

Municipal District of Ardee – September 2017

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 7th September, 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 Service
Sean O'Reilly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 75/17

Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July, 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. D. Minogue and seconded by Cllr. C. Markey

Minute No. 76/17

Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising

Minute No. 77/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- The need to carry out repairs to tertiary roads was highlighted.
- It was agreed to seek an update on when the Town and Village Renewal Scheme would be announced.
- An update was requested in relation to works that were due to be carried out in Clogherhead in addition to the building of the wall.
- The need to renew the road lining on the Smarmore Road was highlighted.
- The poor condition of the main Street in Dunleer was raised.
- The need to repair the road at the Old Tavern pub in Togher was also highlighted.

Minute No 78/17

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- Members were informed that the CPO process would be used in wherever there is a vacant house in an area with a housing demand.
- The vacanthouse.ie website should be used to bring any unused houses to the attention of the Council.
- The members were asked to alert the Council to any unoccupied Council houses that they are aware so that the process of reallocating them can be progressed.

Minute No. 79/17

Consideration of the Heritage and Bio- Diversity Plan

This matter was deferred to another meeting.

Minute No. 80/17

To set a date for Municipal District Budgetary Plan Meeting.

The Chair agreed to look at possible dates and revert back to the meetings administrator, it was agreed to provide an update in relation to the 2017 discretionary budget at the next meeting.

Minute No. 81/17

Notice of Motion

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

"Having been asked by the residents of Blakestown /Hunterstown to request back in December a reduction in the speed limit in the area to 80k from 100 k,it was to be referred to the speed limit committee for discussion. I ask as a matter of urgency that this body meets as soon as possible as residents ,business and sporting organisations feel that a change is necessary for the safety of the area".

REPLY:

Consulting Engineers acting for the TII have recently reviewed the speed limits in the County. A reduction in the general speed limit from 100km/ hr to 80km/hr in the Blakestown/Hunterstown area has not been proposed by the consultants. However members of the public and the elected members will have an

opportunity to put forward proposals during the public consultation phase of the speed limit review which has yet to take place. The enactment of by- laws to give effect to changes to Speed limits is a reserved function of the Council i.e. to be approved by the members. However it should be noted that any change of the speed limits on national roads requires the approval of the TII.

Members sought an update in relation to when the speed limit committee would be meeting and what the protocol/ procedure was in relation to it.

The Members agreed the Motion.

Minute No. 82/17

Notice of Question- Cllr. J. Tenanty

" Can the markings on the N2 be replaced as junctions off this road has become dangerous for motorists leaving the N2. I have corresponded with the TII in connection with residents living off this road and have received replies."

REPLY:

As advised by TII road markings on the N2 that did not accord with the guidelines set out in traffic signs manual were removed as part of the TII national road delineation programme. Where required the appropriate road markings will be installed.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 83/17

Correspondence

The members were informed that the IDA would not be in a position to attend a Municipal District meeting and it was agreed that all members should attend a meeting with them in their offices.

Condolences:

Sympathies were extended to the friends and family of the 3 people killed in a collision on the N2 recently.

Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the all parks that achieved the Green Flag
Congratulations were extended to Patricia Reid, School Warden on her retirement.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____