

## *Minutes of Council Meeting January 2020*

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. L. Reilly

**Members:** Councillors: Marianne Butler, Joanna Byrne, Hugh Conlon, Edel Corrigan, Tom Cunningham, Maria Doyle, Michelle Hall, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, Colm Markey, John McGahon, Pearse McGeough, Erin McGreehan, D. Minogue, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Declan Power, Tomás Sharkey, John Sheridan, Pío Smith, Jim Tenanty, Eileen Tully, Maeve Yore

**Apologies:** Cllrs P. Bell, James Byrne, E. Coffey, P. McQuillan, A. Watters

**Officials:** J. Martin, Chief Executive  
F. Pentony, Director of Services  
J. McGuinness, Director of Services  
P. Donnelly, Director of Services  
C. Duff, Director of Services  
B. Woods, Head of Finance  
W. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer  
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer  
M. Johnston, Senior Engineer  
J. O'Hagan, Senior Engineer  
D. Hanratty, Senior Engineer  
T. McEvoy, Head of LEO  
E. Woulfe, Chief Fire Officer  
R. McAuley, Accountant  
Y. O'Brien, County Librarian  
A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator

### **Minute No.01/20**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr. S. Kelly

**And resolved:**

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be confirmed

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### **Minute No. 02/20**

#### **Minutes for noting**

Corporate Policy Group 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Borough District of Drogheda 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

Municipal District of Dundalk 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

Municipal District of Ardee 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **Minute No.03/20**

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

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the draft agenda for the January meeting was considered and agreed. The Councillors Community Grants (8) were noted and approved and the conferences (3) were also approved. The need to inform members when works requested through CRM are completed was acknowledged and options are being examined to address this issue. The work programmes for the Housing SPC, Community, Quality of Life & Creativity SPC & Climate Action & Energy SPC were agreed by the committee. The protocol for dealing with reps with regard to GDPR was agreed by the committee. The SPC Chairs were informed that they should report to the full Council on their activity of their committee and that members of outside bodies must report annually to the full Council

### **Minute No.04/20**

#### **Report on SPC Meeting**

The Chair of the Housing SPC gave a verbal report to the meeting

### **Minute No. 05/20**

#### **Adoption of Audit Committee Charter 2019-2024**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Yore**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. Smith**

**And resolved**

To adopt the Audit Committee Charter 2019-2024 as circulated with the agenda

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### **Minute No. 06/20**

#### **Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme 2020-2023**

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Keelan**  
**Seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne**  
**And resolved**

To adopt the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme 2020-2023 as circulated with the agenda. Members pointed out that roundabouts should not be sponsored by companies promoting sugary and fast foods.

### **Minute No. 07/20**

#### **Allocation of Members Community Grants**

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler**  
**Seconded by: Cllr. P. Smith**  
**And resolved:**

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations as circulated with the agenda

### **Minute No. 08/20**

#### **Conferences and Events**

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler**  
**Seconded by: Cllr. P. Smith**  
**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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **Minute No. 09/20**

#### **Monthly Management Report**

It was agreed to request that Irish Water brief the members on the improvement works at the Staleen water treatment plant.

The need for the Council to play an active part in tackling criminal & anti-social activity was emphasised.

It was agreed to ensure details of the rebuilding Ireland home loans is on the Council's website.

The need to carry out significantly more housing adaptations for people with disabilities was raised.

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### **Minute No. 10/20**

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Keelan**

**Seconded by Cllr. M. Yore**

“That this Council approach Irish Water regarding a grant scheme for rainwater harvesting systems as is currently being tried in other local authorities. This could be in the form of a reduction in the price of a new connection or a credit on billed metering.”

**The motion was agreed by the Members**

### **Minute No. 11/20**

#### **Notice of Motion**

That Louth County Council draft and adopt a bye law for the specific purpose of prohibiting the use of scrambler motorcycles and Quads or other mechanically propelled vehicles on publicly owned green spaces”

**This motion was deferred to the next meeting as the proposer Cllr. P. Bell was not in attendance**

### **Minute No. 12/20**

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey**

**Seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham**

Louth County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality, and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is “Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019” which deals with parental alienation in family courts.

**The motion was agreed by the Members**

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**Minute No. 13/20**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O'Murchu  
Seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne**

Louth County Council insists that the Government does not organise State commemorations for British crown forces who maintained and enforced British rule in Ireland and suppressed the will of the Irish people for self determination and national independence.

**The motion was agreed by the Members**

**Minute No. 14/20**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O'Murchu  
Seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne**

Louth County Council believes that the cost of renting has spiraled out of control and high rents are having a negative impact on individual families and the wider local economy. This Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to call on him to introduce an immediate rent freeze and a refundable tax credit that will put one month's rent back in every renter's pocket

**The motion was agreed by the Members**

**Minute No. 15/20**

**Vote of Sympathy:-**

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

Pat O'Neill  
Keane Mulready-Woods  
Patsy Martin  
Greg Sexton

**Minute No. 16/20**

**Vote of Congratulations:-**

Bush Primary School

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**Minute No. 17/20**

**Presentation by Dr. Michael Mulvey, President, DKIT**

As agreed at a previous meeting this matter was dealt with in committee

**Minute No. 18/20**

**Motions from other Councils**

Motions from other Councils as listed with the Agenda were noted by the members

**Minute No. 19/20**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_