

Municipal District of Ardee - December 2021

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in The Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 2nd December at 4.30 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor J. Tenanty (Present in Chamber)

Members: Councillors: P. Butterly, B. Conlon, D. Minogue, P. McGeough, (Attending Remotely over MS Teams)

Apologies: Councillors: J. Sheridan

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services (Present in Chamber)
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator (Present in Chamber)
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer (Remote)
John O'Hagan, Senior Executive Engineer (Remote)
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer (Remote)
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer (Remote)
Aideen Morrissey, Public Realm Designer (Remote)

Minute No. 113/21

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th November were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. D. Minogue and seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough.

Minute No. 114/21

Matters Arising

- None arising

Minute No. 115/21

Order of Business - Proposal to Take Items out of Sequence of Listing

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach to take an item for consideration out of the sequence of listing on the Agenda, namely to receive an 'Update on the Ardee 2040 Project' prior to other business. In accordance with Standing Order 13, it shall be proper to do so, 'if a majority of the members present and voting so decide'. On questioning no Members objected to the item being taken out of sequence and it was therefore taken that all Members present had so decided.

Minute No. 116/21

Update on the Ardee 2040 Project

Séamus Donohoe and Karen Power from Turley who are the procured contractors for the project gave members an overview on Ardee 2040; the public consultation to date, and the visionary plans for Ardee. This was well received by Members who complimented the Louth County Council team and Turley consultants on their work to date and raised questions which were responded to after the presentation.

Minute No. 117/21

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer advised Members on all items.

The following items were highlighted:

- Clonmore final phase, phase 4 - 13 units: Nominations for units have been sent to Clúid
- Tierney St., Ardee, Oakley Housing Trust: Difficulties with site, project currently stalled. This was noted as difficult for units earmarked for St. John of God tenants who are being sent out of the county to Trim.

Minute No. 118/21

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer responded on all Operations Matters with Joe McGuinness, Director of Service responding also on some matters.

The following matters were noted:

- Two more timber parklets were available to business owners if they wish to apply. They cannot be used as replacement for Scandinavian-type metal units. S254 licences will be required.
- Discretionary Funding overview is being further examined by Director of Services due to some anomalies in works funded elsewhere and underfunded.

The following non-operations items were noted:

- Members raised concerns regarding the method and timeframe of notification of the Irish Water 'Do Not Consume' notice to those affected. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services advised he would bring this back to Irish Water.
- Derelict Buildings should be referred to Planning.

Minute No. 119/21

Infrastructure Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer responded on all Infrastructure Matters with Joe McGuinness, Director of Services responding also on some matters.

The following matters were noted:

- Ardee Educate Together project going on public display on the 7th December.
- 80km speed limit roads do not allow for traffic calming. Speed limits are not due a review until 2023.

Minute No. 120/21

Condolences

Members extended sympathy to the family and friends of:

- Paddy Burke, Campbell's Park, Ardee, Co. Louth (former postman)

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 13th January.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____