

## **Municipal District of Ardee – February 2017**

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Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor D. Minogue

**Members:** Councillors: P. McGeough, T. Cunningham, J. Tenanty, L. Reilly & C. Markey.

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator  
Sean O'Reilly, A/Senior Executive Engineer

### **Minute No. 14/17**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty.

### **Minute No. 15/17**

### **Matters Arising**

- The ditch at St. Oliver's Park was raised again as needing to be cut.
- It was pointed out that tree pruning at Lambes Terrace and De La Salle Crescent was still outstanding.
- The need to cut the hedge in Collon was also raised.
- Members were informed that funding was available for some minor works on the bridge at Drumcar such as warning signage

### **Minute No.16/17**

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

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

- Members were informed that with regard to the housing grant schemes priority 1 cases would be addressed initially and a review carried out mid way through the year to ensure that all available monies were spent by year end.
- Members were informed that the Council had exclusive nomination rights to the Cluid housing development at Castlecourt but the method of allocation had not been decided yet.

- Members were also informed that HAP tenants transfer applications were continuing to be processed while they are accommodated through HAP.

### **Minute No 17/17**

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

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

- Members were asked to inform the Operations Department of any roads that require surface dressing.
- The lack of signage in relation to the weight restriction on Sean O'Carroll Street was highlighted.
- Members were asked to encourage local communities to make applications to the council under the Community Involvement Scheme for repairs to tertiary roads.
- It was agreed to revert back to the members with information in relation to when the funding application for the flood relief scheme at Dunleer and the coastal protection scheme at Annagassan harbour would be progressed.
- Concern was raised at the number of cars parked all day around the town park, the need for enforcement of the two hour parking limit was emphasised.

### **Minute No. 18/17**

#### **Ferdia Park Recycling Banks**

Members noted the report.

### **Minute No. 19/17**

#### **Taking in Charge of Housing Estates.**

It was agreed to clarify the following for the members in relation to the report;

- Whether or not Willow Brook, Dromiskin should be included in the report in future
- Is another plebiscite required to deal with the issue of the way leave in Commons Grove, Dromiskin.
- Whether or not outstanding works to be completed in relation to phase 1 of Oriel Heights could be a planning condition for the development of phase 2.
- Clarification is required in relation to the developments on the report that have nothing entered on the "Bond" column as to whether or not a bond is actually in place.
- It is to be clarified if €29,490 is the full bond for Commons Grove

### **Minute No. 20/17**

#### **Procedure in relation to altering Speed Limits on Roads**

It was agreed to e-mail the members with clarifications in relation to the following;

- Whether or not members are entitled to make a submission and attend the Infrastructure SPC when speed limits are being addressed.
- Will the speed limit proposals be discussed at the Joint Policing Committees?

### **Minute No. 21/17**

#### **LAWCO Presentation**

Bernie O'Flaherty and Gretta McCarron of the Local Authority Waters & Communities Office gave a presentation to the members in relation to the activities of the Office including the preparation of the River Basin Management Plan. They then answered questions from the members.

### **Minute No. 22/17**

#### **Consideration of Discretionary Budget**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McGeough, seconded by T. Cunningham and agreed to have a special meeting to in relation to the discretionary budget on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 In County Hall, Dundalk at 5.30 pm. It was further proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty, seconded by D. Minogue and agreed that the meeting be held in committee with no public or media present.

### **Minute No.22/17**

#### **Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly**  
**Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty**

"Calling on Louth County Council to immediately commence design process for loop footpath in Dromiskin. This was the subject of a meeting between St. Peter's NS, Parents' Council and elected representatives in April 2016 with complete design before the end of 2015. It has not proved possible to get an update on the matter to date. "

#### **REPLY:**

**Staff from Infrastructure section will shortly visit the site and engage with the stakeholders with a view to progressing the matter.**

*It was suggested that this matter should be reported on at each monthly meeting. Members noted the reply.*

**Minute No.23/17**

**Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue  
Withdrawn**

" Can Louth County Council give an update to bottle banks been removed from Ferdia Park, Ardee.

**REPLY:**

**The local Area Engineer has reviewed a number of sites in the Ardee area for the location of the Bring bank facility. Locations have been detailed as a separate item.**

*This motion was withdrawn by Cllr. D. Minogue*

**Minute No.24/17**

**Motion**

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

" That Louth County Council give an update on Ardee Castle and when works are due to start."

**REPLY:**

**Preliminary design has been completed on the refurbishment of Ardee Castle. The next step is to seek planning permission under Part V111 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The public consultation associated with this procedure is expected to commence mid February. In tandem with this the Council will seek ministerial permission for the proposed works. Ministerial consent is required because of the status of the castle, it being a national monument. Once the statutory permissions have been secured work on the detailed design and tender documents will commence subject to funding being made available.**

*Members noted the reply*

**Minute No.25/17**

**Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty  
Seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly**

" That this Council ask to Government to reconsider a refund of these citizens who have paid their Water charges, in the interest of fairness and goodwill. Most of these good law abiding people paid thinking the majority had intended to pay".

**REPLY:**

**A Matter for the Members.**

*Members agreed the motion.*

**Minute No.26/17**

**Condolences:**

- Sympathies were expressed to all of the families affected by the recent fatal road collision on the N2
- Tributes were paid by the members and the executive to the late Jim Lennon

**Minute No.27/17**

**Congratulations**

- Congratulations were extended to Liam McCormack on his retirement from the fire service.

The Chair informed the members that the St. Patrick's Day Parade organising Committee was seeking new volunteers.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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