

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Council Sept 2016

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 19th September 2016

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Bell

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, 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
B. Woods, Head of Finance
M. Daly, Senior Executive Officer
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
A. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
P. Finn, Senior Engineer
A. Abbott King, Senior Planner
M. Quinn, Senior Executive Planner
M. Sheeran, A/Senior Engineer
W. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer
F. Downes, Administrative Officer
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 130/16

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly

And resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday, 18th July 2016 be confirmed.

Minute No. 131/16

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Minute No. 132/16

Chairman's Report – Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 8th September 2016

Emer O’Gorman, Director of Services presented the report. Members confirmed the minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2016 and the draft agenda for the September meeting was considered and agreed. Members considered and approved the list of Councillors Community Grants (No. 24) along with the list of Conferences & Events (No. 5). Members noted the letter received from the Post Polio Support Group and agreed to invite Brendan Moore to address the members at the September Council meeting. It was noted that there were no submissions made by the public as part of the consultation process in relation to local property tax.

Minute No. 133/16

Minutes for noting

The following minutes were noted by the members.

- Borough District of Drogheda 4th July 2016
- Corporate Policy Group 7th July 2016
- Municipal District of Ardee 7th July 2016
- Municipal District of Dundalk 5th July 2016
- Drogheda Local Policing Forum 21st March 2016
- Dundalk Local Policing Forum 5th April 2016
- Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services SPC 18th April 2016
- North East Regional Homeless Forum 6th April 2016

Minute No. 134/16

Monthly Management Report

Members considered the Management Report dated 7th September 2016. Queries in regard to the report were addressed by the Chief Executive, Members of the Management Team, and Senior Staff. Issues addressed included:-

- Emer O’Gorman informed the members that the cross border Brexit working group terms of reference were currently being put in place.
- The meeting was informed that 18 of the 24 planned CPOs for social housing stock were complete
- The Chief Executive reported that Louth County Council being made a shareholder of the Drogheda Port Company was awaiting Ministerial approval.
- It was agreed that the Council would consult with their Wexford counterparts in relation to the approach taken tackling illegal parking on disability designated parking spaces.

Minute No. 135/16

Section 183 Notice – Proposed Lease of premises at Whiterath, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 24th August 2016 to confirm the leasing of premises at Whiterath, Dundalk, Co. Louth for a consideration of €250 per annum for 35 years.

Minute No. 136/16

Local property Tax rate for 2017 – For Approval

To consider by resolution the setting of the local property tax at the national rate with no increase or decrease.

The Chief Executive in her recommendation to the Council highlighted that maintaining the national rate would result in an additional €140,000 being available in the revenue budget for 2017. She suggested this money could be used for a

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grant scheme for improvements to local public roads.

Proposed by: Cllr K. Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Tenanty

For: Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, K. Callan, E. Coffey, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, M. Dearey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore. **Total seventeen (17)**

Against: Cllrs. J. Byrne, T. Byrne, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan **Total ten (10)**

Absent Cllrs. J. Green, T. Sharkey **Total two (2)**

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Cllr. A. Cassidy

Seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan

That the Local Property Tax Rate for 2017 be reduced by 15%

For: Cllrs. J. Byrne, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan **Total eight (8)**

Against: Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, E. Coffey, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, M. Dearey, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore. **Total nineteen (19)**

Absent Cllrs. J. Green, T. Sharkey **Total two (2)**

The Amendment was defeated.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Cllr. T. Byrne

Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey

That the Local Property Tax Rate for 2017 be reduced by 1.5%

For: Cllrs. T. Byrne, F. Godfrey **Total two (2)**

Against: Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, K. Callan, E. Coffey, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, M. Dearey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore. **Total seventeen (17)**

Abstain: Cllrs. J. Byrne, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, **Total eight (8)**

Absent Cllrs. J. Green, T. Sharkey Total two (2)

The Amendment was defeated.

The motion was carried that having considered the Chief Executive's Report that the Local Property Tax be maintained at the national rate with no increase or decrease.

Minute No. 137/16

Votes of Congratulations

Votes of Congratulations were extended to:

- Eve McCrystal & Kate Dunleavy for their success at the Paralympic Games
- Sarah O'Brien, Ryan Delduca & Eadaoin McCrave for their success at the WAKO World Championships
- Dundalk F.C. for the result in the Europa League

Retired Senior Engineer, Gerry Kelly's contribution to the county was acknowledged by the members.

Minute No. 138/16

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended to:

- The family, friends of Jack Matthews.
- The family, friends of Matt Stephenson.
- The family, friends of Niall O Lamhna.

Members also extended their best wishes to former Councillor, Jim Lennon

Minute No. 139/16

It was agreed that budget meetings for the municipal districts would take place on Monday, 17th October 2016.

Minute No.140/16

It was agreed that the statutory budget meeting would take place on the afternoon of Monday, 21st November 2016.

Minute No. 141/16

For Approval - 'That this Council, through the provision of the Local Government Act 2001 agrees to drawdown the following amounts from the Housing Finance Agency for the funding of Housing Loans for private house purchases and loans under the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme and the Incremental Purchase Scheme'

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

And agreed:

That this council through the provision of the Local Government Act 2001 agrees to the following maximum drawdowns:-

- 2013 - €2,500,000
- 2014 - €5,300,000
- 2015 - €3,200,000

from the Housing Finance Agency for the funding of Housing Loans for private house purchases and loans under the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme and the Incremental Purchase Scheme for the period 2013-2015

Minute No. 142/16

Chief Executives Report on Submissions received to the Draft Louth Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2021

Mary Daly, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation to the members followed by questions and suggestions from the floor.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Markey

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Dearey

And resolved:

Addition of “animal welfare and quality assurance measures” to “All farm buildings required to be constructed to comply with Environmental Protection Regulations”

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in Section 6.1 of the draft scheme

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Dearey
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler

Addition of the following to Section 6.1 of the draft scheme :
Renewable energy development with a capacity up to 0.5MW*.
Renewable Energy Development which is not supplying electricity to the national grid.
Community owned renewable energy initiatives/projects no threshold.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Markey
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Dearey
And resolved:

That the members approve the Final Draft Louth Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2021 as amended at the meeting.

Minute No. 143/16

To rescind the Section 49 Dundalk Western Transportation Infrastructure Supplementary Development Scheme adopted by Dundalk Town Council & Louth County Council in 2008

Proposed by: Cllr. E. Coffey
Seconded by: Cllr. R. Culhane
And resolved:

To rescind the Section 49 Dundalk Western Transportation Infrastructure Supplementary Development Scheme adopted by Dundalk Town Council & Louth County Council in 2008

Minute No. 144/16

To Approve the County of Louth Housing Estates Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2016

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully
And resolved:

To Approve the County of Louth Housing Estates Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2016 as listed.

Minute No. 145/16

Capital Assistance Scheme

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Savage
And resolved:

That this Council through the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, hereby agrees to advance a loan of €174,740 to Respond for the provision of 1 no. unit of accommodation at 77 Tredagh View, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Minute No. 146/16

Report on the naming of piece of Infrastructure acknowledging the role of Cumann na mBan in 1916

Emer O’Gorman, Director of Services gave a verbal presentation in which it was recommended that a piece commemorating the role of Cumann na mBan in 1916 be put in place as part of the park planned in the development of Colaiste Chu Chulann.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan
Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully
And resolved:

That the role of Cumann na mBan be commemorated as part of the park being developed at Colaiste Chu Chulann.

Minute No. 147/16

Nominations to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. C. Keelan
And Resolved:

To appoint Ms. Aoife Lawler Senior Executive Officer to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and confirm remaining and existing

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members of this committee as per document presented with the agenda.

Minute No. 148/16

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Tenanty
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.

Minute No. 149/16

Allocation of Members Community Grants

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore
And resolved:

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 24) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

Minute No. 150/16

Presentation by Post-Polio Group

Brendan Moore of the Post-Polio Group gave the members a detailed presentation in relation to the variety of services provided by the group to its clients. He also outlined the funding challenges faced by the group. He highlighted the problem of disability parking spaces being occupied illegally.

Members commended Brendan and the group for the valuable work they do and condemned the misuse of disability parking spaces.

Minute No. 151/16

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully

Seconded by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

That Louth County Council apply for Exchequer funding under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for submission to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government by Mid-October 2016.

The response was noted by the members

Minute No. 152/16

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Tenanty

Ireland's Ancient East - Calling on Louth County Council to clarify the current status of tourism based projects & funding applications which have been submitted or are to be submitted seeking funding within the County with specific reference to the Tholsel Building Drogheda, Ardee Castle and the Proposed Water Pontoon at Drogheda

The response was noted by the members

Minute No.153/16

Standing orders suspended to allow the meeting continue to 1.35 pm

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Flood

Minute No.154/16

Standing orders suspended to allow the meeting continue to 1.40 pm

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____