

Municipal District of Ardee – March 2022

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Courthouse, Ardee on Thursday 3rd March, 2022 at 4.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Jim Tenanty

Members: Councillors: Paula Butterly, Bernie Conlon, Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan

Officials: Joe McGuinness Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer
Brian Brooks, Executive Planner

Apologies: Councillor Dolores Minogue

Minute No. 18/22

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Paula Butterly and seconded by Cllr. Pearse McGeough.

Minute No. 19/22

Matters Arising

- Disappointment was expressed that half/open drain at Coopers Cross was not being addressed in road works programme. Members were advised this will be re-examined.
- Updates were requested on items raised in previous meetings.

Minute No. 20/22

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting by John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer.

- A breakdown of the reasons for maintenance requests received in January as requested at the February meeting was given to Members.

The following non Housing queries were raised:

- Unrealistic time frame to appoint construction company and carry out works approved under the Shop Front Grant Scheme will be considered by Community. However the deadlines are set nationally.

- A query on the number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register will be referred to Planning.

Minute No. 21/22

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.

Updates were given on previously raised items. Requests for attention to new items were also raised including:

- A request was made for subsidence issues to be addressed before resurfacing works
- Footpath repairs, line painting, traffic calming were called for at various locations
- Road safety concerns were raised, including at Annagassan Road Junction at R132 in Kilsaran.
- A specific request for a traffic count was noted at Reaghstown due to a high volume of lorries (circa 40/50) accessing a construction site daily and at Stabannan due to speed on entry route into village where there is no footpath.
- Ponding and road flooding issues were raised at various locations.

The following matters were noted:

- Visibility at Junction 15 on M1 from Ardee is a matter for the TII.
- A request for a review of the SAC (Special Area of Conservation) in Annagassan Harbour was made to allow an increase and extension to pipe size to allow the water current to naturally remove silt, rather than driving lorries in to do it. Members were asked for time for the Executive to consider this request.

Minute No. 22/22

Infrastructure

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer responded on all Infrastructure matters .

The following matters were noted

- With regards to requests for cycle lanes etc., Members were advised the NTA (National Transport Authority) Transport Strategy for the GDA (Greater Dublin Area) is currently looking at urban areas including Ardee. Public Consultation on the Strategy is now closed so an update is expected in the next month or so.
- Members welcomed the planned provision of a bus shelter by the NTA at school.

Minute No. 23/22

Part 8 - Ardee Educate Together Project

As an update on the Part 8 on the Ardee Educate Together School works, Members were advised that tenders are being assessed on the initial plan. Noting the Chief Executive

Report on the Part 8 for extension works and alterations, Members remarked on added time increasing costs.

In accordance with Section 179 (4)(c) of the Planning and Development act 2000 (as amended), it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan

Seconded by: Cllr. Paula Butterly

And resolved that the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive report.

Minute No. 24/22

Road Works Programme 2022

Members welcomed the programme as presented to them. Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer advised Members that they had tried to accommodate as many requests as possible but cautioned that the plan presented might change as rising oil costs may have a negative impact on planned works.

Members were advised that while the plan provided for 9 Community Improvement Scheme Works, a reduction in grant funding from the Department meant that this had to be reduced to 6 only, with the other three to be put forward to future plans.

Local Improvement Scheme funding has not yet been announced.

Minute No. 25/22

Youth Project of Ardee Hub Presentation

Members received a presentation from Amy Doyle and Charley Millar of Ardee Hub, with Damien McKenna, Project Coordinator, Dee Hub offering support.

The presenters suggested a variety of measures to help address issues faced by young people in the mid-Louth Area.

Members commended both the girls for their presentation, for their time in collating the information given and for their interest in the community. The work of coordinators and the safe space provided to young people by Dee Hub was complimented.

Minute No. 26/22

Discussion on wording for Motion to full Council on repairs to L roads in the county

It was proposed by Cllr. Pearse McGeough and seconded by Cllr. Jim Tenanty that this item along with discussions on the discretionary budget should be held in committee after the meeting.

In accordance with Standing Order 50, a roll call vote was held with all Members present unanimously agreeing.

Minute No. 27/22

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan

Seconded by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough

"Ardee Municipal District calls on Louth County Council to apply to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine for funds for Annagassan harbour under the newly announced scheme for piers and harbours as part of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve fund."

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

The Council is reviewing the terms and conditions of the scheme and will determine whether there are any eligible projects subject to resources and match funding being available to deliver.

Speaking on the motion Members noted that Louth was the only Local Authority with a harbour who had not applied for recent harbour funding.

Minute No. 28/22

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of all those who had died in the area.

Condolences were also extended to the Cathaoirleach on the recent death of his brother in law, Danny Conachy.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

Cathaoirleach:

Meeting Administrator:

7th April
2022

