

Minutes of Council Meeting June 2018

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 18th June 2018

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. L. Reilly

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, M. Butler, J. Byrne, T. 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, R. O'Murchu, , D. Saurin, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, A. Watters, M. Yore.

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
P. Donnelly, Director of Services
F. Pentony, Director of Services
E. O'Gorman, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
W. Walsh, A/Director of Services
A. Lawler, A/Director of Services
T. McEvoy, Head of LEO
M. Johnston, Senior Engineer
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer,
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Absent: Cllr. D. Minogue

Minute No. 98/18

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Savage
And resolved:

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st May 2018 be confirmed

Minute No. 99/18

Matters Arising

It was agreed to bring the possibility of inviting the Border Communities against Brexit group to any meeting with MEP's on the issue to the CPG for consideration. Several members expressed their belief that the full Council should be given legal advice in relation to the parking bye-laws as the opinion was not just relevant to Drogheda. The CE undertook to re-consider providing the members with a copy of the legal opinion she received and later in the meeting undertook to do so.

In relation to the minutes of the special meeting it was proposed by Cllr. M. Dearey, seconded by J. Byrne and agreed to include the words "with the rigor of the sequential test and" after the words "Some members expressed the view that the location was inappropriate and expressed dissatisfaction"

Minute No. 100/18

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5th June 2018 be confirmed

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Minute No. 101/18

Minutes for noting

The following minutes were noted by the members.

Corporate Policy Group 10th May 2018

Borough District of Drogheda 14th May 2018

Municipal District of Dundalk 1st May 2018

Municipal District of Ardee 3rd May 2018

Minute No. 102/18

Report on CPG Meeting

- Meeting of the CPG was held Thursday 7th June 2018
- The draft agenda for the June meeting was considered and agreed
- Councillors Community Grants (25) were noted and approved
- The members also considered and agreed to recommend the conferences listed on the agenda.
- It was agreed to include a report to the Council in relation to the proposals for the use of the €35,000 allocated for homeless and social support projects at the annual budget meeting in November, 2017.
- In response to a request from Dundalk Cycling Alliance to make a presentation to the Council it was agreed that they should be referred to the relevant strategic policy committee.

Minute No. 103/18

Monthly Management Report

Members were asked to submit any observations they had to the executive in relation to the reform of the funding of local government.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Smith, seconded by M. Dearey and agreed by the members that the Chief executive and the Chair of the Board of Drogheda Port Company be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

It was agreed to write to Revenue to seek clarification on the marker that was found on the most recent sludge recovered.

It was agreed to check if Irish water had a 24 hour helpline for local councillors.

It was agreed to look into whether or not any funding applications had been made in relation to Drogheda under the Healthy Living initiative.

The need to include the Chord cemetery in the grave identification software programme was highlighted.

It was agreed to look into the adequacy of litter facilities on the Council's beaches and the possibility of weekend litter collections in the Carlingford area.

It was agreed to circulate the members with details of the projects being funded under the PEACE funding mechanism.

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

Figures were requested in relation to the current loan scheme and it was agreed to ensure that the information in relation to the length of time applications were taking is accurate.

Minute No. 104/18

Votes of Sympathy

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

John Duff

Conor Morgan

Kitty Cribbin

Michael McKeown

Cameron Reilly

Bridie O'Gorman

Joe Reilly

Staff Members recently bereaved

Minute No. 105/18

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Plot of Ground at No.1 The Breakers, Templetown, Carlingford

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage

Seconded by: Cllr. A. Watters

And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 18th May 2018 to confirm the Disposal of Land 0.010 hectares (100 sq.m) at No. 1 The Breakers, Templetown, Carlingford to Gerard Murtagh & Roisin Bennett for the consideration of €150 (one hundred and fifty euro) plus legal costs and expenses

Minute No. 106/18

Membership of Local Development Committee (LCDC)

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler

And resolved:

At the request of the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce who had nominated Michael Gaynor to this committee, but have now requested that this nomination be amended to Mr. Pat McCormick who is replacing Michael as their newly elected Chairperson.

Minute No. 107/18

Annual Report 2017

It was agreed to check the figure in the financial statements and in relation to the performance indicators for the pavement surface condition index.

Following the highlighting of a number of typographical errors it was proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey, seconded by O. Tully and agreed by the members to adopt the amended annual report for 2017.

Minute No. 108/18

Proposals to address Matters of Homelessness and Social Care

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

The funding of an outreach worker as part of the services of Red Door / Drogheda Women's Refuge / Drogheda Homeless Aid

For: Cllrs. P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, A. Campbell, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, C. Markey, J. McGahon, R. O' Murchu, L. Reilly, D. Saurin, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, J. Tenanty O. Tully, A. Watters, M. Yore

Total: **Twenty-one (21)**

Against: Cllr. M. Butler, E. Coffey
Total: **Two (2)**

Abstain: Cllr. M. Dearey, P. Smith
Total: **Two (2)**

Absent: Cllrs. K. Callan, R. Culhane, P. McGeough, D. Minogue
Total: **Four (4)**

The Motion was confirmed

Minute No. 109/18

Presentation by Oglai Naisiunta na hEireann

A presentation was made by Ollie O'Connor of Oglai Naisiunta na hEireann and members expressed their admiration for the work of the organisation. It was agreed to fly the ONE flag at County Hall on the date of the July Council Meeting.

Minute No. 110/18

Allocation of Community Grants

Proposed by: Cllr. J. McGahon
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore
And resolved:

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (No. 25) as listed on the report circulated with the agenda

Minute No. 111/18

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully
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 7th June 2018

Minute No.112/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey
Seconded by: Cllr. A. Campbell

That Louth County Council publishes a list of all bye laws within the county, detailing the date of adoption and considered timescale for review.

Reply:

This list will be published as soon as is practicable

The requirement for all bye-laws to be available to the public for inspection was highlighted

The response was noted by the members

Minute No.113/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Byrne

That Louth County Council records all data which is considered by officials in drafting Roadworks Programmes and publishes this data with the draft programme."

Reply

The Louth County Council annual Roads programme is largely drafted based on Budget allocation and Pavement Condition.

The Pavement Condition is generally measured using PSCI rating which provides a useful input to decision-making on investment (in combination with considerations like traffic volume, maintenance history, etc.).

The PSCI rating system has survey values from 10 to 1, with a PSCI 10 to 9 indicating a good road surface, with 8 to 7 indicating moderate to extensive surface defects and 6 to 1 indicating from moderate pavement defects to extensive structural failure'

In addition, the GSS and Executive Engineer in each area have a good day to day knowledge of the condition of their road network and, it should be noted, sections of roads may deteriorate significantly, in a short period of time, since the last PSCI rating was carried out.

The nature of the investment involves balancing the need to protect and extend the life of good quality pavement and improve lower quality pavement.

The former is evident in DTTaS Restoration Maintenance (RM) Allocation whereby it may only be used on roads with a PSCI Rating of 7 or 8 which generally involves surface dressing.

Road restoration grants (RI) may be used on roads with a PSCI rating of 1 to 6.

The response was noted by the members

Minute No. 114/18

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr. P. Bell

Seconded by Cllr. J. McGahon

And resolved:-

“That standing orders be suspended as per Standing Order number 24 to permit the business of the meeting to continue until 1.50 p.m.”

Minute No.115/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. J. McGahon

Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully

That Louth County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government Eoghan Murphy TD to consider changing voter registration and maintenance of the Electoral Register to an online platform in order create a more transparent, accurate and efficient electoral register.

Reply

This is a matter for the members. Currently, the updated register for County Louth is uploaded onto checktheregister.ie in February of each year. Changes made in the course of the year will not be available to view on checktheregister.ie until the following February.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Keelan, seconded by P. McGeough and agreed by the members to include the amendment “and consider postal vote reform”

The amended motion was agreed by the members

Minute No.116/18

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Byrne

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Flood

"That this Council will, for the duration of the Fleadh, re-introduce the collection of plastics from the bring banks.

This is not just Drogheda specific, but to include the wider parts of the county that will or may be facilitating visitors for the duration."

Reply:

A specific Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann initiative "Greening The Fleadh" has been initiated. This undertaken has brought together stakeholders from the Community, Business and the Local Authority Staff who will champion the recycle initiatives during the week of the Fleadh. Waste collection and recycling will be managed in a way to address the significant number of visitors to Drogheda during the Festival including the management of plastic waste. The collection of plastics at the usual bring bank facilities cannot be facilitated in the way suggested as to do so would require changes in the current infrastructure and amendments to the service contract currently in place.

The response was noted by the members

Minute No.117/18

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Can the Council provide the names and monies paid to hauliers and plant hire companies for 2015, 2016 and 2017

REPLY:

A report on this matter is currently being prepared and will be circulated as soon as possible

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Minute No.118/18

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. J. McGahon

Can Louth County Council provide a figure for the number of people removed from the Electoral Register in 2017 for the Municipal Districts of Dundalk, Mid Louth and Drogheda?

REPLY:

The table below details the number of deletions for the period 15 February, 2017 to 14th February, 2018;

Electoral Area	No. Of Deletions
Ardee	415
Dundalk South	681
Dundalk/Carlingford	526
Drogheda	1441
Total	3063

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The table below summarises the reasons for deletion;

Reason for Deletions	No. Of Deletions
Moved out of Area/Change of Abode/To Other County	2083 (68%)
Death	739 (24%)
Other (correction/Nursing Home/Corrections etc)	241 (8%)
Total	3063

Minute No.119/18

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: _____