

*Municipal District of Ardee – March 2015*

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Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee, Co. Louth, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

**In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. J. Tenanty

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

**Officials:** J. McGuinness, Director of Services  
G. Kelly, Senior Engineer  
L. Duff, Staff Officer

**Apologies:** P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

**Minute No.18/15**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty,  
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough**

“To consider in committee in accordance with Standing Order No. 50, submissions for the Ardee Municipal budget Allocation 2015.”

With the agreement of all in attendance the Chair agreed to consider same in committee following the business of the Clár being dealt with.

**Minute No. 19/15**

**Minutes**

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

**Minute No. 20/15**

**Matters arising**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Tenanty advised that he contacted the Dunleer residents and the OPW regarding a meeting to discuss the flooding in Dunleer. He will discuss with Senior Engineer.

**Minute No. 21/15**

**Joint Policing Committee**

The Cathaoirleach sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Ardee Joint Policing Forum.

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough,  
Cllr. P. McGeough for the chair of the Joint Policing Forum.**

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Markey and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue,**  
Cllr. D. Minogue for the chair of the Joint Policing Forum.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

**For Cllr. McGeough:** Cllrs., T. Cunningham, P. McGeough, J. Tenanty **(3)**  
**For Cllr. Minogue:** Cllrs. C. Markey, D. Minogue **(2)**  
**Absent:** Cllr. L. Reilly **(1)**

Cllr. P. McGeough was thus deemed elected as chair of the Ardee Joint Policing Forum.

### **Minute No. 22/15**

#### **Taking in Charge – Cherrybrook Estate**

Members welcomed the Taking in Charge of Cherrybrook Estate as a major development. They stressed that it was important to secure funding. The Senior Engineer advised that it would take its place in the queue for works.

Cllr. L. Reilly asked if the developer of the adjacent development could be approached with regard to funding for the estate works. The Director of Service advised that Planning Permission was already issued.

### **Minute No. 23/15**

#### **Housing & Community Progress Report**

Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Service, presented the Housing & Community Progress Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015, and addressed the members queries in regard to same. He advised that there was now a change in the reporting structure where the HAP details are presented on a Municipal District basis. He also advised that a HAP clinic would be facilitated in Ardee for potential tenants and property owners from 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015.

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Markey,**  
**Seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly,**

That a list of unfinished estates and derelict buildings be submitted for the next meeting.

### **Minute No. 24/15**

#### **Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report**

Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, presented the Operations, Infrastructure and Marine Progress Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, and outlined to the members that the proposed Road Works Programme as circulated with the agenda was reframed to

take account of a 10% reduction in funding. He advised that there would be additional funds provided for maintenance, winter gritting, etc. Cllr. Markey asked if any savings from winter gritting could be re-directed in this area and the Senior Engineer advised that these would be available from next year. Cllr. Cunningham asked that we write to Department as funding was down.

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

That the Road Works Programme for 2015, as submitted with Agenda, for Ardee Municipal District be approved.

**Minute No. 25/15**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. McGeough**  
**Seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham,**

"I wish to call for safety measures to be provided on the bridge that straddles the border between counties Louth and Monaghan on the L4710"

**REPLY:**

**Louth County Council will erect an additional sign and paint SLOW on the road on the approach to this hump backed bridge.**

It was agreed the Meetings Administrator would write to Monaghan County Council to ask them to carry out Road Works on their side of the bridge.

**Minute No. 26/15**

Cllr. Tenanty queried the changes in road markings on the N52 at Lambtown. The Senior Engineer will investigate.

**Minute No. 27/15**

**Municipal District Allocation**

The Director of Service advised that he had received a Circular from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to providing funding to various bodies. He advised that we must ensure that they submit a plan of expenditure.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Director of Service would submit a further table to members within 7 days for consideration. On the proposal of Cllr. L Reilly and seconding of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Tenanty it was agreed that a further report be submitted for consideration in Committee. It was suggested that monies be set aside for grant schemes whereby various bodies would apply and

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submit vouched expenditure. It was agreed that the table would include spending under various directorates as follows:

Housing:	Estate management – e.g., closing alleyways, street lights
Roads:	Safety measures – traffic calming, pedestrian safety, ramps
Environment:	Street cleaning, litter bins, bring banks – funding provided to be added to existing budget expenditure
Recreation and Amenity:	Arts, playgrounds and sports
Economic Development:	Festivals

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:-

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

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

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