

Municipal District of Ardee – July 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ardee held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee, on Thursday 2nd July, 2015 at 5.30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. C. Markey
Members:	Councillors: T. Cunningham, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, J. Tenanty
Officials:	David Storey, A/Director of Services G. Kelly, Senior Engineer Paddy Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
Apologies:	none
Guest:	Elizabeth Lavery, LMETB

Minute No. 63/15

To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 4th June.

Proposed by: Cllr Liam Reilly
Seconded by: Cllr Dolores Minogue

Minute No. 64/15

To confirm the minutes of the June Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District held on Thursday 4th June.

Proposed by: Cllr Liam Reilly
Seconded by: Cllr Dolores Minogue

Minute No. 65/15

Matters Arising

Cllr. McGeough sought clarification as to when the Traffic Management Plan in regard to Ardee would be progressed. This matter is to be addressed at a future meeting.

Cllr. Tenanty, in respect of Minute No 60/15, a non material issue is that Cllr Tenanty was the seconder of the Motion, as it was jointly proposed.

Cllr. Tenanty, with the agreement of the Cathaoirleach, shared with the members the contents of an email he received in relation to parking fines in Ardee. Clarification was sought with regard to the €65 charge. The members were advised that Parking Bye Laws are in existence, and while there is no pay parking charge, the matter of parking is something that may be, and can be under the bye laws, managed by An Garda Síochána. This could in some instances result in a charge. Parking is permitted for 2 hours in the designated areas. A copy of the bye-laws will be circulated to the members with the agenda for the next meeting.

Minute No. 66/15

LMETB Youthreach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Colm Markey, introduced and welcomed Ms. Liz Lavery of Louth Meath Education Training Board (LMETB).

Ms. Lavery is the Adult Education Training Coordinator and she presented to the members in regard to the proposal to seek the establishment of a Youthreach facility in Ardee. The facility is intended to reach out to young adults who have for whatever reason exited the structured school system at an early stage, or have lost their jobs and are under the age of 20 years. It was important, Ms Lavery pointed out, that such an application would have the support of the Local Authority and local business community. Ms Lavery was satisfied that this support would come from the local business community and she addressed the member's queries in relation to the Youthreach facility. Ms. Lavery confirmed that what was being sought was the goodwill support of the Local Authority and not a financial contribution.

Cllr Pearse McGeough proposed that the Local Authority support the venture, and this was seconded by the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Markey.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Lavery for her presentation, wished her success with the application and looked forward to her return at a future meeting to update the members in regard to its development. Ms. Lavery thanked the members for the opportunity to address them.

Minute No. 67/15

Housing and Communities Progress Report

Mr. David Storey, Acting Director of Services, presented the Housing and Communities Progress Report dated 25th June, 2015 which had been circulated with the agenda, and he addressed the members' queries in regard to same.

Minute No. 68/15

Infrastructure, Operations and Marine Progress Report

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer presented the report dated 22nd June which had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. Kelly advised the members that under the

Road Works Programme the surface dressing works are nearing completion with lining works commencing. He outlined that this was well in advance of usual programmes and he thanked his team for the work they had done in the preparation and roll out of this work. Mr. Kelly confirmed that the Overlay Tender is currently out for responses and it is expected to have this matter dealt with in two months. Further updates would be presented at the September meeting.

Minute No. 69/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Cllr D. Minogue

Seconded by Cllr L. Reilly

"That this Council support funding to hire a 20 hour a week Business, Marketing and Tourism PhD undergraduate for a 6 month period to design and implement a Tourism Plan for the Mid Louth Area which utilizes the areas specific historical and natural advantages and is in line with Government initiatives"

REPLY:

The Council, through the Public Appointment Service (PAS), have recently recruited a graduate who has been appointed to the Economic Unit of the Council. This section through the Louth Economic Forum are revising the existing Tourism and Heritage Action Plan for the County, which will include the Mid Louth Area, in light of the recently announced Fáilte Ireland destination 'Irelands Ancient East'.

Minute No. 70/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Cllr D. Minogue

Seconded by Cllr L. Reilly

"That outdoor pull up bars be placed in the Fair Green to facilitate calisthenics training"

REPLY:

Currently there is no source of funding available to add to the suite of exercise equipment at the Fair Green.

Minute No. 71/15

Rurual Economic Development Zone (REDZ)

There was a discussion in regard to the above matter in response to an email from Louth Leader Partnership. The members were keen to see that Ardee would be

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identified as the centre for such REDZ. This matter would be discussed and brought to the attention of the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the next meeting would be on Thursday 3rd September and thanked the members for their attendance and wished them a safe and enjoyable summer break.

The business of the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:-

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____