

## **Municipal District of Ardee – September 2018**

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Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 5.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Pearse McGeough

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

**Officials:** Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer  
Sean O'Reilly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. L. Reilly  
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services

### **Minute No. 65/18**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

### **Minute No. 66/18**

### **Matters arising**

- An update in relation the Ardee bypass was requested.
- The drop in the road at Tumulty's bar was highlighted for attention.

### **Minute No. 67/18**

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

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

- Members were requested to email any queries they have directly to the Housing Department.
- Members were informed that the budget for the maintenance of Council housing stock had been completely spent, and efforts were ongoing to identify alternative funding.
- Concern was raised at the relatively poor take-up of housing in Castleguard, and it was agreed that this issue needed further examination and discussion.
- Concern was expressed at the possible inadequate amenities and schools places for new housing being developed in Dunleer.

## **Minute No. 68/18**

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

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

- Members were requested to notify the Operations Department of any roads that they think require overlaying.
- The Bog Road and the pathway on the Barn Road were pointed out as needing repair.
- The urgency of dealing with coastal erosion at Round Rocks was emphasised.
- The manhole cover in need of repair in Dunleer was highlighted.
- Members were asked to inform the Council of any areas where hedges need to be cut back.

## **Minute No. 69/18**

### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue**

**Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey**

"With the New Ardee Bypass will LCC setup a regeneration Programme to help Social and economics within the Ardee Mid Louth Area."

### **REPLY:**

**Louth County Council welcomes the recent announcement on funding towards the development of the Ardee Bypass.**

**The Community and Economic sections of Louth County Council will be pleased work and engage with interested parties in the Ardee area to ensure that the relevant supports available from our existing services can be provided effectively for the people of the area.**

Member noted the reply.

## **Minute No. 70/18**

### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. Jim Tenanty**

**Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey**

"That this Council seeks some of the funding allocated for the recycling of old mattresses for a collection point in Ardee mid Louth."

### **REPLY:**

**There is no funding available currently for a mattress recycling scheme. This question can be re-examined when the next round of funding for anti-dumping**

initiatives becomes available (typically early in the new year). However, recent records of complaints do not indicate that there is a problem with the illegal disposal of mattresses in the Ardee area.

A standard approach to providing a free or subsidized bulky waste disposal service, assuming a successful funding application, would be to designate a specific day for the supervised reception of such bulky waste items at the two civic reception centres in the county, thereby preventing the illegal dumping of other waste types at unsupervised local collection points.

Cllr. Tenanty expressed his dissatisfaction with the reply. He pointed out that funding was made available in July and highlighted several occurrences of mattresses being dumped illegally. It was suggested that mattresses should incur a levy to contribute towards a collection scheme similar to farm plastics.

Member agreed the motion.

### **Minute No. 71/18**

- Sympathies were extended to the family and friends of Seamus McParland and all bereaved families
- Congratulations were extended to the Ardee and District Athletics Club for its Seamie Weldon event.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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