

## Municipal District of Ardee – December 2017

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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> December, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.

### In attendance:

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor L. Reilly

**Members:** Councillors: C. Markey, D. Minogue, J. Tenanty, P. McGeough & T. Cunningham

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Sean O'Reilly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer / Meetings Administrator

### Minute No. 104/17

#### Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. C. Markey and seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham.

### Minute No. 105/17

#### Matters arising

- Members were informed that no response had been received from the IFA in relation to the motion passed in relation to debris on public roads from agricultural vehicles.

### Minute No. 106/17

#### RAPID Funding Proposal

Ardee		
Group	Grant	Allocation
Tallanstown TT	Estate improvements Cherrywood Pk	€3,000.00
Ferdia Pk	Estate Improvements where bottle banks were removed	€3,000.00
Kilsaran – St Olivers Park	Replace broken down fence	€3,972.50
Castlebellingham TT	New bins	€2,227.68
Dunleer – Beechwood Drive	Planting in Beechwood Drive	€3,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>€15,200.18</b>

Cllr. P. McGeough absented himself from the meeting for this item as he has an involvement in one of the proposals. The funding proposal as presented to the members was proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue, seconded by J. Tenanty and agreed by the members.

## **Minute No. 107/17**

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

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were raised:

- It was agreed to circulate a note to the members detailing the likely occupation dates in relation to the Castleguard housing development.

## **Minute No. 108/17**

### **Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were raised:

- A number of issues were raised by the members which it was agreed to investigate.
- Members were asked to make the Council aware of any hedges that need to be cut so that the landowners can be contacted as soon as possible.
- It was agreed to circulate a note to the members clarifying the position in relation to the enforcement of parking bye-laws in the town, particularly in relation to residents parking.

## **Minute No. 109/17**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham, seconded by J. Tenanty and agreed by the members that unspent money in the discretionary municipal budget should be preserved so that that the monies can spent next year.

## **Minute No. 110/17**

### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue  
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough**

“That Louth County Council/TII install lights at the junction of Stabbanon, to help with safety. This is a very busy junction and needs to be made as safe as possible for all road users.”

### **REPLY:**

**Louth County Council is proposing to enter into a Section 85 agreement with Monaghan County Council – with Monaghan as the lead authority- in order to progress a major upgrade of the N2 extending from Ardee to Castleblaney. This project will consider both offline and online solutions and will cover the two junctions referred to in this motion. In tandem with this project Louth County Council, with the support of the TII have engaged Consulting Engineers to investigate accident records and to seek to identify remedial measures that could be implemented as an interim measure pending the major upgrade. Measures such as those referred to in the motion may be implemented if deemed appropriate at particular locations.**

*The proposer of the motion agreed to provide exact location details to the meetings administrator before a letter is issued to TII. The Members noted the reply.*

### **Minute No. 111/17**

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue  
Not seconded.**

“That the members agree to develop a strategic business, marketing and development plan for Ardee and mid Louth with a view to attracting new business to the area. This funding would come from the councillors' budget and not require funding from council. It will consist of a campaign based on encouraging worldwide businesses coming to one of Ireland's most historic towns - Ardee

1. It can feature a video production - outlining the merits of the town, business, social, recreational and historic.
2. A media promotional pack - Ardee - a great place to do business and live.
3. Sound bites from people who have moved here from all parts of the world and made it their home.
4. Launch the plan in Ardee and deliver it to all sectors of Irish industry. Upload the video to YouTube for international viewing.
5. Get a list of Ardee born people in industry abroad and link them in and meet them if possible.”

#### **REPLY:**

**This is a matter for the members.**

**However, it should be noted that Louth County Council (through the Louth LEO) are in discussions with the Chambers of Commerce in relation to a branding/promotional campaign for County Louth**

*As there was no seconder the motion fell. It was felt that this proposal could be looked at when the members are discussing the discretionary budget for 2018.*

### **Minute No. 112/17**

#### **Notice of Motion**

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

“That this council should consider being active in the setting up of framework for Town centre renewal, and a vision for keeping town centres alive by starting a Town Team project as has been very successful in Roscommon.”

**REPLY:**

**In the context of the proposed suggestions, the Council will review the existing groups operating in the Ardee Town area.**

*It was requested that a presentation be made to the municipal district in relation to the scheme that was developed in county Roscommon. The members noted the reply.*

**Minute No. 113/17**

**Condolences:**

Sympathies were expressed to the family and friends of:  
Mary Cunningham

**Congratulations:**

Congratulations were extended to:  
The Baroque Festival  
Ardee Hub  
Tidy Towns  
Simply Fit Food  
Benny Grogan

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

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

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

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_