

## *Minutes of Council Meeting January 2018*

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. C. Markey

**Members:** Councillors: P. Bell, M. Butler, J. Byrne, T. 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, R. O' Murchu, L. Reilly, 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  
B. Woods, Head of Finance  
C. Duff, A/ Director of Services  
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. D. Minogue

### **Minute No. 01/18**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Bell  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. T. Byrne  
**And resolved:**

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be confirmed.

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**Minute No. 02/18**

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

**Minute No. 03/18**

**Minutes for noting**

The following minutes were noted by the members.

Corporate Policy Group 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Borough District of Drogheda 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Municipal District of Dundalk 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Municipal District of Ardee 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Planning & Environment SPC 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Minute No. 04/18**

**Report on CPG Meeting**

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and that the minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 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 (2) were noted and approved.

**Minute No. 05/18**

**Monthly Management Report**

It was agreed that a revised taking in charge report would be circulated for discussion at the municipal/borough district meetings.

It was agreed to provide the members with a report on tyre dumping over the last 12 months and to include the issue on the monthly report.

It was agreed to revert back to the members in relation to whether the newly purchased second hand fire tenders will be used for the full-time or retained service, the timescale in delivering the new fire tender for Drogheda and an update on the safety inspections being carried out following the Grenfell Tower fire.

**Minute No. 06/18**

**Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Land at 75 Marsh Road, Drogheda**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. T. Byrne

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

**And resolved:**

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to confirm the Disposal of Plot of Land 0.02973 hectares (297.3 sq. m) at 75 Marsh Road, Drogheda, to Ms. Sheila Reynolds, Administrator of the Estate of the late Annie Mullen for a consideration of €400.00.

**Minute No. 07/18**

**Presentation by Members of Comhairle na nÓg**

Members of Comhairle na nÓg – Aoife Byrne and Jordan McKenna gave a presentation detailing their activities over the previous year. Members commended Comhairle for its initiatives particularly in relation to Brexit and mental health.

**Minute No. 08/18**

**National Broadband Plan – Update by T. McEvoy, Head of LEO**

Thomas McEvoy, Head of LEO gave an update in relation to the national broadband strategy and answered questions from the members

**Minute No. 09/18**

**Allocation of Community Grants - December 2017**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Yore  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Reilly  
**And resolved:**

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 2) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

**Minute No. 10/18**

**Conferences and Events**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Coffey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. J. Tenanty  
**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.11/18**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Godfrey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. A. Campbell

That Louth County Council lobbies the Minister for the Environment to introduce deposits on plastic bottle and cans in efforts to stop pollution of our towns, countryside, rivers and coastline with these products. This is imperative, especially as Louth County Council no longer accepts plastic bottles for recycling at Local Authority Bring Banks.

**In the course of the discussion a number of suggestions were made including introducing the “keep your cup” scheme introduced by Cork County Council and to cease the use of non-recyclable plastic water cups in the Council chamber. It was agreed to look at all suggestions made by the members.**

**The members agreed the motion.**

**Minute No. 12/18**

**Votes of Sympathy**

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

Garda Gabriel Bell  
Yosuke Sasaki  
Mrs Nancy Delaney  
Rosaleen Sands  
Fr. Louis Eustace  
All bereaved families in the County

**Minute No. 13/18**

**Motions from other Councils**

Motions from other Councils as circulated with the Agenda were noted

**Minute No. 14/18**

**Correspondence**

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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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