

## ***Municipal District of Ardee – April 2016***

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Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

<b>Cathaoirleach:</b>	Cllr. Colm Markey
<b>Members:</b>	Councillors: T. Cunningham, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, J. Tenanty
<b>Officials:</b>	J. McGuinness, Director of Services G. Kelly, Senior Engineer M. Murtagh, Meetings Administrator

### **Minute No. 26/16**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue.

### **Minute No. 27/16**

### **Matters Arising**

- Minute 20/16- traffic calming requested at Gort Nua was along the Station Road outside, and not within, the estate. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer, clarified that the response confirmed that speed limits within housing estates would have to be completed before any resources would be available for additional speed limit reviews.
- Pedestrian crossing at Bank of Ireland- G. Kelly Senior Engineer confirmed that the matter had been examined and that it was difficult to identify an alternative suitable location with the only option identified to date being north of the junction. Members agreed that local consultation must take place prior to identifying the best possible option(s). On the proposal of Cllr. L. Reilly seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue it was agreed that G. Kelly, Senior Engineer would draft a letter, for members approval at the May meeting, that would be issued to Local Community Groups, Residents Associations and Traders Associations to seek views/recommendations prior to any drawings being prepared for Public Consultation.

### **Minute No. 28/16**

### **Amenity Grants:**

<b>Proposed by:</b>	<b>Cllr. J. Tenanty</b>
<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Cllr. L. Reilly</b>

and resolved.

To approve the proposed Amenity Grants for Community Groups and Residents Associations in the Ardee Municipal District as set out in the schedule included with the Agenda.

During discussion in the matter a number of issues were addressed including:

- Unfair distribution between smaller and larger areas
- Criteria used to decide on level of grant to be awarded to each applicant.
- Some quite large housing estates in Municipal District getting very small grants for level of work required.
- Criteria for awarding grants to Management Companies rather than Residents Associations.

J. McGuinness, Director of Services advised that the amalgamation of the former separate Local Authorities has highlighted some inequities with three different schemes with different budgets all having to be incorporated into one scheme for the county. The inequity will be addressed on an incremental basis and the scheme will be reviewed prior to next year's grant allocation being approved.

#### **Minute No. 29/16**

#### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

During discussion on the report included with the agenda the following matters were addressed:

- Fr. Finn Park, Phase 2, (approximately 20 Units) new added to monthly report.
- Two further Units acquired in Ardee Municipal District.
- Dublin City Council are leading on the six proposed National developments and have requested the planning history on the Dunleer lands.
- Anti- Social Behaviour- every complaint is investigated.

#### **Minute No. 30/16**

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

Members discussed the Report as circulated with the Agenda and the following matters were addressed:

- G. Kelly, Senior Engineer circulated a brief report on the N52 Ardee By Pass. Members stressed the importance of lobbying for this project to be prioritised and on the proposal of Cllr. P. McGeough seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue it was agreed to write to the relevant Minister, when the new government is formed,

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seeking that they meet a delegation consisting of the six members of the Municipal District.

- The need to highlight Ardee on road directional signage from Dundalk and Drogheda. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer advised that there is no funding available until the next major signposting project is implemented but that he will examine the matter.

### **Minute No. 31/16**

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. J. Tenanty**

**Seconded by: Cllr. L Reilly**

"St Peters 6th class Dromiskin are looking for us to seek funding for, footpaths, pedestrian crossing, lighting and segregated litter bins as they are promoting walk to school, healthy initiatives at their school, and at the moment it is dangerous without these."

**Reply:**

**This is a wide ranging request for funding which covers a number of funding sources. A more detailed description of the works/assistance requested is required to enable a comprehensive response to be provided. The Area Engineering staff will meet the proposer to work through the details in order that this can be done.**

Members noted the response and welcomed the fact that G. Kelly, Senior Engineer was willing to meet with interested parties. It was suggested that a survey had previously been undertaken in relation to footpath provision along the Commons Road from the GAA grounds to the village where there are in excess of 200 houses with no proper link to the village. Agreed that the matter would be examined with a view to producing a costing.

### **Minute No. 32/16**

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. T. Cunningham**

**Seconded by: Cllr. P. McGeough**

"That Louth County Council place rumble strips on the north bound lane of the N2 coming down the hill approaching the junction for Ballapousta L5262 and Belpatrick L5266 to try to slow traffic down approaching this junction and the bend on the N2."

**Reply:**

**New guidelines have been issued regarding the use of yellow bar markings /rumble strips. Yellow bar markings shall only be used on high-speed approaches to roundabouts in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic Signs Manual,**

**Chapter 7. Transverse bar markings or rumble strips shall not generally be used in an attempt to reduce speeds, due to the problems they create with reduced skid resistance during wet road conditions ( particularly for 2 wheeled vehicles), and other negative factors such as discomfort and environmental noise.**

**Therefore it is not possible to provide the rumble strips as requested. The existing signage advising that there is a junction ahead and Slow Bend Ahead signage gives adequate warning of the junction and will be kept under review to ensure that they are not obscured by hedges during the growing season.**

Members noted the response and acknowledged that rumble strips are not recommended under new guidelines but stressed that some action was required to address the issue. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer agreed to re-examine and revert to members.

**Minute No. 33/16**

**Vote of Sympathy**

Family of former Ardee Town Commissioner, Jimmy Bradley.

**Minute No. 34/16**

**Any other Business**

- Members wished Community Garda Pat Flynn and Sergeant Paul McCarville well in their retirement.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on:-

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

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

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