

Municipal District of Ardee – May 2016

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 5th May, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

In attendance:

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

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th April, 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue.

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Matters Arising

- Municipal District Allocation- Members agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday 12th May either immediately before or immediately after the JPC meeting depending on the starting time of that meeting. J. McGuinness, Director of Services to revert with agreed time.

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Peace IV Partnership

Ms. Therése McArdle, Administrative Officer, updated members, by way of a Powerpoint Presentation on the current status of the Peace IV Programme and the requirement to establish a Peace Partnership Committee to make recommendations to the LCDC on project submissions. Ms. McArdle advised members that a tendering process was almost complete to appoint consultants to prepare the Local Peace IV Action Plan under the specific themes of Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations. Members were advised that the allocation under the programme for Louth was the second highest for the six councils in the Border Region at just over €3.5 million.

Nominations were taken for a representative from the Ardee Municipal District to sit on Peace IV Partnership:

Cllr. D. Minogue- Proposed by Cllr. C. Markey seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly.

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Cllr.T. Cunningham- Proposed by Cllr.J. Tenanty, seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough.

A note (show of hands) was taken the result of which was as follows:

Cllr. D. Minogue- 3 Votes

Cllr. T. Cunningham- 3 Votes

Members agreed to draw the names from a hat following which Cllr. D. Minogue was elected to represent the Ardee Municipal District on the Peace IV Partnership.

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Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- Procurement for Design Team for Fr. Finn Park Phase 2 (Provisionally 20 Units) has commenced.
- Significant number of application received for Housing Adaption Grants, Mobility Aids Grants and Housing Older Persons Grants which are currently being assessed.
- Least costly option will be undertaken including through floor lift, but noted that this may not suit all applicants so degree of flexibility required in particular circumstances.
- It is the intention of the Housing Section to introduce HAP Clinics to Ardee when staffing resources allow.
- Congratulations was extended to the Operational Therapists carrying out assessments on behalf of the Local Authority on the quality of their work and consultation with applicants.
- Agreed that the Director of Services would give a presentation on the various schemes at a future meeting of the Municipal District.

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Infrastructure, Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- Work in the Municipal District has concentrated on preparation for surface dressing works in accordance with the Roadworks Programme.
- The contract has been awarded for chippings.
- Tender have been received for overlay works and are being assessed.
- N33 works welcomed.

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- Blakestown Cross- Meeting to be arranged with residents in relation to traffic management during the works.
- Manhole at Scoil Mhuire na Trocaire need urgent repair.
- G. Kelly, Senior Engineer will investigate the situation in relation to the hedge along the Collon/Drogheda Road which is the subject of legal action at present.
- Crossing at Bank of Ireland, Ardee- Cllr. J. Tenanty circulated the results of a survey he undertook which demonstrated an overwhelming majority of property owners along the main street in the town in favour of moving the crossing North of its present location. Members were of the view that Residents Associations in the town should also be consulted with for their views. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer advised that there would be a significant funding issue with the proposed relocation but that he will highlight the proposal to T11 for funding as a Safety Measure.
- Members agreed that a “catch all” survey should be undertaken to feed into a 5 or 10 Year plan for traffic management in the town. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer agreed to progress this in the latter part of 2016.
- Annagassan Harbour- Health and Safety issue from build up of silt- needs to be examined urgently. Noted that management of water flow also needs to be examined.
- Smarmore Graveyard- Headstone erected. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer to examine if permission was required.
- Footpaths Dromiskin- meeting held with Area Engineer in the matter. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer advised that a comprehensive plan was required and that the Infrastructure Section had agreed to prepare such a plan before the end of the year. Noted that the overall costs would be substantial and that works would have to be carried out on a phased basis over a number of years.
- Grass cutting at crossroads/junctions- safety issue in many cases. G. Kelly, Senior Engineer advised that a very limited budget was available for such works but the Area Engineer will be prioritising specific locations for attention over the Summer months.
- G. Kelly, Senior Engineer to revert with a date when Salterstown Pier will reopen.
- Potholes in general Togher Area need attention.

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Budget Issue.

Members requested clarification on the availability of €8,000.00 that was ringfenced for supporting work programmes of Tidy Towns Groups that are members of Louth

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Tidy Towns Together. J. McGuinness, Director of Services to revert to members in this matter.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on:-

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____