

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

**In attendance:**

<b>Cathaoirleach:</b>	Cllr. J. Tenanty
<b>Members:</b>	Councillors: T. Cunningham, C. Markey, P. McGeough, L. Reilly, D. Minogue
<b>Officials:</b>	J. McGuinness, Director of Services G. Kelly, Senior Engineer P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
<b>Apologies:</b>	None

**Minute No. 45/14**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough.

**Minute No. 46/14**

**Draft Protocol for the attendance of An Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council at functions/events**

The members considered the draft Protocol as had been circulated with the agenda. They commented on a number of specifics in the Protocol, that how they were scripted seemed excessive, but it was important that the Cathaoirleach attending events was afforded the respect which the office carried with it. The members agreed that the Protocol as drafted should be recommended to the CPG and the full council for approval.

**Minute No. 47/14**

**Place Names Committee**

The members were advised of the function and role of the Place Names Committee and the membership thereof, and it was agreed that Cllr. Liam Reilly would represent the Ardee Municipal District on this committee.

**Minute No. 48/14**

**Housing and Community Progress Report**

Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services presented the Housing and Communities Progress Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, and addressed the member's queries in regard to same. These included reference to the HAP scheme uptake. Mr. McGuinness advised that there was increasing numbers of applications to HAP and staff were processing same, with 18 now completed on a countywide basis.

**Minute No. 49/14**

**Operations, Infrastructure and Marine Progress Report**

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer presented the report dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Cllr. McGeough was joined by the members in welcoming the opening of the Station Road in Castlebellingham. He had called for this work for some time, and was delighted to see the work completed.

Mr. Kelly advised the members that at this stage of the year staff are completing elements of the Road Works Programme that would have been agreed by members earlier in the year.

**Minute No. 50/14**

**Notices of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty**

"That the council investigate the possibilities of providing a bus shelter in conjunction with the bus service provider, between the two roundabouts on the north of Ardee"

**Reply:**

**The Council will examine the feasibility of providing a bus shelter at this location and will explore the possibility of obtaining funding for same with the bus service providers and the National Transport Authority (NTA).**

**Minute No. 51/14**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue  
Seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly**

"That the council arrange for the maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the maintenance of the roundabout on the Castleguard entrance into Ardee"

**Reply:**

**This roundabout will be added to our maintenance programme.**

**Minute No. 52/14**

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham**

**Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough**

“That Ardee Municipal District Council calls on the government to:

- Immediately reverse domestic water charges which are an unfair and unjust double charge being forced on already struggling households.
- Stop the rollout and redirect the 539 million euro loan finance from the National Pension Reserve Fund towards fixing the massive leakage problems and interruption to supply.
- Recognise that Irish Water is not fit for purpose since it is unaccountable to the Minister and therefore to the Oireachtas and the citizens of this state.
- Prevent Irish Water from any further excessive spending of tax payers money including the proposed further 35 million euro on the use of external consultants in 2015.
- Oppose any duplication of services being delivered by Irish Water and local authorities and retain these services within full public ownership now and in the future.
- Listen to the widespread public anger that exists towards this Government and Irish Water by the Irish people who are now rightly organising and mobilising in protest and opposition to these water charges through the Right 2 Water public campaign which includes activist, citizens, community groups, political parties and trade unions.

**REPLY:**

**This is a matter for the Members.**

The Chairman called for a show of hands in regard to the motion. There were four members in favor and two members against. The motion was carried.

**Minute No. 53/14**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. McGeough**

**Seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham**

"I wish to call for the provision of traffic safety measures at the junction of the Dundalk/Ardee Rd with the Darver Road at Readypenny. This junction, with the large volume of traffic exiting from the Darver GAA training grounds, is an accident waiting to happen and needs immediate attention."

**Reply:**

The Council will collate accident data and other relevant information for this junction to determine what measures if any are warranted in the interest of traffic safety. The implementation of any measures will be contingent on funding being made available through Road Grants.

**Minute No. 54/14**

**Notice of Question**

The notice of Question from Cllr. T. Cunningham was noted.

"Has Louth County Council any plans to erect new signage on the approach roads to Ardee informing people of the new free parking scheme?"

**Reply:**

**There are currently no proposals to erect these signs.**

**Minute No. 55/14**

**Correspondence**

Members considered correspondence from St. Mochas' Louth National School and Ardee Community School.

In respect of Ardee Community School it was agreed that members would favourably consider allocating a contribution from the Members Contribution Scheme in the New Year and the school should be advised of this matter.

**Minute No. 56/14**

**Vote of Sympathy**

A vote of sympathy was recorded in respect of Mr. Tom Power, founder of Ferdia Plastics and a key advocate for the Leader organisation in the mid Louth area.

**Minute No. 57/14**

**Vote of Thanks**

Cllr. McGeough extended his thanks to the staff and those who responded to the recent flooding in the county, and looked forward to having an opportunity to discuss the flooding at a future date.

**Minute No. 58/14**

**Date of next meeting**

The members agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

**Minute No. 59/14**

In concluding the meeting the Chairman wished all the members a Happy Christmas and extended this to the members of the press.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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