

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015.

**In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. J. Tenanty

**Members:** Councillors: T. Cunningham, C. Markey, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, L. Reilly

**Officials:** J. McGuinness, Director of Services  
G. Kelly, Senior Engineer  
Paddy Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** none

**Minute No.28/15**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

**Minute No. 29/15**

**Matters arising**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Tenanty thanked Ms. Liz Duff for her management and administration of the March meeting.

**Minute No. 30/15**

**Louth Drugs and Alcohol Forum**

To nominate a member of the Municipal District as a representative on the Louth Drugs and Alcohol Forum.

Cllr. Jim Tenanty was proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Tenantys position was confirmed as the Ardee Municipal District representative on the forum.

**Minute No. 31/15**

**Housing and Communities Progress Report**

Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services presented the Housing and Communities Progress Report dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 which had been circulated with the agenda. The Director highlighted the issue of Choice Based Lettings which had initially been a pilot scheme, and which he now proposed to advertise as an extended pilot to all standard lettings in the Mid Louth area from 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Director outlined to the

members how the scheme would operate and that progress of same would be brought to the attention of the members through the Housing and Communities Progress Report on a monthly basis. The members queries and questions in relation to elements of the report were addressed by the Director of Services.

Cllr. Minogue thanked the staff involved in Anti-Social Behaviour management and cited recent successes as a result of the staff commitment to this process.

**Minute No. 32/15**

**Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report**

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, presented the Operations, Infrastructure and Marine Progress Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015. In the report Mr. Kelly re-presented the Road Works Programme for the current year. Having considered the programme, it was proposed by Cllr. C. Markey and seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly and agreed by all.

**Minute No. 33/15**

**Taking In Charge Report / Unfinished Housing Developments / Derelict Sites**

Mr. P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator brought to the members attention three reports in regard to Taking In Charge, Unfinished Housing Developments, and Derelict Sites that referred particularly to the Ardee Municipal District Area. The reports were welcomed by the members who felt it was necessary to consider the reports in more depth and maybe revert at a later meeting with questions and clarifications in regard to same. Mr. Donnelly advised the members that it would not be appropriate to bring these reports other than on a biannual basis, or quarterly if there was a significant movement in relation to the reports. This was agreed. The members will revert to the Meetings Administrator with any queries or clarifications required in advance of the next meeting.

**Minute No. 34/15**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue  
Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey**

"That this Council commence a review of speed limits at the earliest opportunity with particular reference to Slow Zones in residential areas on foot of the launch of a new document entitled 'Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits', which has been produced by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Paschal Donohoe TD."

**Reply:**

**The Council intends to examine in detail the advice and guidance contained in the document 'Guidelines for Setting and Maintaining Speed Limits' with a view to developing a county wide strategy. In relation to new urban 'slow zones' for housing estates, the Council will support a community based**

**approach to reduce the speed limit but measures will be contingent on the availability of funding and resources.**

In noting the reply, the members agreed that the matter should be referred to the Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

**Minute No. 35/15**

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted by the members;

- Monaghan County Council
- Cittá di Nettuno

In noting the correspondence the Cathaoirleach wished to thank all concerned in hosting the Nettuno delegation who visited over the St. Patricks Day period, and he was delighted to see that the group had now requested a return visit from Co. Louth. The Cathaoirleach indicated that it was his intention to travel to Nettuno in May.

Clarification in regard to the hosting of such events and where delegations would stay was set out by the Meetings Administrator.

**Minute No. 36/15**

**Municipal District of Ardee Expenditure**

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Tenanty and seconding of Cllr. D. Minogue it was agreed that in accordance with Standing Order No. 50 that the meeting would consider this matter in committee, and members of the press and media left the meeting.

The members considered in detail a number of proposals set out in relation to expenditure specific to the Municipal District of Ardee. There was a lengthy debate in relation to same. The Director of Service agreed to re-circulate the schedule of expenditure based on the members discussions and agreements and that the matter would be tabled for consideration in the normal way at the May meeting.

There being no other business the meeting concluded, with the Cathaoirleach wishing everyone a happy Easter.

The Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:-

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

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

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