

Minutes of Council Meeting December 2018

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 17th December 2018

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. L. Reilly

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

Apologies: Cllrs P. Bell, T. Byrne, C. Markey

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
F. Pentony, Director of Services
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
P. Donnelly, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
W. Walsh, A/Director of Services
M. Johnston, Senior Engineer
J. O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
A. Abbott-King, Senior Planner
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
A. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
L. McKenna, Senior Executive Officer
B. Lynch, Financial Accountant
R. McAuley, Financial Accountant
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No.226/18

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th November 2018 be confirmed

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey
And resolved:

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on the 19th November be confirmed

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey
And resolved:

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on the 28th November be confirmed

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey
And resolved:

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on the 2nd December be confirmed

Minute No. 227/18

Matters Arising

Written confirmation of the cost associated with the Buttergate was requested again and undertaken to be provided. It was requested to include "Some members expressed their concern at certain roads not having speed reductions" in minute 207/18. Further information in relation to minute 210/18 was requested. It was confirmed that the signed minutes would reflect the change to minute 195/18. It was agreed to add the words "in the last 3 weeks" to minute 223/18

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Minute No. 228/18

Minutes for noting

Corporate Policy Group 7th November 2018

Borough District of Drogheda 5th November 2018

Municipal District of Dundalk 6th November 2018

Municipal District of Ardee 1st November 2018

Minute No.229/18

Report on CPG Meeting

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Wednesday 5th December 2018. The draft agenda for the December meeting was considered and agreed. The members also considered and agreed to recommend the conferences listed on the agenda. The CPG approved the list of nominees for civic awards by the Dundalk Municipal District.

Minute No. 230/18

Monthly Management Report

A number of matters were raised and discussed including:-

- Members were encouraged to vote online for local festivals nominated for awards, such as the Clogherhead Seafood Rocks Festival.
- The need to ensure the renewal of Dundalk town centre was raised.
- The need for more information in relation to cross border relations and in particular the memorandum of understanding on the monthly report was raised.
- It was undertaken to circulate the members with a report in relation to Brexit.
- The need to make a submission in relation to reform of the voters register was noted.
- It was undertaken to circulate the members with clarification from the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the land owned by the Council available for housing.
- It was suggested that the EPA should attend a future meeting to advise the Council on how to transform former landfill sites, such as the Newry Road site, into public amenities.
- Further information in relation to housing grants for elderly and disabled people was requested in relation to 2018.

Minute No. 231/18

Section 183 Notice – Disposal of land at Marshes Upper Dundalk under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage
Seconded by: Cllr. J. McGahon

A roll call vote followed:

For: Cllrs. M. Butler, J. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, R. O’Murchu, L. Reilly, D. Saurin, P. Savage, J. Tenanty, A. Watters, M. Yore.
Total: Twenty-two (22)

Against: Cllr. P. Smith
Total: One (1)

Absent: Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, R. Culhane, C. Markey, T. Sharkey, O. Tully
Total: Six (6)

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 30th November 2018 to confirm the Disposal of 8.93 acres in total of land in the Townland of Marshes Upper, Dundalk for a consideration of €400,000 (four hundred thousand euro) payable in equal installments over 5 years to Louth Gaelic Athletic Association. Sale is subject to Louth County Council providing good title and subject to any condition (s) that solicitors for Louth County Council may see fit. It will also be a condition of sale that the development of the land as GAA County Grounds, must commence within (1) one year of receiving planning permission.

Members emphasised the need for the facilities to be available to women’s teams as much as men’s teams

Minute No. 232/18

Section 183 Notice – Disposal of land at Forresters Hall, Market St, Dundalk under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and considering Article 206 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2011

The members were informed of the declared interest of Paddy Donnelly in relation to this matter as he is the current Chairman of Dundalk Credit Union. Joan Martin and Joe McGuinness also informed the members that they were members of Dundalk Credit Union but considered that their interest was remote and insignificant to the matter being considered.

Members were advised that it was a matter for each member to form their own opinion and decide if being a member of Dundalk Credit Union was a conflict of interest.

Cllr. M. Dearey, C. Keelan, A. Campbell, M. Yore and M. Doyle absented themselves from the chamber for the vote

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

A roll call vote followed:

For: Cllrs. J. Byrne, K. Callan, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, , K. Flood, F. Godfrey, , J. McGahon, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, R. O’Murchu, L. Reilly, D. Saurin, P. Savage, A. Watters,
Total: Fifteen (15)

Against: Cllr. M. Butler, P. Smith, J. Tenanty
Total: One (3)

Absent: Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, A. Campbell, R. Culhane, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, C. Markey, T. Sharkey, O. Tully, M Yore
Total: Eleven (11)

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 30th November 2018 to confirm the Disposal of 0.03758 hectares of land at Market Street in the Townparks of Dundalk by way of 99 year lease at a consideration of €100 (one hundred euro) per year to Dundalk Credit Union Limited.

Sale is subject to Louth County Council providing good title and subject to any condition (s) that solicitors for Louth County Council may see fit. It will also be a condition of sale that Dundalk Credit Union obtain Planning Permission for works proposed and that these works must commence within (1) one year of receiving planning permission.

Minute No. 233/18

Section 183 Notice – Disposal of Land at Clogherhead, Co. Louth under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000

Proposed by: Cllr. J. McGahon

Seconded by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 3rd December 2018 to confirm the Disposal of 749.5 sq.m. or 0.07495 hectares of land adjacent to existing R.N.L.I. station at Clogherhead, Co. Louth for a consideration of €15,000 (fifteen thousand euro). Purchaser to be liable for all legal costs and expenses.

Minute No. 234/18

Allocation of Community Grants

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Reilly

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Savage

And resolved:

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No.10) as circulated at the meeting on behalf of Cllr. C. Markey

Minute No. 235/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Reilly

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

And resolved:

"That Louth County Council commemorates and celebrates the centenary of the founding of the First Dáil on 21st January 1919 with appropriate ceremony and events recognising the contribution of elected member John J. O'Kelly T.D. to the first Dáil and those who fought for the cause of Irish Freedom'.

The motion was agreed by the members

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Minute No. 236/18

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by: Cllr. J. McGahon
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 5th December 2018

Minute No. 237/18

Presentation by Drogheda Port Company

Joe Hiney & Paul Fleming of the Drogheda Port Company gave a presentation to the meeting and answered questions and queries from the members

Minute No. 238/18

Vote of Congratulations to the following:-

Louth Age Friendly
All women elected to the Council on the 100th anniversary of women being eligible to vote
Young Irelanders GFC
Cllr. Tommy Byrne was wished a speedy recovery

Minute No. 239/18

Vote of Sympathy:-

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

Dermot Finglas, LMFM
Joe Fay
Maureen Clark
Jackie Meagher

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Michael McCabe
Joe Carolan
Brian McKeivitt
Brian Byrnes

Minute No. 240/18

Arts Act Round II – 2018 for Noting

Members noted the Arts Act Grants and requested that that allocations criteria be circulated

Minute No. 241/18

Correspondence

Correspondence as listed with the Agenda was noted by the members

That concluded the business of the meeting

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____