireland Goal 1)

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

The proposal in the Docklands Master Plan envisaged this being developer led, as was the case at the bridge at Scotch Hall.

Members highlighted the need for regeneration in area and expressed disappointment that items from the Docklands Plan were never instigated. Requested that developers be encouraged to build and regenerate. Requested that the Senior Engineer be requested to report on cycle lane at next meeting.

Members agreed motion 'proposal during lifetime of council'.

Minute No. 79/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Declan Power
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Calling on Louth County Council to fast track a new road for the Castleview Housing estate in Clogherhead as soon as possible."

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

Castle View is progressing through the Taking in Charge process. The water services infrastructure is poor and a funding application has been submitted to Irish Water to have the Water Infrastructure improved. There is also a Wayleave issue relating to Water Services.

To resurface the development with a wearing course is approximately 35k based on an assumption that there is no structural issues with the substructure. There is no funding for this work currently.

Members were advised that residents could take out plebiscite to take in charge, as it is private estate that allocations could not be used, that estate was not deemed an unfinished estate for grant purposes as all houses were fully complete.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____