

Draft Budget Meeting of Municipal District of Ardee – October 2018

Minutes of Budget Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday, 15th October 2018 at 9.00 a.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Pearse McGeough

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

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Bernadette Woods, FCCA, Head of Finance
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 81/18

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The Chief Executive outlined the position in relation to the budget for 2019 and informed the members that cuts of over €1,000,000 were required in relation to discretionary spending in order to present the members with a balanced budget. She informed the members that she was considering recommending municipal discretionary budgets based on the number of members in each district at €2,000 per member which would result in a budget of €12,000 for Ardee municipal district.

The members were unanimous in their opposition to this approach and strongly supported an equal allocation for each municipal district. They pointed out that the mid-Louth area was a large area with a significant road network to be maintained. It was also pointed out that this would result in Ardee suffering the biggest cut despite its history of developing an annual plan for the strategic spending of the money in the interests of the community of mid-Louth.

It was requested that the members be informed of the proposals in relation to the discretionary budget prior to the draft budget being circulated.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____