

Minutes of Monthly Council Meeting 16th December 2019

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 16th December at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Liam Reilly

Members: Councillors Paul Bell, Marianne Butler, James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Emma Coffey, Hugh Conlon, Edel Corrigan, Tom Cunningham, Maria Doyle, Michelle Hall, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, John McGahon, Pearse McGeough, Erin McGreehan, Paddy McQuillan, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Declan Power, Tomás Sharkey, John Sheridan, Jim Tenanty, Eileen Tully, Antoin Watters, Maeve Yore

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
P. Donnelly, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
C. Duff, Director of Services
F. Pentony, Director of Services
M. Johnston, Senior Engineer
J. Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
W. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer
B. Lynch, Accountant
T. McEvoy, Head of LEO
J. O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
E. Woulfe, Chief Fire Officer
A. Morrissey, Public Realm Designer
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Cllr. D. Minogue

Minute No. 249/19

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore

And resolved:

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18th November be confirmed.

Minute No. 250/19

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

And resolved:

That the minutes of the Budget 2020 Meeting held on 18th November be confirmed.

Minute No. 251/19

CPG Report

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Wednesday 4th December 2019 and the draft agenda for the December meeting was considered and agreed. The Councillors Community Grants (17) were noted and approved and the conferences (2) were also approved. Members were informed that the President of DKIT has agreed to attend the January Council meeting. It was agreed to have that part of the January meeting in committee after the 11.00 am break. There was discussion around the need to improve the communication to members when work has been carried out and it was undertaken to try and improve the situation and look at possible IT initiatives that could make improvements. Members were briefed on the draft protocol in relation to public reps and GDPR and asked to review it before the next meeting. They were also informed that it would be discussed with the whips group.

Minute No. 252/19

Nomination of one member to the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Nth East

Proposed by: Cllr. P. McGeough

Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne

And resolved:

To nominate Cllr. R. O Murchu to the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Nth East

Minute No. 253/19

Section 183 Notice – Disposal of Land at Marsh Road, Drogheda by means of lease to the Trustees of Inver Rowing Club

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 3rd December to confirm the disposal 0.03831 hectares of land at Marsh Road, Drogheda to the Trustees of the The Inver Colpa Coastal Rowing Club by means of a 99 year lease at a consideration of €100 (one hundred euro) per year.

Lessee is responsible for all legal costs and expenses.

Minute No. 254/19

Section 183 Notice – Disposal of Land at Greenhills Drogheda by means of lease to the Trustees of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne
And resolved:

That having considered the notice on the matter dated 3rd December to confirm the disposal 0.0376 hectares of land at Greenhills to the Trustees of the The Alzheimer Society of Ireland by means of a 99 year lease at a consideration of €1000 (one thousand euro) per year.

Lessee is responsible for all legal costs and expenses.

Minute No. 255/19

Allocation of Members Community Grants

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

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations (17 in total) as circulated with the agenda

Minute No. 256/19

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler

Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey

And resolved:

To approve attendance of members recorded in the Conference & Events Register at such Conferences and Events listed within the agenda & approved at Policy Group on 6th November 2019

Minute No. 257/19

Monthly Chief Executive's Management Report

Concern was raised at the quality of the unsuccessful application for funding for the municipal athletics track in Dundalk and it was agreed to discuss the matter with the member.

It was agreed to circulate the members with details of the servicing of bottle banks throughout the Christmas period.

It was suggested to the members that the Local Authorities Water & Communities Office might be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting.

Some members expressed the view that it was unfair to fine people for littering who left bottles at full bottle banks. It was suggested that signage needed to be improved advising users not to leave bottles beside the bank when it was full.

Concern was raised at the scores achieved by Louth County Council in the Transparency International Ireland survey and the need to put details of preplanning discussions on the Council's website was emphasised.

Minute No. 258/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Cllr. James Byrne

Seconded by Cllr. E. Coffey

“Louth County Council calls on the Government to exempt fully compostable shopping bags from the proposed range of environmental levies as part of the solution to eliminate single use plastics”

Members noted the reply with some expressing their inability to support the motion

Minute No. 259/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Murchu

Seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne

“Louth County Council calls on the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to introduce provision for up to 10 days paid leave which can be accessed by employees experiencing domestic violence”

Members noted the reply with some expressing their inability to support the motion

Minute No. 260/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by Cllr. C. Keelan

“Since the introduction of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan what has been the breakdown of successful and unsuccessful applicants in County Louth in each given year?”

Reply:

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans to 31st October 2019

Year	Received	Applications approved	Refused	Awaiting decision	Drawn down
2018	82	55	27	0	9
2019	69	32	20	17	35

Minute No. 261/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by Cllr. P. Smith

Requesting that Louth County Council provide a breakdown of money allocated in 2020 to the following: CLAR Development, Comhairle na nÓg, CDB Strategy, Age Friendly, PPN Networks, Town and Village Renewal Projects and clarify what money is received from Government/Grants and what money if any is allocated from LCC

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DESCRIPTION	Budget Expenditure 2020	Budget Income 2020	Dept. / Interreg	Dev Levies
CLAR	€77,630	€76,567	€69,867	€6,700
Comhairle na nOG	€24,000	€20,000	€20,000	
CDB Strategy	€0	€0		
Age Friendly	€32,500	€0		
PPN Networks	€85,687	€50,000	€50,000	
Town & Village Renewal Projects 2019	€920,000	€920,000	€840,000	€80,000
	€1,139,817	€1,066,567	€979,867	€86,700
National Community Weekend Fund	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	
CEP Mens Shed Funding	€9,000	€9,000	€9,000	
Community Enhancement Programme 2020	€145,500	€145,500	€145,500	
Salaries	€522,633	€75,000	€75,000	
JPC Meeting Costs	€4,500	€0		
Local Economic Community Plan & LCDC Expenses	€8,000	€0		
Printing & Stationery	€2,000	€0		
Sports Development Officer FAI, GAA & Rugby	€46,350	€0		
Healthy Ireland Fund Community Mental Health	€56,000	€56,000	€56,000	
Healthy Ireland Fund Other	€165,000	€165,000	€165,000	
SHAFE Interreg European Fund	€40,858	€12,850	€12,850	
Traveller Development	€6,000	€0		
	€1,015,841	€473,350	€473,350	€0
Total D0601 General Community & Enterprise Expenses	€2,155,658	€1,539,917	€1,453,217	€86,700

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Minute No. 262/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by Cllr. P. Smith

Requesting that Louth County Council provide a breakdown of how the 3,066,890 euro allocated to Economic Development and Promotion in the 2020 Budget is actually spent and outlining what money, if any, is from Government and what money, if any, is from LCC

Reply:

DESCRIPTION	Budget Expenditure 2020	Budget Income 2020	Dept. / PEACE	Dev Levies
LEADER Programme	€300,000	€300,000	€300,000	
Economic Development & Promotion	€110,000	€60,000		€60,000
Newry Mourne MOU Costs	€2,000	€0		
Small Festival Grants	€55,000	€0		
Insurance for Walks	€700	€0		
Salaries	€198,189	€0		
PEACE IV	€2,371,001	€2,340,800	€2,340,800	
European Cross Border Costs	€15,000	€0		
NEEC / C8 Expenditure	€15,000	€0		
Total D0905 Economic Development & Promotion	€3,066,890	€2,700,800	€2,640,800	€60,000

Minute No. 263/19

Correspondence

Correspondence as listed with the Agenda was noted by the members

Minute No. 264/19

Vote of Sympathy

To the families of the following:-

Cormac O Braonain
Kit Weldon
Daragh McNally
Jim Murphy
Malachy McCluskey

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Minute No. 265/19

Vote of Congratulations

Evelyn Igharo and Clann Naofa Boxing Club
Mattock Rangers GFC

Minute No. 266/19

Motions from other Councils

Motions from other councils as listed with the Agenda were 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: _____