

Municipal District of Ardee – May 2017

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 4th May, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor D. Minogue

Members: Councillors: P. McGeough, T. Cunningham, J. Tenanty & C. Markey.

Apologies: Cllr. L. Reilly

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Sean O'Reilly, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Minute No. 46/17

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April, 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. C. Markey.

Minute No. 47/17

Matters Arising

- Members were informed that work was ongoing in relation to moving the bring banks at Ferdia Park.
- Members were informed that HGVs could not be restricted from Sean McCarroll Street unless a suitable alternative route was established.
- A map detailing the location of litter bins was distributed to the members for their information and they were requested to notify the Operations Department of any locations they felt needed additional bins.

Minute No.48/17

Annual Meeting

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Cunningham

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Minogue

And resolved:-

That the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Ardee would precede the normal June monthly meeting on the 1st June, 2017 in accordance with Section 44, Schedule 10.3(3) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Minute No.49/17

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- Members were informed that Choice Based Letting would commence on 16th May.
- Members were informed that the public consultation process in relation to the social housing development in Dunleer was underway.

Minute No 50/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- Members were informed that the pavement upgrading works in Ardee town would cause some disruption during the Summer months.
- It was agreed to report to the members at the next meeting in relation to works carried out that have been funded through the Municipal District discretionary budget.
- Members were informed that funding had been secured for the signage and lining at the Drumcar Bridge and it was pointed out that adjacent residents should be informed. It was also pointed out that strengthening works were also needed.
- The flooding on the Sea Road at St. Peter's Nursing Home was raised as being in need of urgent attention.
- It was highlighted that the footpath on the Kells Road is too narrow.
- It was also pointed out that minor repairs were not being carried out on playgrounds at the same time as new equipment was being installed.
- The decaying tree in the playground in Clogherhead was raised as needing to be attended to.
- The possibility of converting the zebra crossing at Drogheda Road, Collon into a pedestrian crossing was raised.
- It was agreed to update the members in relation to the public toilets in Dunleer at the next meeting.

- The need for speed signs on the approach to Collon was highlighted.
- It was asserted that installing traffic lights on the Kells Road would reduce speeding in Collon.

Minute No. 51/17

Amenity Grant

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty
Seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue

Members welcomed the allocations but pointed out the need for a protocol to be put in place in relation to Tidy Towns groups so that all potential beneficiaries understood the scheme. Members agreed the allocations as detailed in the report circulated to them.

Minute No. 52/17

Presentation on Draft River Basin Management Plan.

Pat Finn, Senior Engineer gave a presentation in relation to the Draft River Basin Management Plan. Members raised concerns about the level of enforcement by Irish Water in relation to river pollution. It was also suggested that the figure for pollution from the agricultural sector was excessive.

Minute No.53/17

Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.

Proposed by Cllr. P. McGeough
Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey

Members agreed that the roads in Bellingham Close and Bellingham Green, Castlebellingham, Co Louth be declared public roads.

In the course of the meeting during an exchange of views between Cllr. Minogue and Cllr. Tenanty, Cllr. Minogue stated that she had been undermined since she had assumed the Chair, either for anti-woman or anti-chair reasons and no man attending the meetings had defended her. Cllr. Tenanty objected to the assertions and left the meeting in protest at the way it was being conducted.

The remaining members stated their respect for the position of Chair, regardless of gender. It was suggested by Cllr. Markey and agreed by the members that an investigation into the allegations made should take place

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____