

## **Municipal District of Ardee – November 2017**

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Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Leas Cathaoirleach:** Councillor J. Tenanty

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

**Officials:** Joan Martin, Chief Executive  
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance  
Colin Murdock, Executive Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. L. Reilly and Mr. Joe McGuinness

### **Minute No. 94/17**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. D. Minogue. and seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham

### **Minute No. 95/17**

### **Matters Arising**

- The lack of progress in relation to cutting the vegetation on the ditches in Oliver's Park, despite it being raised on several previous occasions was raised.

### **Minute No. 96/17**

### **Budget 2018**

The Chief Executive outlined the current financial position and proposed that €60,000 would be made available to each Municipal District for its discretionary budget. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham, seconded by J. Tenanty and agreed by the members to the allocation of €60,000 for 2018.

## **Minute No 97/17**

### **Setting of date for January 2018 meeting**

The Meetings Administrator requested the agreement of the members to holding the January Municipal District of Ardee meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 5.30 pm in order to facilitate the issuing of the agenda and replies to the members following the closure of the Council offices for the Christmas period. This was proposed by the Cllr. J. Tenanty, seconded by Cllr. C. Markey and agreed by all.

## **Minute No 98/17**

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

Members noted the report as circulated.

## **Minute No 99/17**

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

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

- It was agreed to contact the contractor carrying out the resurfacing the Main Street of Ardee to ensure that they were doing all they could to control vermin
- The issue of dirt from farm vehicles on the public roads causing a driving hazard was raised and it was agreed to write to the IFA to encourage it to raise awareness of the liability and responsibility of its members in relation to this issue and hedge cutting.
- The need to replace the dead tree of the car park of the Ardee Civic offices was raised along with the distance markers for the Fair Green

## **Minute No. 100/17**

### **Update in relation to 2016 & 2017 Discretionary Budget**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty, seconded by C. Markey and agreed by the meeting to deal with this item at the end of the meeting and the discussion should take place in committee in order to facilitate an open and frank discussion of the issue.

**Minute No. 101/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue**

**Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey**

"That Ardee Mid Louth Municipal Council introduce a text alert system to allow members of the public to report the illegal use of disabled parking bays similar to that in place in Gorey".

**REPLY:**

**We have in the past examined this option and it was found not to be practical. Louth County Council operate a twenty four hour customer call centre at 1890 202 303 – during office hours calls received in respect of unauthorised parking in disabled bays are passed directly to the Traffic Wardens operating in the respective areas.**

*The Members noted the reply.*

**Minute No. 102/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue**

**Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty**

"I request that direction signs be erected at the Labby Cross Roads. ( The Junction where the Old Ardee, Balapusta, Slane Road L- 5627 crosses the Collon Lobinstown Road :- 1604.). There is no sign at this road to direct traffic and 4 are required, ( 1 to Balapusta and Ardee), ( 1 to Collon & Drogheda), (1 to Grangegeth & Slane) and (1 to Lobinstown & Kells). There are signs at the minor junctions leading up to this cross roads and thus absence at this point is leading to confusion to motorists."

**REPLY:**

**The location will be inspected and if appropriate and in accordance with the signage regulations the appropriate signage will be erected.**

*The Members noted the reply.*

**Minute No. 103/17**

**Condolences:**

Sympathies were expressed to all families in the area that have suffered bereavement.

Sympathies were also expressed to the family and friends of:

Brian Muldoon

May McCabe

Eamonn Campbell

The O'Neill and Fitzmaurice families

John Joe Curtis

Congratulations were extended to:

Henry Vins on being the first under 19 athlete to complete the 2018 Dublin City Marathon

St. Mary's GAA club for its success in the under 16, Junior and Minor Championships.

O'Connell's GAA Club for its success at intermediate level.

Willie Martin for the award his movie received.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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