

Municipal District of Ardee – June 2021

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in The Council Chamber County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 3rd June immediately following the Annual Meeting at 4.30 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Jim Tenanty - Present in Chamber

Members: Councillors: P. Butterly, D. Minogue - Attended remotely over MS Teams
Councillor P.McGeough and J. Sheridan - Attended remotely in the Cooley Room

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
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer - Remote
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer - Remote
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer - Remote

Minute No. 60/21

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th May were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Sheridan and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

Minute No. 61/21

Matters Arising

- None arising

Minute No. 62/21

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer advised Members on all items, and members in particular welcomed the allocation of units at Fr. Finn Park.

Clarification was given on the following items:

- Phase 2 Clonmore - 15 units about to be advertised on Choice Based Letting
- Phase 3 Clonmore - 15 more units due for release by end of November

Minute No. 63/21

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 highlighted:

- Appeal for tertiary CIS roads at Salterstown, and Dunleer to be looked after by Council
- Port Beach and Clogherhead Access traffic safety and emergency services access issues due to parking - review requested

The following non operation matters were noted for referral to other sections:

Dangerous structures

- Castlebellingham beside post office - danger to pedestrians from falling slates
- Castlebellingham bridge - Tree rotting on roadside

Minute No. 64/21

Infrastructure Report

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

The following matters were noted:

- Presentation on Ardee 2040 to be requested for next Municipal District meeting
- Feasibility report to be done on Ardee Traffic Lights
- EIA report complete on Ardee Bypass, determined sub threshold for EIS but sending to An Bord Pleanála to be sure

Minute No. 65/21

Report on Ardee Bottle Bank Demand Figures

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Willie Walsh responded on all queries raised.

The following matters were noted:

- Collection frequency increased by 50%
- Kilsaran and Tullydonnell details requested to be included on report

Cllr. J. Tenanty requested that the Mid Louth Area be considered for a Mattress collection amnesty, this was supported by Cllr. D. Minogue.

Minute No. 66/21

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Minogue

Seconded by: Cllr Paula Butterly

“Proposal that the council assist Philiptown Mens Shed with the identification and allocation of lands on which to put Beehives to promote biodiversity.”

Reply from Mr. F. Pentony, Director of Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development:

The Council will attempt to facilitate the Philipstown Men’s Shed in finding a site for the location of hives of honeybees. The Council has itself placed hives of honeybees on the riverside walkway in Dundalk. It should be noted that honeybees are livestock, not wild, native pollinators and can, in certain circumstances, compete with native pollinators, which perform different, complementary and vital roles in pollinating wildflowers. All pollinators require that the countryside be managed sympathetically, so the presence of honeybees on a site will act as a useful reminder that the site is being managed for wildlife.

Cllr. D. Minogue welcomed the reply provided by Louth County Council to her proposal, stated her support of the Men’s Shed initiative and their interest in supporting biodiversity and hoped that this was successful. Cllr. J. Sheridan suggested that Louth Bee Keepers association might assist also, which suggestion was welcomed.

Minute No. 67/21

AOB

John O’Hagan, Senior Engineer reminded members that the Regeneration Team had opened their first public consultation on Ardee 2040.

Cllr. J. Tenanty wished Cllr. H. Conlon a speedy recovery which was echoed by all members.

Minute No. 68/21

Condolences

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Tenanty reminded members of the new Condolences Protocol.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____