

Minutes of Council Meeting February 2018

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 19th February 2018

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. C. Markey

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, M. Butler, J. T. Byrne, K. Callan A. Campbell, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, 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, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, A. Watters, M. Yore

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
F. Pentony, Director of Services
E. O' Gorman, Director of Services
P. Donnelly, Director of Services
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
C. Duff, A/ Director of Services
P. Finn, Senior Engineer
A. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
T. McEvoy, Head of LEO
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator
A. Abbott-King, Senior Planner

Apologies: Cllr. L. Reilly

Minute No. 15/18

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Savage
And resolved:

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018 be confirmed.

Minute No. 16/18

Matters arising

Updates were requested for future meetings in relation to Broadband strategy and the suggestions referred to in Minute No. 11/18

Minute No. 17/18

Minutes for noting

The following minutes were noted by the members.

Corporate Policy Group 4th January 2018

Borough District of Drogheda 8th January 2018

Municipal District of Dundalk 9th January 2018

Municipal District of Ardee 11th January 2018

Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services SPC 13th November 2017

Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee 13th December 2017

Minute No. 18/18

Report on CPG Meeting

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Thursday 8th February 2018 and the draft agenda for the February meeting was considered and agreed. The list of Conference & Events was considered and a recommendation made and Councillors Community Grants (22) were noted and approved. It was agreed to recommend that the March meeting be postponed to Monday, 26th March and to have a presentation in relation to the Fleadh, 2018 at the March Council meeting.

Minute No. 19/18

Date for the March Monthly Council Meeting

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

To hold the Monthly Council meeting on Monday March 26th.

Minute No. 20/18

Monthly Management Report

It was requested that a map illustrating the areas of the county with the poorest rate collection figures be produced if possible.

It was agreed to revert back to members in relation to whether or not the fines for illegal use of disability car parking spaces were going to be increased.

Following a brief presentation from the Chief Executive in relation to Project Ireland 2040 it was agreed to have a more detailed presentation at a future meeting.

It was agreed to update members in relation to the vacant sites register at the next meeting.

The need for the Council to support the sinking of the S.S. Dundalk commemorations was raised.

Concern was raised in relation to the involvement of the drinks industry in sponsoring the purple flag initiative which is being considered for Drogheda.

Concern was raised at housing developments being granted planning permission that were contingent on the Northern Cross route being in place.

The opportunity for the GAA Féile to promote the county was highlighted.

It was agreed to report back in relation to the silt removing activities of the port company.

It was agreed to give a presentation at a future meeting in relation to the NZE proposal being pursued for funding.

The need for training in relation to the general data protection regulation was raised.

Minute No. 21/18

Votes of Sympathy

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

Hugh Brennan
Billy O'Callaghan
Conor Farrell
Brigid Clinton
John Hayes
Malachy Reilly
Fiachra Mac Gabhann

Congratulations

Nikki Reddy for winning the Best Young Entrepreneur Regional Final

Minute No. 22/18

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Lands 0.014025 hectares (0.03465) acres at St. Annes, Trinity Street, Drogheda

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

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 19th January 2018 to confirm the Disposal of Lands 0.014025 hectares (0.03465) acres at St. Annes, Trinity Street, Drogheda to Joan & Rita Roche for a consideration of €400.00.(four hundred)

Minute No. 23/18

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Plot of Land & Dwelling at Townparks, Dundalk (also known as Noel Gorman Park) Cox's Demesne, Dundalk to the Trustees of Redeemer Celtic Football & Wellbeing Club.

Proposed by: Cllr. E. Corrigan
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore
And resolved:

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That having considered the notice on the matter dated 5th February 2018 to confirm the Disposal of Lands (0.76354 Hectares) by way of lease (99 years) to the trustees of Redeemer Celtic Football and Wellbeing Club for a consideration of €100.00 (one hundred) per annum.

Minute No. 24/18

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Lands 13.9 sq .metres at St. Gerard's Square, Barrack Street, Dundalk to Gas Networks Ireland

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Dearey
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 30th January 2018 to confirm the Disposal of Lands (13.9 sq.metres) at St. Gerard's Square, Barrack Street, Dundalk to Gas Networks Ireland for a consideration of €500.00 (five hundred) plus the Council's legal costs.

Minute No. 25/18

Nomination of one member to the Regional Health Forum

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Corrigan
And resolved:

That Cllr. Anne Campbell be nominated to the Board of the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Nth East. Vacancy occurred due to the resignation of Cllr. T. Sharkey.

Minute No. 26/18

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by Cllr. M. Dearey
And resolved:-

“That standing orders be suspended as per Standing Order number 24 to permit the business of the meeting to continue until 2.00 p.m.”

Minute No. 27/18

Update on Brexit - by T. McEvoy, Head of LEO

Thomas McEvoy, Head of LEO gave a presentation in relation to Brexit and answered questions from the members. It was agreed to provide further updates to the members after March and October. It was agreed to look into the holding of a workshop for the members on the issue and it was pointed out that the members needed to have a cohesive message to relay to MEPs and any others with influence on the process.

Minute No. 28/18

Allocation of Community Grants – January 2018

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore

And resolved:

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 22) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

Minute No. 29/18

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. O.Tully

Seconded by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

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 8th February 2017

Minute No. 30/18

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. J. McGahon

'Will Louth County Council outline, in tabular form, the number of IBC's dumped in County Louth between January 2017 and January 2018 and the total clean- up cost associated with each.'

REPLY:

	No. Of IBC's	€ recouped from Dept.
2017	108	153,238.04
2018 (up until 12/02/2018)	49	Unconfirmed to date

Minute No. 31/18

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

How many car parking tickets were issued and what was the revenue collected in Drogheda and Dundalk in 2015, 2016 and 2017?

REPLY:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of tickets issued</u>	<u>Income received</u>
<u>2015</u>	Figures not available due to change of service provider	€173,000

2016

Dundalk	5939*	€247,896
Drogheda	5327*	

* Relates to period 1/3/16 to 31/12/16 for tickets issued. New Service commenced 1/3/16

Income totals for year.

2017

Dundalk	8,101	€394,125
Drogheda	10,078	

Minute No. 32/18

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated 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: _____

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