

Minutes of October Ordinary Council Meeting 2014

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 20th October 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. Dearey, 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
B. Woods, Head of Finance
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
M. T. Daly, A/Director of Services
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer
P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 243/14

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly
Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Minutes of September Monthly Meeting held on 15th September 2014

Proposed by Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Minutes of Draft Development Plan Special Meeting held on 15th September 2014

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach
Seconded by Cllr. P. Bell
And resolved:-

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That the minutes of the Minutes of Draft Development Plan Special Meeting held on 18th September 2014

Proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly
Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Minutes of Local Property Tax Adjustment Factor 1st Adjourned Meeting held on 19th September 2014

Proposed by Cllr. K. Callan
Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Minutes of Draft Development Plan Special Meeting held on 23rd September 2014

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty
Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Minutes of Local Property Tax Adjustment Factor 2nd Adjourned Meeting held on 29th September 2014

Minute No. 244/14

Minutes – For Information

The minutes of the following meetings were noted.

- Municipal District of Dundalk 02/09/2014
- Municipal District of Ardee 04/09/2014
- Borough District of Drogheda 01/09/2014
- Corporate Policy Group 05/09/2014

Minute No. 245/14

Committee Reports

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Oliver Tully reported on the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 10th October 2014.

Minute No. 246/14

Chief Executives Report

The Chief Executives report for October was noted by the members. The Chief Executive responded to member's queries in regard to the report and in addressing a request to include other information in the report, advised the member that the report is to be of a high level strategic nature and it would not be appropriate to include every matter in the report.

Minute No. 247/14

Strategic Policy Committee - Nomination of Members to Committees

To agree the nomination of Elected Members to the various SPC's

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. P. Smith

And resolved:-

To confirm the members nominations to the Strategic Policy Committees as per the proposed membership circulated by the Meetings Administrator following consultation with the members.

Minute No. 248/14

Strategic Policy Committee – Sectoral Interests Members

To agree the nominations of the Sectoral Interests to the Strategic Policy Committees, in accordance with the Scheme.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach

And resolved:-

To confirm the following membership of the Strategic Policy Committees

<i>SPC</i>	<i>Economic Development Enterprise support</i>	<i>Planning and Environment</i>	<i>Housing Community Planning and Emergency Services</i>	<i>Infrastructure, European and Cross Border Affairs</i>
<i>Sector</i>				
Agriculture / Farming	Paddy Donnelly	Michael Smyth		Matthew McGreehan
Development / Construction	Eddie Phelan		Bill Baldwin	
Business / Commercial	Simon McCormack	Eddie Phelan		Paddy Malone

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Trade Union				
Community / Voluntary	Anthony McArdle	Marian Sloan	Brian Doyle	Flora Okobi
Social Inclusion			Kevin Moran	
Environment / Conservation				

Minute No. 249/14

Create Louth Arts Grants

Members noted details of the Louth Arts Grants as circulated.

Minute No. 250/14

Housing Monthly Progress Report

The Members noted the Housing Progress Report dated 13th October 2014 and the Members queries were addressed by the Director of Services and Senior Executive Officer. It was suggested by Cllr. Dearey that a site resolution be included in a future report. The Chief Executive confirmed to the members that the issue of interest charges on loans in respect of lands purchased by the local authorities is been dealt with at a national level by the CCMA.

Minute No. 251/14

Delegation to the meet Minister Alan Kelly

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty

And resolved:-

That a delegation lead by the Cathaoirleach seek to meet Minister Alan Kelly and to look for 1000 houses to be built in County Louth over a two year period.

Minute No. 252/14

Correspond with Minister Kelly

Proposed by Cllr. M. Dearey

Seconded by Cllr. M. Butler

And resolved:-

That Council write to Minister Alan Kelly and request that he reintroduces the Land Aggregation Scheme or establish a similar financial vehicle to warehouse the loans that are a significant burden on Louth County Council at present.

Minute No. 253/14

Invitation to Minister Kelly

**Proposed by Cllr. I. Munster
Seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan
And resolved:-**

That Council invite Minister Kelly to attend and brief Louth County Council Members in regard to the housing situation.

Minute No. 254/14

Housing Assistance Payments

The Director of Service presented details of the Housing Assistance Payments scheme and addressed the member's queries.

Minute No. 255/14

Votes of Sympathy

The following votes of sympathy were recorded to the families of:-

- Tom McQuillan, Water Services on the death of his wife Katrina McQuillan
- Niamh Mackin, Finance Section, on the death of her mother Katrina
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- McQuillan
- Eddie Coleman, Operations, on the death of his mother Maura Coleman
- Gerry McDonnell, on the death of his step-sister Maura Coleman
- Michael Mee, General Operative, on the death of his brother Thomas Mee
- Family of Eamon Carroll, Bellurgan Point, who died following an accident.
- Family of Nancy Rath, Clogherhead

Minute No. 256/14

Vote of Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to Sean O'Mahony's Football club on their recent success in the County Championship and the members wished them continued success at provincial and national level.

Minute No. 257/14

Standing Order 13 – Order and Conduct

Following an exchange between the Cathaoirleach and Cllr. I. Munster the Cathaoirleach sought on a number of occasions for the member to withdraw remarks or apologise. The Cathaoirleach advised that he would invoke standing orders if the Councillor did not comply.

Proposed by Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach
And resolved

That in accordance with standing order no.13 (13) "That Cllr. I. Munster not be further heard".

Minute No. 258/14

To agree a date for the Budget meeting

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

That the Budget meeting be held immediately following the Ordinary meeting of Council schedule for Monday 17th November 2014.

Minute No. 259/14

Planning & Environmental Progress Reports

The members noted the suite of reports from the Planning, Environment and Compliance section for the month of September.

Minute No. 260/14

Suspension of Standing Orders

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough
And Resolved:-**

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

Minute No. 261/14

Annual Report 2013

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach
Seconded by Cllr. M. Dearey
And Resolved:-**

To approve the Annual Report for 2013 as circulated to the members.

Minute No. 262 /14

Conference and Events

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty
And Resolved:-**

To approve the attendance of members at the Conferences circulated with the agenda and who have indicated an intention to attend in the register.

Minute No. 263/14

Motion

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey
And Resolved:-**

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"That Louth County Council, in accordance with long standing practice, nominates four elected members of the Council to the Board of Louth Leader Partnership, in line with decisions taken by several other local authorities who have nominated members to their own respective LDC Boards"

Reply:

This matter was the subject of correspondence dated 29th May from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. In that, it clearly sets out that "the Council is not required to make nominations to the boards of local development companies". This matter was further clarified with Department Officials in advance of the AGM who confirmed that there was no role for the Council to make nominations to such boards.

Minute No. 264/14

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Keelan
Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey
And Resolved**

That we write to the Minister Kelly and ask him to confirm if it is appropriate for this Council to nominate members to the Board of Louth Leader Partnership.

There was a roll call vote on the matter upon which twenty one (21) were in favour and none against with eight (8) absent.

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Chief Executives Register

The register was available for the members' inspection.

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The business of the meeting being complete, the Cathaoirleach closed the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____