

Minutes of the adjourned Budget Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Wednesday 28th November at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. L. Reilly

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, M. Butler, J. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey J. McGahon P. McGeough, D. Minogue, R. O'Murchu, , D. Saurin, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty,, A. Watters, M. Yore.

Apologies: Cllrs. T. Byrne, O. Tully

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
F. Pentony, Director of Services
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
W. Walsh, A/Director of Services
M. Johnston, Senior Engineer
J. O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
A. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Y. O'Brien, County Librarian
B. Lynch, Financial Accountant
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

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The Cathaoirleach opened the discussion to the members. It was clarified that failing to pass a balance budget would result in the matter being referred to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and could result in the Council being abolished. It was also pointed out that any reduction in income proposed by the members must be matched with an expenditure cut.

A number of members expressed the view that any additional income generated by increasing parking fees should be ring-fenced for Dundalk and Drogheda. Members were informed that this was not possible.

Following a discussion in relation to the financial assistance provided by the Council to Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann:-

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by E. Coffey to transfer €250,000 from Code F05058, Festivals and Concerts, to A0101, Maintenance of LA Housing Units.

A roll call vote followed:

For: Cllrs. E. Coffey, C. Keelan, P. Savage

Total: Three (3)

Against: Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, J. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Campbell, E. Corrigan R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, R. O' Murchu, L. Reilly, D. Saurin, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, A. Watters, M. Yore

Total: Twenty-four (24)

Absent: Cllrs. T. Byrne, O. Tully

Total: Two (2)

It was proposed by Cllr. J. McGahon and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane to adopt the Budget and apply Statutory Instrument 231/14

A roll call vote followed:-

For: R. Culhane, J. McGahon, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Savage

Total: Five (5)

Against: Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, J. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Campbell, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Markey, P. McGeough, R. O' Murchu, D. Saurin, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, A. Watters, M. Yore

Total: Nineteen (19)

Abstain: Cllrs. E. Coffey, C. Keelan, J. Tenanty

Total: Three (3)

Absent: Cllrs. T. Byrne, O. Tully

Total: Two (2)

The meeting was then adjourned until 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 2nd December 2018

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____