

Municipal District of Ardee – June 2018

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 7th June 2018 at 5.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor P. McGeough

Members: Councillors: T. Cunningham, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly & J. Tenanty.

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 52/18

The minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd May 2018, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. L. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. C. Markey.

Minute No. 53/18

Matters arising

- It was requested that a reminder letter be issued to Irish Rail in relation to a previous motion.

Minute No. 54/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

Members noted the report and had questions answered by the Director of Housing.

Minute No. 55/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- Members were requested to send in queries by e-mail as there was no representative from the Operations Department at the meeting.

Minute No. 56/18

Notice of Motion

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

"That Louth County Council make contact with Apple in respect of their future development plans - and following an unsuccessful planning application in Athenry - and forward Ardee as an ideal location for such a facility."

REPLY:

The area of land involved in the Apple Distribution Ltd application for a Data Centre at Athenry amounted to circa 202ha of land. The only suitable zoned lands in the Ardee LAP relate to circa 55ha north of the N33 link Road zoned to 'Protect existing industrial activity and provide new industrial and related uses', which is a long way short of the requirement. In addition, there are residential properties along the northern and western perimeter of these lands, and potential capacity issues in relation to the adjoining N33 (as identified by TII) and as evidenced in planning histories in the general vicinity. Data Centres tend to require excellent and reliable electricity and broadband connections as they are high energy users. The Council will liaise with IDA Ireland regarding any approach to Apple.

In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that there was a possible need for more land to be zoned in the area for industrial/commercial use in order to ensure that job creation was supported. It was also suggested that there may be value in having a workshop involving Louth Economic Forum.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 57/18

Votes of Sympathy

Members expressed their sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Cameron Reilly and to the community of Dunleer. Anybody with information was encouraged to contact the Gardai.
- Michael McKeown, ladies football team manager.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____