

Municipal District of Ardee – February 2021

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in The Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 4th February at 4.30 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John Sheridan (Present in Chamber)

Members: Councillors: H. Conlon, D. Minogue, P. McGeough, J. Tenanty (attending remotely over MS Teams)

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services - Remote
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services - Present in Chamber
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer - Remote
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer - Remote
Mark Bagnell, Head of Information Systems - Present in Chamber
Emma Eaton, Staff Officer, Corporate Services - Present in Chamber

Minute No. 14/21

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. H. Conlon and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

Minute No. 15/21

Matters Arising

- Minute no. 4/21:
 - Reference to Sloan's, Annagassan to be changed to Slán's, Annagassan
 - Request was made for update on the Bring Banks at Philipstown, Dunleer.

Cathaoirleach John Sheridan instructed that only items for clarification of minutes should be raised and other items be referred under the appropriate section of the meeting.

Minute No. 16/21

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services advised Members on all items

- Members requested that it be highlighted that it is illegal for landlords to refuse HAP.

Minute No. 17/21

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:

- It was agreed to distribute maps of area to Members in order to identify roads when logging calls on Sugar, (eircodes are also used).
- Repairs to Dromin Graveyard wall which is not vested in LCC will be considered.
- It was agreed to issue the 2021 road works programme to members when finalised.
- Members were requested to refer all reps to Sugar system for tracking purposes
- Members were requested to raise infrastructure items at next meeting which includes Infrastructure and in interim to raise on Sugar.
- Members were advised that a national commitment had been made by the construction sector that no non-essential works would be carried out and LCC has to adhere to this commitment.

Minute No. 18/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllrs. Hugh Conlon, Pearse McGeough, Dolores Minogue, John Sheridan and Jim Tenanty

“That the Municipal District get an update on the old Town Wall, Cappocksgate, Ardee and status of funding for preservation works and what other plans Louth County Council have for same and that the Heritage officer attend our February meeting (online) to discuss the matter with members.”

Reply from Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services, Corporate and Emergency Services:

Our Heritage Officer, Brendan McSherry has advised that as despite every effort being made by Louth County Council we have been unsuccessful in our tendering process to secure qualified contractors to this point. Louth County Council has therefore sought the assistance of the Heritage Council on this matter and is working with them towards resolution. An application was submitted to the Heritage Council on Friday 22nd January to secure conservation specialists. It is hoped this will secure qualified professionals to assess the condition of this and other similar monuments throughout the County, to advise on necessary works to restore and to assist with appointment of contractors and ultimate completion of works.

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As all members jointly submitted this motion there was no requirement for it to be seconded.

Joe McGuinness, Director of Services apologised on behalf of the Heritage Officer who was unavailable. Members requested further details on all conservation works applications made to heritage fund and asked that a meeting with Heritage officer be convened either before or at next MD.

Minute No. 19/21

Notice of Motion

Motion: Cllr. Pearse McGeough

Seconded by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty

"I wish to call for the provision of traffic calming measures approaching Castlebellingham on the Station Rd R166, Dromena Rd L7187, Dundalk Rd R132, the Annagassan Rd R166 and Dublin Rd R132."

Reply from Ms C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations:

Due to the number of requests being received Countywide, Operations is reviewing how these requests are to be dealt with in future. In the interim the accident history will be checked to consider whether any of these locations merit further investigation.

A result of traffic counts undertaken was requested by Members.

Minute No. 20/21

Sympathies

A significant amount of recent Covid related and non Covid related bereavements was noted and Sympathy was extended to the family and friends of all those who had recently passed. Funeral arrangements limiting those attending were also noted as extra difficult for the bereaved.

Particular sympathy was extended to the family and friends of Fr. Tommy McGeough by all members present.

Minute No. 21/21

Proposal to Suspend Standing Orders and Resolution to meet in Committee

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty and seconded by Cllr. H. Conlon to hold the remainder of meeting 'in committee', as provided under Standing Order Number 50 to discuss the distribution of the Municipal District fund allocation.

A roll call vote was held:

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

Against: N/A

Members discussed proposals for allocation of funds, agreed to review same and to include the co-opted new member in discussions once vacant post is filled. The Directorate were requested to put forward any suggestions for allocations for consideration by members.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____