

Municipal District of Ardee – May 2015

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee, on Thursday 7th May, 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. 37/15

Cllr. Liam Reilly proposed that considering today was the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Lusitania ship, he would like to mark the occasion and record some local connections with this terrible disaster.

From Cllr. Reilly's research it seems that the original Captain of the ship was Captain Dow who originated from Dromiskin and Captain Dow was on sick leave at the time of the sailing of the Lusitania when it met its terrible end. He wished to record and remember all of those who lost their lives on the Lusitania, all of those who have lost their lives at sea, and those who have rendered aid in rescuing and recovering them in the years since the sinking of the Lusitania. This was agreed by all.

Minute No. 38/15

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd April, 2015, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. L. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham.

Minute No. 39/15

Matters arising

Director of Services, Mr. Joe McGuinness sought clarification from the members in regard to the proposed spending of the Municipal District Fund of €50,000.

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly and Seconding of Cllr. C. Markey it was agreed that a workshop in committee would be held at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 18th May in advance of the Council Meeting, and that the matter be listed for termination at the June Meeting of the Municipal District.

Minute No. 40/15

Annual Meeting

The members considered, as required under Section 44 of Schedule 10.3(3) of the Local Government Act, 2001, and agreed that the date for the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Ardee shall be on Thursday, 4th June at 5:30 p.m. in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre. This was proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. C. Markey and agreed by all.

Minute No. 41/15

Housing and Communities Progress Report

The Director of Services presented the Housing and Communities Progress Report dated 30th April, 2015 as circulated with the agenda. The Director advised the members that he had received notification just in advance of the meeting confirming the housing project, and he could clarify now that as well as including Boyce Court in Drogheda and the regeneration of Cox's Demesne in Dundalk, that there would be a continuation of the project at Fr. Finn Park in Louth Village. Mr. McGuinness clarified for the members that this included in the region of 20 units.

Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Cllr. C. Markey and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue that we write to the Minister for the Environment expressing disappointment with the level of units provided for in the plan for the Mid Louth area, and seeking the Ministers support in reviewing the decision with a view to increasing the number of units allocated for the Municipal District of Ardee. This matter will also be referred to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee for discussion.

Minute No. 42/15

Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, presented the report dated 24th April, 2015 as circulated with the agenda. The Senior Engineer addressed a number of queries from the members.

He outlined that repairs for tertiary roads could not be accommodated under the Road Works Programme as there was insufficient funding at this stage to complete any such works.

In regard to requests for ramps and traffic calming measures, Mr. Kelly advised the members that a policy had been agreed by the Strategic Policy Committee and this would come before Council, and until such time as the policy was agreed in this area no further traffic calming measures would be put in place. He also outlined that any such projects that may be accommodated under the new policy would of course be subject to funding being available.

The Senior Engineer also made reference to submissions to the Department in relation to coastal erosion and coastal erosion works at Annagassan.

A lengthy discussion in regard to School Wardens ensued and the Senior Engineer advised the members that any additional School Wardens appointed would have to be funded from the Road Works Programme and this would mean a decrease in the funds available for actual road maintenance. The matter of School Wardens will be discussed at a future date.

A number of members raised the issue of traffic at Sean O'Carroll Street and the matter will be kept under review by the Senior Engineer.

Mr. Kelly also advised the members of the difficulties that the traffic light system in the centre of Ardee had been causing following a collision with the lights. He confirmed that funding had now been secured for the lighting system which would be replaced in the coming weeks.

In regard to the presentation made by representatives from Louth Village, Mr. Kelly agreed to revert to the members with a report at a future meeting, which would be as soon as practical.

Minute No. 43/15

Notice of Motion

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

"That this municipal district committee notes the resolution made at the September 2014 meeting, recorded as Minute No. 14/14

'Allowance for Cathaoirleach

The members considered the payment of an allowance for the Cathaoirleach in accordance with Section 143 of the Local Government Act, as inserted by Section 37 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in accordance with Circular LG 12/14, Part IV, (Part B).

That the allowance be paid to the Cathaoirleach in the amount of €6,000 as set out in circular LG 12/14.'

And hereby revokes that motion and resolves that no allowance be paid to the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, as provided for under Section 143 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 37, of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in accordance with Circular LG 3/2015, Appendix 1, Part IV (7)."

There followed a roll call vote in this matter:

For:	Cllrs. Cunningham, McGeough	Total: 2 (two)
Against:	Cllrs. Markey, Minogue, Reilly, Tenanty	Total: 4 (four)

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the motion had fallen.

Minute No. 44/15

Notice of Motion

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

"That the Members of this Municipal District record their support for the upcoming referendum on marriage equality"

The members were in agreement.

Minute No. 45/15

Notice of Motion

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

"That the Municipal District extends an invitation to recently appointed Garda Superintendent Andrew Watters to attend the June meeting"

Upon clarification from the Meetings Administrator that following a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee Steering Group the initial meeting of the Joint Policing Forum would not be held until September, it was agreed to invite Garda Superintendent Watters to the June meeting of the Municipal District.

Minute No. 46/15

Notice of Motion

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

That this Council call on the Government to reintroduce the C.I.S. 80-20 Scheme to solve some of the problems of tertiary roads in the county."

Members agreed that the Executive write to the Minister of the Environment advising him of the motion.

Minute No. 46/15

Notice of Question

The following Notice of Question was recorded:

Cllr. P. McGeough

"When is the speed limit signage that was previously passed by LCC for this area being erected?"

Reply:

The new signs are to be erected and in force from Wednesday 29th of April 2015.

Minute No. 47/15

Notice of Motion form Other Councils

The Notice of Motion from Ballina Municipal District was noted by the members.

Minute No. 48/15

Correspondence

Correspondence from Cllr. Minogue with regard to a proposal to invite Mr. Peter Kierans, Chief Executive of the Louth Meath Education and Training Board was discussed by the members, and it was agreed to extend an invitation to Mr. Kierans to attend the July meeting of the Municipal District.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:-

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____