

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Council October 2016

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 17th October 2016

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Bell

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, J. Byrne, 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, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
J. McGuinness Director of Services
E. O’Gorman, Director of Services
F. Pentony, Director of Services
W. Walsh, A/Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
M. Daly, Senior Executive Officer
A. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
B. Harten, County Arts Officer
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Cllrs. E. Coffey, E. Corrigan & T. Sharkey,

At the commencement of the meeting the members agreed to conclude the meeting at 12.30 p.m. to facilitate the holding of Budget Meetings with the Municipal Districts

Minute No. 155/16

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. T. Byrne
And resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday, 19th September 2016 be confirmed.

Minute No. 156/16

Matters arising

Minute No. 146/16 – Amended to include Cllr. Cassidy’s proposal that consideration be given to the installation of a stained glassed window commemorating Cumann na mBán in Dundalk library.

Cllr. Keelan requested that members be kept informed of any progress in relation to officials consulting with their Wexford counterparts about the approach taken to tackling illegal parking on disability designated parking spaces.

Minute No. 157/16

Minutes for noting

The following minutes were noted by the members.

Corporate Policy Group 9th September 2016
Borough District of Drogheda 5th September 2016
Borough District of Drogheda Special Meeting 19th September 2016
Municipal District of Dundalk 6th September 2016
Municipal District of Ardee 1st September 2016
Drogheda Local Policing Forum 21st March 2016
Louth Economic Forum 7th September 2016
Local Community Development Committee 20th July 2016
Housing SPC 25th July 2016
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee 8th June & 21st September
North East Regional Homeless Forum 28th June 2016
Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC 9th May 2016

Minute No. 158/16

Monthly Management Report

Members considered the Management Report dated 7th October 2016.

Queries in regard to the report were addressed by the Chief Executive, Members of

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the Management Team, and Senior Staff. Issues addressed included:-

- It was agreed to include the average time taken to process a planning application in the Planning Report.
- It was agreed to detail whether or not a bond is in place in the list of estates not yet taken in charge in the Planning Report.
- It was agreed that Council estates would not be included in the list of estates not yet taken in charge in the Planning Report.
- The Director of Housing undertook to ensure that letters of refusal issued to housing grants applicants would inform them of their right to appeal the decision.
- The issue of gully cleaning was raised and the Chief Executive undertook to have any specific areas of concern to the members addressed if details were provided.

Minute No. 159/16

Section 183 Notice – Proposed Disposal of Land at 14 Ship Street, Drogheda

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 26th September 2016 to confirm the Disposal of Land at 14 Ship Street, Drogheda Co. Louth for a consideration of €400.

Minute No. 160/16

Section 183 Notice – Proposed Disposal of Land at Barronstown, Hackballscross, Dundalk

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 5th October 2016 to confirm the Disposal of Land at Barronstown, Hackballscross, Dundalk to Owen Joseph Quinn. The lands in question were acquired for the N53 Phase III and are to be transferred as part of the accommodation works agreement.

Minute No. 161/16

Section 183 Notice – Proposed Renewal of Lease on Housing Units at No's 10,11,12,13, 14, 15 & 16 McCreanor's Terrace, Ardee to Tuath Housing Association

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Reilly
Seconded by: Cllr. D. Minogue
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 3rd October 2016 to confirm the Renewal of Lease on Housing Units at No's 10,11,12,13, 14, 15 & 16 McCreanor's Terrace, Ardee to Tuath Housing Association for a consideration of €10.00 per annum.

Minute No. 162/16

Arts, Acts Grants – 2nd Round Awards for Approval

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Dearey
Seconded by: Cllr. D. Minogue
And resolved:

To confirm the award of the sixteen Arts, Acts Grants recommended in the report on the Louth County Council 2nd Round 2016, Arts Act Grants scheme

Minute No. 163/16

Fáilte Ireland – Presentation on Irelands Ancient East

Ruairi Deane, Programme Manager with Fáilte Ireland gave a presentation to the members in relation to Ireland's Ancient East. He then took questions and queries from the members

Minute No. 164/16

Tourism & Heritage Action Plan

Mary Daly, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation to the members highlighting the main aspects of the proposed Plan

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore

And resolved:

That the Tourism and Heritage Action Plan be adopted by the council.

Minute No. 165/16

Overdraft Facility for 2017

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. C. Markey

And resolved:

To approve the overdraft facility for 2017 in the amount of €5,000,000

Minute No. 166/16

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Smith

And resolved:

To approve the attendance of members recorded in the Conference & Events Register at such Conferences and Events (No.5) listed within the agenda & endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 6th October 2016

Minute No. 167/16

Allocation of Community Grants

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly

And resolved:

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 53) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

Minute No. 168/16

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:-

- Carmel Lynn
- Ronan Mulroy
- Jimmy Reilly
- Anthony Foley, the IRFU and the entire rugby community
- To Mary Carolan, Economic Development on the death of her father Mr. Jim McGahon
- To Donna White, Economic Development, Infrastructure & Compliance on the death of her father Mr. Patrick Rice

Minute No. 169/16

Votes of Congratulations

Votes of Congratulations were extended to:

- Willie Martin, for the production of the locally based film the Wild Goose Lodge
- Tallanstown, Blackrock, Dundalk & Drogheda for gold medals in Tidy Towns
- Ardee & Knockbridge for bronze medals
- Dromiskin and Blackrock for national awards in Tidy Towns
- All who organized and participated in the Louth Looking Good Awards
- Sean O' Mahony's GFC on their recent success in winning the Louth Senior Football title

Cllr. Jim Loughran was then invited to address the meeting on his stepping down from the Council. Jim thanked the staff of Louth County Council, his party colleagues and all Councillors. He then wished all members the best of luck in the future.

Warm tributes were paid to Jim from all members and the Chief Executive. He was commended for his hard work, valuable contributions to debates, intelligent and practical advice and courteousness to all.

Minute No. 170/16

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

That this Council supports a change in legislation which would grant the Chief Executive the power to evict council tenants (who are known to be causing frequent and extreme anti-social behaviour against their neighbours) on the word of a Garda Superintendent.

After the motion is referred to the Housing SPC for comment that it be then circulated to other City & Councils and to the Dept of Justice & Equality and the Dept of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

A roll call vote followed:-

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

Total seventeen (14)

Against: Cllrs. M. Butler, J. Byrne, , A. Cassidy, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, K. Flood, J. Green, C. Markey, P. McGeough, K. Meenan

Total ten (10)

Absent Cllrs. E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, J. Loughran, T. Sharkey, P. Smith,

Total five (5)

The motion was confirmed

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Standing orders suspended to allow the meeting continue for an additional 10 minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. J. McGahon

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly

And Resolved:

To allow the meeting continue for an additional 10 minutes

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____