

Municipal District of Ardee – March 2016

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 3rd March, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

In attendance:

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

Minute No. 17/16

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th February, 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue.

Minute No. 18/16

Matters Arising

- G. Kelly, Senior Engineer was complimented on the work carried out to the hedge at St. Olivers Park, Kilsaran.

Minute No. 19/16

Housing & Communities Progress Report

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

- Housing Acquisition- J. McGuinness, Director of Service confirmed that two housing units were acquired in the Ardee/ Mid Louth Municipal District to date in 2016 with a total of five acquired in 2015. Agreed that updated figures would be provided in future monthly progress reports.
- Allocations signed this week for choice based lettings at Fr Finn Park, Louth Village and Ard na Tuire Dromiskin.

J. McGuinness, Director of Services confirmed that unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

Minute No. 20/16

Infrastructure, Operations & Marine Progress Report

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

- Speed Limit Review- Executive will examine and prepare a report on submissions and bring back to Municipal District.
- Traffic Calming at Gort Nua- will carry out a speed survey at some future stage but traffic calming programme in housing estate will have to be complete first.
- Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer confirmed that no funding is provided by the Department for pothole repairs and, while the Local Authority has provided some additional funding, weather conditions are preventing repairs at the minute. Regional and Primary Roads will be prioritised for attention.
- No update on Pedestrian Crossing at Bank of Ireland, Ardee but the project will be costed and submitted for funding.
- No update available on the introduction of a weight restriction on Sean O'Carroll Street. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer will examine and revert to members.

Minute No. 21/16

Approval of Multi Annual Roadworks Programme.

Members noted that the Annagassan Coast Road was now included in the programme and that the €52,000 for the Station Road in Castlebellingham was for the stretch of road between the village and the recent works.

On the proposal of Cllr D Minogue seconded by Cllr T Cunningham the Roadworks Programme for the Municipal District of Ardee/ Mid Louth was approved.

Minute No. 22/16

Ardee By Pass

Members stressed that the By-Pass was a priority for the town and that the project must be transferred from the second list to the first list of National Priorities. It was stressed that working with Meath County Council on the development of the N2 at Slane should be explored as an opportunity to get high priority for the overall project and noted that land purchase/ surveying is complete on the N52 while the N33 is the cause of the bottleneck. It was agreed that G. Kelly, Senior Engineer would endeavour to get a cost estimate for the project and prepare a paper for discussion at the next meeting

Minute No. 23/16

Notice of Question - Cllr. J. Tenanty

"Can Louth Co. Council look for the recycling area at the entrance to Ferdia Park, as its danger to both motorist and pedestrian, and also a health hazard and a dumping ground for household rubbish?"

Reply:

The bring banks at Ferdia Park have been in place for approximately 10 years. We are not aware of the bring banks causing a danger to motorists or pedestrians. On occasion, when the banks are full, bags of recyclables have been left at the site. The Council clean-up any waste left around the bring banks when we receive reports of same. If household waste is dumped at the bring banks then the Litter Wardens investigate with a view to prosecuting the culprits. CCTV has been used previously at this location and a number of fines were issued.

In the absence of Cllr. Tenanty members noted the response to the question.

Minute No. 24/16

Notice of Question - Cllr. J. Tenanty

"Is Cherrybrook officially taken in charge by LCC as they have not received any confirmation?"

Reply:

Cherrybrook – A plebiscite has been carried out in favour of having the estate known as Cherrybrook taken in charge. The process is at an advanced stage and it is intended to advertise the Council's intention to take the estate in charge in due course.

In the absence of Cllr. Tenanty members noted the response to the question.

Minute No. 25/16

Any other Business

- St. Patricks Day Parade in Ardee is going ahead.
- Residential House in Mid Louth- Planning Section of Louth County Council currently seeking guidance from an Bord Pleanala- the current application does not rely on the exemption clause and will be judged on its own merits. It is hoped to be able to provide an update at the next Municipal meeting.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on:-

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____