

## **Municipal District of Ardee - July 2021**

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Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in The Council Chamber County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 4.30 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Jim Tenanty - Present in Chamber

**Members:** Remote Attendees: Councillors P. Butterly, D. Minogue, P. McGeough, J. Sheridan

**Apologies:** Councillor: Hugh Conlon

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services - Present in Chamber  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer - Remote  
Mark Johnston, Senior Executive Engineer - Remote  
Gerry McCormack, Assistant Engineer - Remote

### **Minute No. 69/21**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Sheridan and seconded by Cllr. P. Butterly.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June were also confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Sheridan and seconded by Cllr. P. Butterly.

### **Minute No. 70/21**

#### **Matters Arising**

- Members were disappointed to hear that a presentation on Ardee 2040 and a feasibility study on town traffic lights was not available. It was agreed to arrange a separate zoom meeting with Aoife Lawler the following week.

### **Minute No. 71/21**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

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

- Clarification was given on the following items:
  - The new housing application forms require specific documentation to be furnished, but Housing would explore and clarify if other documentation could be accepted in light of the inability to get birth certificates due to the cyber attack on the HSE.

### **Minute No. 72/21**

#### **Operations and Marine Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer responded on some Operations Matters.

Technical issues resulted in a breakdown of signal which meant the loss of contact with Mark Johnson. Members therefore agreed to raise issues for email response and the following were noted to be forwarded to Operations for response:

- A request for full costing of both the alignment and the realignment of Slán's junction, reasons for need for realignment, breakdown of responsibility of cost and whether developer/designer could be held liable
- Details on why the footpath size was chosen - accessibility of users or traffic calming?
- Signage required at Salterstown Pier to assist compliance with new clockwork one way system
- T-Junction at Castelane blind spot
- Traffic Management at GAA pitch in Ardee
- Potholes on N33
- A request for Big Belly Bins and Communal Parklets in Ardee
- Concern about the proximity of wall across from Sláns
- Resurfacing on N2 needed
- Traffic calming at Reaghstown
- Resurfacing of red surface at Tallanstown, patching needed for accessibility doesn't have to be red
- Burren Road - 42 potholes
- Patching on L5144 at Stonetown - Ballykelly Road
- Dog foul bin overflowing at Tallanstown Manor
- Overgrown trees at Glyde Road Tallanstown
- Ramps at Ballapousta
- Manholes in Ardee Town and on Kells Road, Ardee - noise pollution

### **Minute No. 73/21**

#### **Taking in Charge Report**

Gerry McCormack, Assistant Engineer, introduced himself to Members as the newly assigned staff member dealing with Taking in Charge.

While new to the assignment Gerry advised that he had worked on Taking in Charge previously, was regularly meeting his predecessor James Searson so expected to be up and running in no time.

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following items were noted by Gerry for follow up:

- Oriel Heights - developer given ultimatum
- The Cloisters, Collon - waiting over 2 years to be taken in charge
- Knockfergus - TIC holding up Irish Water repair works

A query was raised around whether Covid was changing plebiscite rules and an example of Moorehall was given. On consideration Members were advised that as door to door was a requirement of plebiscite that perhaps this might be a factor but this would be confirmed.

### **Minute No. 74/21**

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. J. Sheridan**

**Seconded by: Cllr. P. Butterly**

"That Louth County Council would review taking in charge the LT22211 at Mitchelstown Togher given it is effectively a public road leading to Dunany beach and is used by many members of the public when going to the beach. The road is one of very few, if any, roads in the county that is deemed tertiary when it is used to access a public beach. To ask local residents to apply via CIS and take the cost of resurfacing a road that is used by many members of the public appears to be unreasonable."

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

The road is already a public road; there is very limited parking for 6-8No cars at Dunany beach; the road has six houses and could qualify for CIS. LCC will repair potholes because the road has some amenity value.

Noting the response of the Executive, Cllr. J. Sheridan advised that the CIS scheme was proportionally unfair to residents of the road where roads were widely used and asked if the scheme could be reconsidered. Cllr. P. McGeough advised of similar issues in Salterstown. Cllr. J. Tenanty asked if a list could be provided of CIS applications received as he understood some residents had applied for CIS but had not had acknowledgement.

**Minute No. 75/21**

**Notice of Question**

**Submitted by: Cllr. D. Minogue**

“Has LCC any plans for affordable housing in the Ardee Mid-Louth area?”

**Reply from Mr. P. Donnelly, Director of Services, Housing and Quality of Life:**

Minister for Housing, Heritage and Local Government Darragh O'Brien T.D. has published the general scheme of the Affordable Housing Bill 2021. The Bill includes a number of initiatives intended to facilitate the provision of affordable housing. Louth County Council will consider application of all initiatives contained therein once the legislation is enacted.

The Members noted the reply.

**Minute No. 76/21**

**Sympathies & Congratulations**

Cllr. J. Tenanty extended thoughts to Cllr. Hugh Conlon which was echoed by other Members.

Cllr. P. Butterly was congratulated on graduating as a barrister.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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