

## *Minutes of Council Meeting July 2018*

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. L. Reilly

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

**Officials:** J. Martin, Chief Executive  
F. Pentony, Director of Services  
J. McGuinness, Director of Services  
E. O'Gorman, Director of Services  
B. Woods, Head of Finance  
M. Sheeran, A/Director of Services  
T. McEvoy, Head of LEO  
M. Johnston, Senior Engineer  
C. Duff, Senior Engineer  
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer  
A. Abbott-King, Senior Planner  
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer  
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies** Cllrs. E. Coffey & J. Tenanty

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**Minute No. 120/18**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Godfrey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. J. Byrne  
**And resolved:**

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be confirmed

**Minute No. 121/18**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Doyle  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Yore  
**And resolved:**

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be confirmed

**Minute No. 122/18**

**Matters Arising**

It was agreed that the words “and resolved” be included in minutes number 112, 113 and 116/18.

It was pointed out that minute no 104/18 should refer to Bridie O’Byrne, not Bridie O’Gorman.

When raised it was confirmed to the members that no request had been received from Border Communities against Brexit to attend the meeting with the MEPs.

It was agreed to circulate members with a report in relation to the recent housing needs assessment.

**Minute No. 123/18**

**Emergency Motion –**

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O' Murchú**

**Seconded by Cllr. D. Saurin**

**That the following Emergency Motion be discussed**

“Louth County Council extends solidarity to the families of Louth TD Gerry Adams and senior Sinn Fein activist Bobby Storey whose homes were attacked with explosive devices on Friday night (13<sup>th</sup> July)

We call for calm, and reiterate that those involved in these attacks in West Belfast or exploiting young people in the Bogside in Derry or those engaged in poisoning the atmosphere in East Belfast would desist from these reprehensible anti-community actions and explain their rationale”

A roll call vote followed:

**For:** Cllrs. J. Byrne, T. Byrne, A. Campbell, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, R. O' Murchu, L. Reilly, D. Saurin, T. Sharkey, A. Watters

Total: **Sixteen (16)**

**Against:** Cllr. M. Dearey, P. Smith, O. Tully, M. Yore

Total: **Four (4)**

**Abstain:** Cllr. M. Doyle

Total: **One (1)**

**Absent:** Cllrs. P. Bell, M. Butler, K. Callan, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, C. Markey, P. Savage, J. Tenanty

Total: **Eight (8)**

**It was proposed by Cllr. R. Culhane, seconded by J. McGahon and agreed by the members to replace the words “the families of” with “all families attacked during the recent unrest in the north of Ireland including”**

“Louth County Council extends solidarity to all families including Louth TD Gerry Adams and senior Sinn Fein activist Bobby Storey whose homes were attacked during recent unrest in Northern Ireland.

We call for calm, and reiterate that those involved in these attacks in West Belfast or exploiting young people in the Bogside in Derry or those engaged in poisoning the atmosphere in East Belfast would desist from these reprehensible anti-community actions and explain their rationale”

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The amended motion was proposed by Cllr. R. O Murchu, seconded by Cllr. A. Watters and agreed by the members.

### **Minute No. 124/18**

#### **Minutes for noting**

Corporate Policy Group 7th June 2018

Borough District of Drogheda 11th June 2018 & Annual Meeting 11th June

Borough District of Drogheda Special Meeting 18th June 2018

Municipal District of Dundalk 5th June 2018 & Annual Meeting 5th June

Municipal District of Ardee 7th June 2018 & Annual Meeting 7th June

Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC 12th March 2018

Infrastructure, European and Cross Border & Sustainable Energy SPC 8th March 2018

### **Minute No. 125/18**

#### **Report on CPG Meeting**

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The draft agenda for the July meeting was considered and agreed and Councillors Community Grants (19) were noted and approved. The members also considered and agreed to recommend the conferences listed on the agenda. It was agreed that the briefing with the MEPs in relation to Brexit would take place at 12.30 on July 16<sup>th</sup> followed by lunch. Members were informed that two Spanish towns had made contact to consider the prospect of twinning with Dundalk and Drogheda respectively. The action plan in relation to the report of the working group dealing with communication between the officials and the members was raised and it is planned to report to the full Council in July

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### **Minute No. 126/18**

#### **Monthly Management Report**

Members were asked to raise any matters that they felt had not been addressed in the Fleadh information booklet with the Cathaoirleach.

It was agreed to look at the concerns of the residents as a separate issue regarding the impact of the construction of the Ardee by-pass on the connectivity of Townspark to Ardee.

An update in relation to possible dangerous structures in narrow West Street was requested

It was agreed to circulate an update in relation to Bellurgan embankment

It was agreed to report to the members in relation to the numbers of actions taken under planning legislation in relation to residential properties being let as holiday properties.

It was agreed to pursue outstanding reports from Irish Water and Revenue.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of accepting mattresses free of charge at recycling centres on certain days.

It was undertaken to examine the possibility of harvesting rain water in Council buildings

It was undertaken to seek an update from the Loughs Agency in relation to pollution in Carlingford Lough.

Disappointment was expressed at the failure to put in place an interpretative centre in Carlingford Lough as agreed under the Good Friday agreement.

It was agreed to provide members with the cost of removing the steps put in place without permission at the Butter Gate in Drogheda.

A copy of the report by the National Monuments Section in relation to the works carried out without permission on the Butter Gate was requested.

Concern at the quality and frequency of street cleaning in the county was raised.

Members were asked to submit any details of people who were removed from the housing list and wish to appeal.

Members were informed that applications were now being sought for the Rural and Urban regeneration Scheme and to contact the CE with any suggestions.

### **Minute No. 127/18**

#### **Votes of Sympathy**

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

Brendan O'Callaghan

Josie Judge

Ken Finn

Kitty O'Donnell

Breege Lally

Staff Members recently bereaved

**Minute No. 128/18**

**Votes of Congratulatory**

Congratulations were extended to:

Dundalk Outcomers Pride event  
Dundalk athletes Gina Akpe-Moses and Patience Jumbo-Gula  
Paul Reynolds for saving a drowning man  
Anthony Murphy and Ken Williams for their discovery at Newgrange

**Minute No. 129/18**

**Adoption of the Louth County Council (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places) Bye-Laws 2018**

**Proposed by: Cllr. A. Watters**  
**Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore**  
**And resolved:**

To adopt the Louth County Council (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places) Bye-Laws 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Minute No. 130/18**

**Nomination of Chair of the Planning & Environment SPC**

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Doyle**  
**Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully**  
**And resolved:**

That Cllr. John McGahon be nominated as Chair of the Planning & Environment SPC. Vacancy occurred due to the resignation of Cllr. M. Doyle

**Minute No. 131/18**

**Adoption of the Flood Risk Management Plans**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Godfrey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Yore  
**And resolved:**

Following a presentation on the Flood Risk Management Plans, questions were raised by the members and responded to by Ms. Catherine Duff, Senior Engineer and Mr. Paddy Connolly Senior Executive Engineer the members adopted the plans as presented.

**Minute No. 132/18**

**Allocation of Community Grants**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Butler  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Saurin  
**And resolved:**

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 19) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

**Minute No. 133/18**

**Conferences and Events**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Butler  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Reilly  
**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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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**Minute No.134/18**

**Correspondence**

Correspondence as listed with the Agenda was noted by the members

At 12.30 p.m. the Chairman closed the meeting to allow for a private meeting between the Members and Ms. Mairead McGuinness MEP, and Mr. Matt Carthy MEP.

That concluded the business of the meeting

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

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

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

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