

Municipal District of Ardee – December 2020

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in Ardee Courthouse on Thursday, 3rd December 2020 at 4.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John Sheridan

Members: Councillors: H. Conlon, D. Minogue, P. McGeough, J. Tenanty

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer

Minute No. 78/20

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Tenanty and seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough.

Minute No. 79/20

Matters Arising

- Cllr. D. Minogue requested an update on the impact of Brexit on Contracts and EU procurement.

Minute No. 80/20

Housing Progress Report

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

- Council was commended on allocation of 7 units in Clonmore and information requested on timescale of further allocations.
- Members advised confusion on level of apartments on offer, e.g. ground/first floor.
- Lack of response to maintenance issues were being highlighted to Members.
- Works are being carried out to restore two number Vacant OPDs.

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services advised Members on all items.

Minute No. 81/20

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- The following junctions were highlighted as extremely problematic to agricultural traffic, HGVs and Buses, the council were requested to review:
 - Slan's, Annagassan
 - Dillonstown Cross
- The damage to the speed sign on the Kells Road Ardee was noted as reprehensible.
- Cllr J. Tenanty advised he had walked Ardee foot paths and identified and painted trip hazard areas green.
- Road / Pothole repairs required at
 - The old Church Road at Dunleer off the R132
 - Gallagher Road Dunleer
 - Annagassan Harbour
 - Kells Road from Ardee at Silverhill
- Flooding at Clonmór Togher
- Signage /Speed Safety Measures needed
 - In Cross where safety measure were recently installed
 - Annagassan to Drogheda Road
 - At St. Peters Nursing Home, Coopers Cross
 - Felixtown cross and Brownstown
- Speed issues
 - Coopers Cross was highlighted as a particular area of concern for speeding
- Works to railway line pedestrian walk was complimented but hard stones requested to complete
- An update on the following was requested
 - Bring Banks
 - Dog Foul Bins
 - The wall at the cemetery in Darver and associated work at town wall
- A request to examine the Ferdia installation with a view to change of location and lighting was made, as this was often used as a focal point for tourists/wedding photos and was too near the road.

Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer responded on all Operations Matters.

Joe McGuinness, Director of Services, advised Members Conservation Architects were required to carry out works on town and Darver Walls but no interests were received and the tender had gone up again.

Minute No. 82/20

Amendment of Standing Orders to Facilitate Remote Attendance

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

It was agreed to amend standing orders to facilitate remote attendance and that the wording of the amendment was in line with County Council and other District Standing Order Amendments.

Minute No. 83/20

A request was made by the Chair under Standing Order 50 to hold a conversation in committee and the media agreed to vacate the room temporarily. The Members were advised that Members Allocations previously assigned to periodic signage was not now required as other funding sources were available and agreed by consensus to allocate these to construction works on the open library toilet and Beechmount Grove overspend. Media returned.

Minute No. 84/20

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Ardee Traders on Christmas Lights
- Louth-Mourne team
- Mrs. Alice Carroll, Ardee on reaching 100 years of age
- Louth Hurling Team on reaching the final
- Civic Award Recipients
- The Ladies Camogie Team
- Noah Rafferty, Louth Village on his Toy Show appearance
- The new 168 Bus Route

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____