

## *Minutes of Council Meeting December 2017*

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. C. Markey

**Members:** Councillors: P. Bell, M. Butler, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan A. Campbell, E. Coffey, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, R. O' Murchu, D. Minogue, D. Saurin, P. Savage, O. Tully, A. Watters

**Officials:** J. Martin, Chief Executive  
F. Pentony, Director of Services  
J. McGuinness, Director of Services  
E. O' Gorman, Director of Services  
P. Donnelly, Director of Services  
B. Woods, Head of Finance  
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer  
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator  
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer

**Apologies:** Cllrs. J. Tenanty, M. Yore

### **Minute No. 214/17**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Godfrey

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Saurin

**And resolved:**

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be confirmed.

**Minute No. 215/17**

**Matters arising**

It was pointed out that congratulations were also extended to Conal Duffy on his success at Fleadh Cheoil na hEiréann at the last monthly council meeting

**Minute No. 216/17**

**Confirmation of Budget Meeting Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Godfrey

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Saurin

**And resolved:**

That the minutes of the Budget Meetings held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 be confirmed.

**Minute No. 217/17**

**Minutes for noting**

The following minutes were noted by the members.

Corporate Policy Group 9th November 2017

Borough District of Drogheda 6th November 2017

Municipal District of Dundalk 7th November 2017

Municipal District of Ardee 2nd November 2017

Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services SPC 11th September 2017

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) 13th November 2017

**Minute No. 218/17**

**Report on CPG Meeting**

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and that the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November were approved. The draft agenda for the December meeting was considered and agreed and the list of Conference & Events were considered and a recommendation made. The Councillors Community Grants (36) were noted and approved. It was also agreed to provide a draft terms of reference to the meeting of the party whips prior to the Council meeting in relation to the Committee being established to address improving the interaction between officials and the members.

**Minute No. 219/17**

**Monthly Management Report**

Members considered the Management Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Queries in regard to the report were addressed by the Chief Executive, Members of the Management Team, and Senior Staff. Issues addressed included

Concern was raised at homelessness in the county and members were asked to encourage any homeless people they are aware of to contact the Council's homeless services. The need for HSE outreach services to be adequately resources was also raised.

It was agreed to circulate members with details of the timeline from the announcement of the town and village renewal scheme to formal notification from the department and the Council's engagement with local groups.

Figures in relation to the Council's tenant purchase scheme were requested

It was pointed out that a more structured approach to the monthly report could result in a more focused discussion of the various issues.

**Minute No. 220/17**

**Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Land & Dwelling at No. 1, Park One, Muirhevnamor, Dundalk.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. R. O' Murchu**

**Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey**

**And resolved:**

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to confirm the Disposal of Plot of Land & Dwelling at No. 1 Park One, Muirhevnamor, Dundalk to Ait na nDaoine Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta.

**Minute No. 221/17**

**Section 183 Notice - Disposal of properties as listed below by way of Lease:-.**

- 1. 2 Beauparc, The Loakers, Blackrock, Co. Louth**
- 2. 86 Ascal a hAon, Yellowbatter, Drogheda, Co Louth**
- 3. 42 Marian Park, Drogheda, Co Louth**
- 4. 4 Jocelyn Court, Dundalk, Co Louth**
- 5. 325 Ashbrook, Dundalk Co Louth**
- 6. 17 Hazel Close, Bay Estate, Dundalk, Co Louth**
- 7. 100A Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Dearey**

**Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey**

**And resolved:**

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to confirm the disposal of lands as listed, by way of 5 year term of lease to Dundalk Simon Community.

The Director of Housing pointed out that the CPG had recommended a break clause be included in the lease to allow for the dwellings to be taken into housing stock if they were no longer needed by Dundalk Simon. This was agreed by the members.

**Minute No. 222/17**

**Expenses & Allowances Local Authority Members - A new allowance has been created for members of Municipal Districts and Area Committees worth €1,000 per annum (or €500 for 2017)**

**Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully  
Seconded by: Cllr. F. Godfrey  
And resolved:**

To approve Expenses and Allowances as contained in the circulars LG07/2017 & LG08/2017 included with the agenda

**Minute No. 223/17**

**Nomination of one member to the Board of Creative Spark – Vacancy due to the resignation of Cllr. J. Green**

**Proposed by: Cllr. J. Byrne  
Seconded by: Cllr. D. Saurin  
And resolved:**

To approve the nomination of Cllr. Anne Campbell to the Board of Creative Spark

**Minute No. 224/17**

**Louth Economic Forum – Education & Training Plan**

The Chair of Louth Economic Forum, Martin Cronin gave a verbal presentation in relation to the Training and Education Plan and answered queries raised by the members.

The Plan was noted by the members

**Minute No. 225/17**

**Membership of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee -  
Proposal to nominate Ms. Jillann Harper to this committee**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Dearey

**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Butler

**And resolved:**

To approve the nomination of Ms. Jillann Harper to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

**Minute No. 226/17**

**Allocation of Community Grants - November 2017**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Butler

**Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Coffey

**And resolved:**

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 37) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

**Minute No. 227/17**

**Establishment of Council Sub-committee**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Coffey

**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Butler

**And resolved:**

To approve the draft terms of reference and standing orders which were circulated to the members. A query was raised in relation to whether or not substitutes could be nominated if a member of the committee was unable to attend and the Cathaoirleach emphasised the need for continuity in the interests of progressing the work of the committee.

**Minute No. 228/17**

**Conferences and Events**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Butler  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Coffey  
**And resolved:**

To approve attendance of members recorded in the Conference & Events Register at such Conferences and Events listed within the agenda & endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Minute No.229/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Saurin  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. A. Watters

That Louth County Council engage in a publicity campaign to increase the public awareness of the availability of Local Authority Mortgages and the necessary criteria required"

**Reply:**

***Louth County Council currently provide Housing Loans to qualified applicants, the details of which are available at [www.louthcoco.ie/en/Services/Housing/Housing-Loans/](http://www.louthcoco.ie/en/Services/Housing/Housing-Loans/). The Council will look to further advertise through twitter and the next housing newsletter.***

**Motion was noted by the Members**

**Minute No. 230/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. J. Byrne  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. McGeough

That this council, with immediate effect, commences unannounced, random spot-checks on all emergency accommodation provided by the local authority to those presenting as homeless. For transparency, and also to ensure the standard of said accommodation complies with building, health and fire safety standards. There is an onus on the Local Authority to promote safe and effective service provision to the vulnerable in our society experiencing homelessness. A summary of these checks to also be included into the monthly housing progress report.

**Reply**

**The Council have undertaken a series of unannounced checks on all emergency accommodation providers with regard to all aspects of use and are happy to report same on a monthly basis as requested**

**Motion was noted by the Members**

**Minute No. 231/17**

**Motions from other Councils**

Motions from other Councils as circulated with the Agenda were noted

**Minute No. 232/17**

**Correspondence**

Correspondence as circulated with the Agenda was noted by the members.



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That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

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