

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

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Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

<b>Leas Cathaoirleach:</b>	Cllr. L. Reilly
<b>Members:</b>	Councillors: T. Cunningham, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, J. Tenanty
<b>Officials:</b>	J. McGuinness, Director of Services G. Kelly, Senior Engineer E. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner M. Murtagh, Meetings Administrator
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. Colm Markey (Cathaoirleach)

### **Minute No. 01/16**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Jim Tenanty.

### **Minute No. 02/16**

### **Matters Arising**

- Letter from the office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion on Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities was distributed to the members and content noted.
- Hedge at St. Oliver's Park, Kilsaran has been placed on the hedge cutting list.
- Wall at Station Road, Castlebellingham has been completed.
- G. Kelly, Senior Engineer will examine the overhanging tree at River Glyde in Castlebellingham and revert with update.
- Confirmed that roadway at Sean O'Carroll Street has not been taken in charge.
- G. Kelly, Senior Engineer, will get an update from Infrastructure in relation to the operation of the security cameras at Clogherhead Harbour and revert with position.
- Notice of Motion 112/15 – G. Kelly, Senior Engineer is to revert on issue of site location selection and funding for bus shelters.
- Members requested that the meeting to prepare the Business Plan for Ardee Castle should be held as soon as possible. J. McGuinness, Director of Services,

confirmed that there is no proposal to transfer ownership to any other party and that the project is included in the Capital Programme. The building will most likely be assigned to community use.

**Minute No. 03/16**

**Part VIII for proposed development consisting of 2 no. self contained bungalows at Tierney St, Ardee**

Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, advised members that the important decision of approving Part VIII's has been assigned to the Municipal District where it is considered it be most appropriately dealt with.

Ms. Emer O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner, briefed members on the proposal and confirmed that the Planning Department was in favour of the development, which assists in meeting social housing needs.

On the proposal of Cllr J. Tenanty, seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue members approved the part VIII as presented.

**Minute No. 04/16**

**Draft Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)**

J. McGuinness, Director of Services advised the members that the draft plan is not available as yet, so members agreed to defer to the February meeting. The Director confirmed that the draft plan would be distributed within the next week and that ample time would be allowed for debate at the next meeting. Members were reminded that they must make a statement on the Economic and Community Goals in the plan, which covers all statutory bodies funding programmes / initiatives in County Louth.

**Minute No. 05/16**

**Housing & Communities Progress Report**

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

- Approval of the Part VIII will now allow procurement to commence for the development at Tierney St.
- Woodlands – completion expected by end of June.
- No further update in relation to the Dunleer lands.
- Representation had been made in respect of two homeless persons which are not reflected in the report – Cllr. Tenanty to advise J. McGuinness, Director of Services.
- Fr. Finn Park not included in the report.
- Choice Based Letting Scheme on next Housing SPC agenda for discussion.

- It is hoped that the Tenant Purchase Scheme will be advertised in February following training of key staff when more details are available.
- Waiting list in Mid Louth is two years shorter than the other Municipal Districts – rate of refusal the same.

**Minute No. 06/16**

**Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated with the agenda and the following matters were addressed.

- Flooding including the flow of water from fields causing potholes – agreed that Cllr. T. Cunningham would email specific cases to G. Kelly, Senior Engineer.
- Damage to Regional Roads as a result of flood related issues will be a priority and will be repaired as soon as weather allows, but liaison with landowners will be a key factor.
- Water flooding from fields and affecting percolation areas at houses at Duffys Cross. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer, advised that there would be similar cases elsewhere and that the Area Engineer would investigate.
- The need for dredging of Rivers Fane, Glyde and Dee to avoid further flooding issues. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer, advised that discussions are taking place nationally on the dredging of rivers, which is a cause of concern to some environmental lobbyists. The CFRAM studies are key to addressing the problem.
- Dromiskin not part of any study but is a high risk area.
- Louth County Council staff, particularly the outdoor workers, were congratulated for their work during the bad weather.
- The draft Restoration Improvement Multi Annual Programme for Mid Louth was circulated to members who noted that the programme had to be finalised by 26<sup>th</sup> February. Agreed that all comments / suggestions would be emailed to G. Kelly and considered within the guidelines that apply to the scheme.

**Minute No. 07/16**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty**

**Seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue**

"That this Council organise a survey of footpaths in the town of Ardee, as wheelchairs are finding some parts difficult to travel on."

**Reply:**

**A meeting will be arranged with the Wheelchair Association and other interested parties to identify areas of concern. A programme can then be put in place to**

**address those areas causing difficulties on a priority basis, and subject to funding.**

During discussion it was noted that the Kells Road, Sliabh Breagh area at the former Credit Union building, and William Street / Hale Street were areas of particular concern for members. It was agreed that consultation would take place with members to develop the survey, which should take account of the views of those requiring the facilities.

**Minute No. 08/16**

**Notice of Question - Cllr. J. Tenanty**

"Can the footpath at the entrance to Cherrybrook be adapted to facilitate wheelchairs and elderly pedestrians, as a step down is not suitable?"

**Reply:**

**This matter can be included in the maintenance programme for 2016**

Cllr Tenanty confirmed he was happy with the response.

**Minute No. 09/16**

Members requested and it was agreed that the Municipal Budget Allocation would be placed on the agenda for the February Meeting.

Also noted that no contact had been received from the Ardee St. Patricks Day Parade Committee who were to submit proposals.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on:-

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

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

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