

Municipal District of Ardee – January 2017

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 12th January, 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
Martina Sheeran, A/Senior Engineer

Minute No. 01/17

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December, 2016, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty.

Minute No. 02/17

Matters Arising

- It was agreed to report to the members at the next meeting in relation to the possibility of moving existing bottle banks to more appropriate locations such as Ferdia Park.
- It was also agreed to look into the possibility of putting temporary recycling bins in place following the closure of the recycling centre.
- Members were informed that prices and designs had been sought in relation to the provision of new chains of office for the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District. Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue and seconded by L. Reilly that new chains of office be obtained.

Chains of Office be sought for Ardee Municipal District

Proposed: Cllr. D. Minogue

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly

There followed a roll call vote.

For :

Cllrs: D. Minogue, L. Reilly and J. Tenanty.

Against :

Cllrs: T. Cunningham, C. Markey and P. McGeough

Chairs casting vote: In favour.

Following the vote it was suggested that a competition for the design of the logo be held involving local school children but the meeting agreed it should bear the Crest of the Council following advice from the officials.

Minute No.03/17

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to consult with the residents and local school when a firm proposal was developed in relation to the development of social housing at Dromin Road, Dunleer.
- Members were informed that any vacant housing unit would be considered for compulsory purchase order for inclusion in social housing stock.
- Members were also informed that applications for disability grants would be opening soon.

Minute No 04/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- It was undertaken to repair damage to the verges of the side roads affected during the road works at Blakestown.
- The ditch at St. Oliver's Park was raised as needing to be cut.
- It was agreed to investigate the condition of the verges at the bridge on the Drumcar Road.
- It was agreed to provide a report to the next meeting in relation to housing estates in Mid-Louth not yet taken in charge.
- The need to repair sinking manholes in the town was also raised.
- It was suggested that the signage for the new junction at Blakestown needs to be improved and that the speed reduction from 100kmph to 60 kmph is too sudden.
- The need for tree pruning at Lambs Lane and de La Salle estate.
- It was undertaken to report to the members at the next meeting in relation to the procedure for the changing of speed limits on roads.

Minute No. 05/17

Nomination to Road Safety Working Together Group

**Proposed: Cllr. D. Minogue by L. Reilly,
Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey**

**Proposed: Cllr P. McGeough by Cllr. J. Tenanty
Seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham**

There followed a roll call vote.

For Cllr. D. Minogue: Cllrs: C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly

For Cllr. P. McGeough Cllr. T. Cunningham, P. McGeough, J. Tenanty

Chair casting vote: Cllr. D. Minogue

Minute No.06/17

Distribution of Municipal Discretionary Budget.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Minogue, seconded by L. Reilly and agreed by the members to capitalise the monies not spent in relation to the 2016 discretionary budget specifically for the projects detailed below:

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| • Disability Piece to each Mid Louth Playground
(At least 2 playgrounds) | €10,000 |
| • Beach Wheelchair | €5,000 |
| • Re- Locate Ferdia Park Bring Bank | €5,000 |
| • Additional Bins for Clogherhead Pier | €1,500 |
| • Ardee MUGA Improvements | €5,000 |
| • St. Oliver's Park St the Re- Design | €5,000 |
| • St. Peters Home to Castlebellingham Footpath | €10,000 |
| • Dromiskin Footpath Programme(To be captilised) | €25,500 |

And that the discussion in relation to the discretionary budget for 2017 should be held without the media and the public present in order to facilitate a frank exchange of views.

Minute No. 07/17

Elected Members Representations to Louth Council via Email.

Members were briefed on the updated procedure for the tracking of representations from the Councillors. Assurance was given that every effort would be made to ensure it provided the Councillors with an efficient service.

Minute No. 08/17

Motion

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty

Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough

"That this Council ask LCC to consider opening the recycling centre and running the plant as a facility for the mid Louth area. VW Closure has had a serious impact on the town of Ardee and Mid Louth and the need to have it reopen is immediately, urgent!"

REPLY:

It is not feasible for the County Council to reopen and run the Ardee civic amenity site. The site is not in the ownership of the Council and nor has the Council the required Statutory EPA licence to operate such a facility. Central Government grants for the provision of civic amenity facilities have been discontinued and the Council does not have the means to fund such a venture from its own resources.

In the course of the discussion it was suggested that the owner of the VW site would be willing to sell the site to the Council at a reasonable price. It was also suggested that the facility could be run by the Council temporarily on the basis of waste permit rather than an EPA licence. It was pointed out to the members that the Council had fulfilled it's objectives under the waste management plan by providing civic amenity facilities at Drogheda and Dundalk. Members noted the reply.

Minute No.09/17

Notice of Question – Cllr. D. Minogue

"Have the Ardee - Mid Louth Municipal District area sufficient grit and sandbags to cover the winter months."

REPLY:

The Council has in place a 'Winter Services Plan 2016 – 2017' this plan sets out in detail the Council's response to managing the key road networks in frost and snow conditions. The Council maintain a sufficient stock of sand bags and upon receipt of severe weather alert Area teams prepare bags for distribution to likely effected locations.

Minute No.10/17

Notice of Question – Cllr. J. Tenanty

“Can LCC paint or mark the E Car charger at the Fairgreen as people trying to use it cannot do so as it is occupied by all day parking.”

REPLY:

The delineating of the e-charge parking bay will be examined with a view to having same completed by the contractor on the occasion of their next visit to Ardee.

Members noted the replies

Minute No.11/17

Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence from TII to the Cathaoirleach of the Council and emphasised their desire for a meeting with TII to progress the Western By-Pass project.

Minute No.12/17

Condolences:

- Tributes were paid to the late TK Whitaker for his vision and courage and his contribution to Irish public life, were extended to his family and friends.
- Father Shevlin
- Father Daley
- Adam Farrell
- Jonathon Cummins
- All families who suffered bereavement in 2016

Minute No.13/17

Congratulations

- The local businesses and Gardai were commended for their efforts in relation to the turning on of the Christmas lights.
- Bus Eireann were commended for the 2 new bus shelters recently put in place.
- Warm tributes were paid to the journalist, Gene Yore and he was congratulated on his retirement.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____