

Minutes of July Ordinary Council Meeting 2014

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 21st July, 2014.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. O. Tully.

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, D. Breathnach M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, D. Minogue, I. Munster, L. Reilly, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, M. Yore

Officials
J. Martin, Chief Executive
F. Pentony, Director of Services
J. McGuinness Director of Services
M. Curran, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
M. T. Daly, A/Director of Services
G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer
P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 135/14

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. K. Callan
Seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 6th June 2014 be confirmed.

Minute No. 136/14

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach

That the minutes of the June Monthly Meeting held on 6th June 2014 be confirmed with the following amendment :- Request for an Emergency Notice of Motion as proposed by Cllr. I. Munster, seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan. – That the Local Property Tax rate be adjusted. As the provision in regard to this matter is not enacted the matter was ruled out of order.

Minute No. 137/14

Minutes – For Information

The minutes of the following meetings were noted.

- Corporate Policy Group 09/05/2014
- Borough District of Drogheda 10/06/2014
- Municipal District of Dundalk 11/06/2014
- Municipal District of Ardee 12/06/2014

Minute No. 138/14

Committee Reports

The following verbal reports were delivered to the meeting.

- Corporate Policy Group – An Cathaoirleach Cllr. O. Tully reported on the meeting of 10th July 2014

Minute No. 139/14

Chief Executives Report

The Chief Executives report of 7th July was noted by the members. The report will be presented on the 7th of each month and will deal with significant strategic issues and current challenges. The report content will be adjusted to accommodate the members requirements in future months.

Minute No. 140/14

Votes of Sympathy

The following votes of sympathy were recorded to staff members:-

Padraic Lennon, Dundalk Fire Station, on the death of his sister Bríd Lennon RIP.

Robbie McKenna, Drogheda Yard, on the death of his Mother.

Fergus Smyth, Planning, on the death of his Father Paddy Smyth RIP.

Ethnea Doran & Olive Kenny, Finance Section, on the death of their Mother Ethnea Kearney RIP.

Cllr Sharkey proposed a vote of sympathy to all those who died in Gaza, and to those who perished in the Ukrainian air disaster. This was seconded by Cllr. Corrigan. Cllr. Smith proposed an amendment that all the victims in the Israeli – Palestine conflict be remembered. Cllr. Butler further added that all the victims of violence be remembered.

The Cathaoirleach led the meeting in a minutes silence for all the victims of violence.

Minute No. 141/14

Votes of Congratulatory

Congratulations were recorded to Cllr. Mark Dearey and his wife Laura on the birth of their baby son.

Cllr F. Godfrey congratulated Ms. J. Martin, Chief Executive and Mary T. Daly, Acting Director of Services on the success of the recent Maritime Festival held in Drogheda.

The Chairman advised the members that Mr. Michael Curran, Director of Services was retiring shortly and he wished to convey his congratulations to him on behalf of the Council. A number of the members recorded their individual congratulations and thanked him for his contribution to Louth County Council during his period of service.

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The Chief Executive congratulated Michael on his 15 years in Louth County Council, Community and Enterprise, foremost in Economic Development and on behalf of the Management and Staff wished him well in his retirement.

Mr. M. Curran responded and thanked all for their good wishes. He stated that he was associated with the County Development Board, the establishment of the Louth Economic Forum and the MOU and took great pride in those achievements.

Minute No. 142/14

Annual Financial Statement

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. P. Savage

And resolved

That the Annual Financial statement for 2013 having been considered by the members be confirmed.

Minute No. 143/14

Strategic Policy Committee Scheme

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey

And resolved:-

That the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme be put on public display with a view to the scheme being confirmed at the September meeting.

Minute No. 144/14

Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons

Proposed by Cllr. O. Tully

Seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach

And resolved:-

That the SPC Chair designate be assigned the Strategic Policy Committees as follows:

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Economic & Enterprise support – Cllr. Mark Dearey
Planning & Environment – Cllr. Richie Culhane
Housing Community & Emergency Services - Cllr. Imelda Munster
Infrastructure & Cross Border – Cllr. Declan Breathnach

Minute No. 145/14

Audit Committee

Section 122 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended & Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014

Nomination of two serving or retired members to the Audit Committee

Cllr. C. Keelan proposed by Cllr L. Reilly seconded by Cllr. T. Byrne
Cllr. K. Callan proposed by Cllr. R. Culhane seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle
Cllr. T. Sharkey proposed by Cllr. I. Munster seconded by Cllr. A. Cassidy

A roll call vote was taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor C. Keelan

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler,
T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M.
Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C.
Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P.
Savage, P. Smith, O. Tully,
Total 15

For Councillor K. Callan

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler,
T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M.
Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C.
Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P.
Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully,
M. Yore
Total 17

For Councillor T. Sharkey

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T.
Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J.
Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I.
Munster, T. Sharkey, J. Tenanty, M.
Yore
Total 12

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon
Total 2

Cllrs. K. Callan, and C. Keelan were duly elected to the Audit Committee

Minute No. 146/14

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. P. Smith

And Resolved:-

To suspend Standing Orders in accordance with Standing Order 24 to permit the business of the meeting continue until 2.00 pm.

Minute No. 147/14

Louth Meath Education & Training Board

To approve, in accordance ETB Act 2013(Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014 the election of the five representatives two of which must be of each gender.

Cllr. P. Smith proposed that his nomination to the LMETB be set aside in favour of Cllr Marianne Butler this was seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly with the agreement of the members;

The Cathaoirleach confirmed the election of Cllr. Butler to the Louth Meath Education & Training Board and clarified that the other nominations of Cllrs. Yore, Reilly, Sharkey and Tully are now in accordance with the regulations. .

Minute No. 148/14

Election of three (3) representatives, one from each Municipal/Borough District to the board of the Peace Partnership

Municipal District of Dundalk

Cllr. E. Corrigan, proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey, seconded by Cllr. J. Green

Cllr D. Breathnach, proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. T. Byrne

A roll call vote was taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor D. Breathnach

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler,
T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M.
Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C.
Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P.
Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully,
Total 16

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For Councillor E. Corrigan

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, T. Sharkey, M. Yore
Total 11

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon
Total 2

Borough District of Drogheda

Cllr. F. Godfrey, proposed by Cllr. K. Callan, seconded by Cllr. P. Smith

Cllr. A. Cassidy, proposed by Cllr. E. Corrigan, seconded by Cllr. I. Munster

For Councillor F. Godfrey

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore
Total 17

For Councillor A. Cassidy

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, T. Sharkey,
Total 10

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon
Total 2

Municipal District of Ardee

Cllr. T. Cunningham, proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey, seconded by Cllr. J. Green

Cllr. J. Tenanty, proposed by Cllr. C. Markey, seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey

A roll call vote was taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor J. Tenanty

Cllrs. D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore
Total 16

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For Councillor T. Cunningham

Cllrs. P. Bell, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, T. Sharkey
Total 11

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon
Total 2

Cllrs. D. Breathnach, F. Godfrey and J. Tenanty were duly elected to the board of the Peace Partnership

Proposed by Cllr. E. Corrigan, Seconded by Cllr. I. Munster: - That if there is an equality/gender issue with the selection, that she be considered as she was the only female member who expressed an interest. The Cathaoirleach advised that this would be a matter for the members should the situation arise.

Minute No. 149/14

Election of one member to the Board of Directors of the Droichead Arts Centre

Cllr. P. Smith, proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by Cllr. P. Bell

Cllr. A. Cassidy, proposed by Cllr. I. Munster, seconded by Cllr. K. Flood

A roll call vote was taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor P. Smith

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore
Total 17

For Councillor A. Cassidy

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, T. Sharkey
Total 10

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon
Total 2

Cllr. P. Smith was duly elected to the board of the Droichead Arts Centre

Minute No. 150/14

Nomination of one (1) member to the North East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force

Cllr. M. Dearey, proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. M. Butler

Cllr. K. Meenan, proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. J. Green

For Councillor M. Dearey

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore

Total 17

For Councillor K. Meenan

Cllrs. A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, T. Sharkey

Total 9

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon, I. Munster

Total 3

Cllr. M. Dearey was duly elected to the Nth East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

Minute No. 151/14

Election of one (1) member to the Board of Directors of Louth Craftmark Limited

Cllr. J. Green, proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey, seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan

Cllr. J. Green was duly elected to the Board of Directors of Louth Craftmark Limited

Minute No. 152/14

Establishment of Local Community Development Committee & approval of nominees

Proposed by; Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

And resolved

Having considered the report on the establishment of the LCDC to proceed to establish a 19 member LCDC and so allow for an additional Councilor representative and an additional business sector representative.

To elect (4) number nominees to the Local Community Development Committee

Grouping Systems as per Schedule ten Paragraph 18 of The Local Government Act, 2001 applies. Group requirement is five (5) :-

Cllr. P. McGeough, proposed by Group consisting of Cllrs. Sharkey, McGeough, Meenan, Green, Cunningham, Cassidy, Munster

Cllr. D. Minogue, proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey, seconded Cllr. J. Tenanty

Cllr. C. Markey, proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. K. Callan

Cllr. L. Reilly, proposed by Cllr. P. Savage, seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Cllr. E. Corrigan proposed by Cllr. J. Loughran, seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan

A roll call vote was taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor D. Minogue

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore

Total 18

For Councillor C. Markey

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully,

Total 16

For Councillor L. Reilly

Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P.

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Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully,
M. Yore
Total 17

For Councillor E. Corrigan

Cllrs. E. Corrigan, J. Loughran, M. Yore
Total 3

Absent

Cllrs. M. Dearey, J. McGahon
Total 2

Cllrs. P. McGeough, D. Minogue, C. Markey and L. Reilly were duly elected to the Local Community Development Committee

Minute No. 153/14

Conference & Events

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. T. Byrne
And resolved:-

To confirm the attendance of Members at Conference circulated with the agenda and recorded in the attendance register.

Minute No. 154/14

Establishment of a Training Fund

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach
And resolved:-

That a training fund be established to facilitate training of the elected members. There was a show of hands with 16 in Favour and zero against.

Minute No. 155/14

Reallocation of Conference attendance budget provision

Proposed by Cllr. P. Savage
Seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane
And resolved:-

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Having canvassed each individual member that the budget provision of €1000 x 29 be reallocated as follows:

Training Development fund	€3,950.00
Conferences attendance:	€1,050.00
Community grants:	€24,000.00
Total	€29,000.00

The time being 2.00pm the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____