

Municipal District of Ardee – December 2016

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 1st December, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor D. Minogue

Members: Councillors: P. McGeough, T. Cunningham, & J. Tenanty,

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Mary T Daly, Senior Executive Officer

Other: Ms Aibhlín McCrann, Communiqué International

Apologies: Councillor L. Reilly

Minute No. 89/16

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November, 2016, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty.

Minute No.90/16

Matters Arising

- Cllr. Tenanty raised the issue of the V & W recycling centre and pointed out that V & W had failed to apply for the appropriate permit to the EPA for the facility.
- Cllr. Minogue raised the issue of the Halloween fireworks display and expressed the view that the event had always been organised by the Municipal District and insured by Louth County Council. She did not see a need for another committee to be established to organise the event.

Minute No.91/16

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- The number of HAP tenants is to be clarified for the next report.
- Members were informed that 60% of HAP tenants had applied for a transfer to Council housing.

- Members expressed the need for increased supply of social housing
- The issue of blocked drains being dealt with in Council housing estates where a number of the houses were now in private ownership was raised and clarity was sought in relation to responsibility for addressing the problem.

Minute No 92/16

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

As there was no official present to address queries members agreed to e-mail them. It was agreed to ensure that an appropriate official would be present at the meetings.

Minute No. 93/16

Deehub Presentation.

Albert Mullarkey and Michael McCoy gave a presentation to the members in relation to the recently opened Deehub facility in Ardee and outlined its progress to date and its plan for the future with the aim of providing support to all sectors of the community and combating social exclusion. Members commended the work done so far and expressed their support for the project. Albert and Michael also asked the Municipal District to consider providing financial assistance to the project.

Minute No.94/16

Extinguishment of Right of Way to Alleyway in John Kirk Park Estate, Clogherhead, Co. Louth.

The Extinguishment of Right of Way to Alleyway in John Kirk Park Estate, Clogherhead, Co. Louth proposed was proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 95/16

Louth Diaspora Strategy Update.

Mary T. Daly and Aibhlin McCrann of Communiqué International gave a presentation to the members in relation to the Local Diaspora Strategy and outlined how it was attempting to encourage emigrants from Louth to engage with their home county economically, socially and culturally. They answered questions from the members and noted their comments.

Minute No. 96/16

Motion

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue
Not seconded.**

"That this Council extend a formal invitation to Willie Martin and cast to afford them a civic reception, on the remarkable achievement of the making of "Wild Goose Lodge."

REPLY:

This is a matter for the members.

As it was not seconded the motion fell. However, the members agreed that it should hold a single civic award event for all organisations or individuals to be honoured in accordance with the Council's protocol on this matter.

Minute No.97/16

Motion

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue
Not seconded.**

"That this Council plant a tree to mark the 60th Anniversary of Louth winning the All Ireland calling it the 1957 tree".

REPLY:

The decision to plant such a tree is a matter for the members. The Parks section will be happy to facilitate this initiative if agreed upon.

As it was not seconded the motion fell.

Minute No.98/16

Motion

**Proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough**

"That Louth County Council seek funding for the construction of a new footpath on the R166 from the Village Store Clogherhead to Strand Hill housing estate and onto Pairc Dreadnot."

REPLY:

This is a significant undertaken and a project that has not been provided for in either the Revenue or Capital Budgets. The matter will be kept under review and if funding opportunities present the project will be considered at that stage.

Members noted the reply

Minute No.99/16

Congratulations

- Congratulations were extended to the organisers of the highly successful Ardee Baroque Festival.
- Congratulations were also extended to Clogherhead for their success at the Pride of Place awards.
- The work on the Sliabh Breagh footpath was commended
- The securing of €100,000 for the building of an age-friendly centre in Ardee was also commended

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____