

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council March 2015

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth at 10.00am on Monday 23rd March 2015

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Oliver Tully

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, 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
B. Woods, Head of Finance
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
M. T. Daly, A/Director of Services
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer
P. Finn, Senior Engineer
P. Donnelly, A/DoS, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: F. Pentony, Director of Services

Minute No. 57/15

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 16th February 2015 be confirmed.

Minute No. 58/15

Minutes for Information

The members noted the following minutes

- CPG 05/02/2015
- Borough District of Drogheda 02/02/2015
- Municipal District of Ardee 05/02/2015
- Municipal District of Dundalk 03/02/2015
- Municipal District of Dundalk Special meeting 10/02/2015
- SPC – Infrastructure, European & Cross Border Affairs 18/12/2014

Minute No. 59/15

Committee Reports

Corporate Policy Group

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Oliver Tully presented a report on the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Friday 13th March 2015.

Infrastructure, European & Cross Border Affairs SPC

Cllr. Declan Breathnach Chair of the Infrastructure, European & Cross Border Affairs SPC presented a report of the meeting of the SPC held on 12th March 2015.

Economic Development & Planning SPC

Cllr. Mark Dearey Chair of the Economic Development & Planning SPC presented a report of the meeting of the SPC held on 9th March 2015.

Minute No. 60/15

Chief Executives Report

The Chief Executives report dated 6th March 2015 was noted by the members.

A discussion ensued in the matter of operational procedural manuals developed for the Housing Directorate. In the course of the discussion the Chief Executive outlined to the Members the importance of the separation of roles in regard to Reserve and Executive functions. The Chief Executive indicated she would consider the request to make the operational manuals available to the members and revert in due course.

Minute No. 61/15

Section 183 Notice - LG Act, 2001

– Proposed disposal of land at Rathmore, Kilcurly, Dundalk.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. P. Savage

And resolved:-

Having considered the matter as per the notice dated 10th February 2015 to confirm the sale of lands of circa 0.949 hectares, for a consideration of €27,600.00 to Patrick Reilly, Rathmore, Dundalk.

Minute No. 62/15

Section 183 Notice - LG Act, 2001

– Proposed disposal of lands at Ardee, Co. Louth.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty

Seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue

And resolved:-

Having considered the matter as per the notice dated 11th March 2015 to confirm the sale of lands of circa 0.103 hectares for a consideration of €1000.00 to Peter Callaghan and Callaghan Meats Ltd.

Minute No. 63/15

Section 183 Notice - LG Act, 2001

– Proposed Renewal of Lease of housing units at: Nos. 4,13,17 and 22 Clos Cormac, Saltown, Dundalk to North East Housing Association Ltd.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane

Having considered the matter as per the notice dated 11th March 2015 to confirm the Renewal of Lease of housing units at: Nos. 4, 13, 17 and 22 Clos Cormac, Saltown, Dundalk to North East Housing Association Ltd.

Amendment

Proposed by Cllr. I. Munster

Seconded by Cllr. T. Sharkey

That Louth County Council retains the units listed as Council houses and benefit from the rent on a weekly basis.

There followed a roll call vote

Amendment:

For: Cllrs. M. Butler, A. Cassidy, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, M.

Yore

Total Thirteen (13)

Against: Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Dearey, F. Godfrey, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O.

Tully

Total Thirteen (13)

Abstain: Cllrs. M. Doyle, C. Markey

Total: Two (2)

Absent: Cllr. Corrigan

Total: One (1)

There being equality in the votes cast, An Cathaoirleach choose to exercise a casting vote against the amendment. The Amendment was deemed to have fallen.

There followed a roll call vote in respect of the original motion.

For: Cllrs. Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Dearey, F. Godfrey, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O.

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Total Thirteen (12)

Abstain: Cllrs. M. Doyle, C. Markey

Total: Two (2)

Absent: Cllrs. E Corrigan & J. Green

Total: Two (2)

An Cathaoirleach declared the Motion carried.

Minute No. 64/15

East Border Region Ltd. (EBR) Board Membership

To elect two additional Directors to the Board of EBR from the forum nominees to represent the Council on the new EBR Board:

Cllr. Loughran Proposed by Cllr Cunningham Seconded by Cllr. Cassidy

Cllr. Godfrey Proposed by Cllr. Bell Seconded by Cllr. Smith

Cllr. Byrne Proposed by Cllr Breathnach Seconded by Cllr. Reilly

There followed a roll call vote.

For Cllr. Loughran - Total sixteen (16)

Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, A. Cassidy, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, K. Flood, J. Green, J. Loughran, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, M. Yore

For Cllr. Godfrey - Total seventeen (17)

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

For Cllr. Byrne - Total fourteen (14)

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, J. Tenanty, O. Tully

As Cllrs Godfrey and Loughran received the highest votes they were deemed elected.

Minute No. 65/15

Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA)

Proposed by Cllr. M. Butler

Seconded by Cllr. P. Bell

And Resolved

To continue the membership of Louth County Council as a member of NFLA and confirm Cllr. Mark Deary as the Councils representative on the committee.

Minute No. 66/15

Votes of Sympathy

The following votes of sympathy were recorded:-

- To Ray McCoy, Craftworker Town Hall, on the death of his father Raymond McCoy Snr.
- To Adrian Roland, General Operative North Louth, on the death of his father Frank Roland.
- To Cait Griffin, Fire Services & Building Control, on the death of her sister Mary Ryan.
- To Elisabeth O'Seaghda, Finance Section, on the death of her mother Suzana Ginolin.
- To Donna White, Compliance Section Town Hall, on the death of her mother Monica Rice.
- Family of Eileen Fergus, mother of the late Stephen Fergus
- Family of the late Jonathon Loughran
- Family of the late Declan Hulme, Carlingford
- Family of the late John Finnerty, Former Garda Sgt

Minute No. 67/15

Vote of Congratulations

To the Board of Management, Staff and pupils of Cloáiste Rís on the opening of their new College extension.

To Amy Broadhurst on her most recent Boxing Success.

Minute No. 68/15

County Louth 1916 Centenary Commemorations

The Chief Executive Mrs. Joan Martin reported to the members on the progress in regard to the preliminary planning in respect of the 1916 Centenary Commemorations. Details of the proposed structure of a Consultative Committee that would be established and chaired by the Chief Executive were outlined and will include representatives from DkIT, local historical groups local writers and historians among other and will also include key Local Authority staff. Members agreed to nominate a member from each party to participate on the Committee.

The following nominations were confirmed:

Cllr. Conor Keelan
Cllr. Maria Doyle
Cllr. Alan Cassidy
Cllr. Kevin Callan
Cllr. Paul Bell

Minute No. 69/15

Housing & Communities Progress Report

The Members noted the Housing & Communities Progress Report dated 13th March 2015 and the Members queries were addressed by the Director of Services and Senior Executive Officer.

Minute No. 70/15

Allocation of Members Community Grants

Proposed by Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly
And Resolved

To confirm the allocation of seventeen member's community grants as circulated with the agenda.

Minute No. 71/15

Planning & Environmental Progress Reports

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The Members noted the suite of reports circulated with the agenda in respect of Environmental Compliance 5th March, Forward Planning 13th March, and Planning Enforcement 3rd March and Planning progress report 10th March.

Minute No. 72/15

Chief Executives Register

The register was available for the members' inspection.

Minute No. 73/15

The time being 1.00pm the Cathaoirleach concluded the business of the meeting as agreed at the February meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____