

## **Municipal District of Ardee – November 2020**

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Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in Ardee Courthouse on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 4.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor John Sheridan

**Members:** Councillors: H. Conlon, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, J. Tenanty

**Officials:** Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer  
James Searson, Assistant Engineer

### **Minute No. 69/20**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. H. Conlon and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

Members requested updates on:

- Data Protection issues previously raised regarding CCTV
- Flooding and subsidence issues on R132 at St. Olivers Park
- Ditches at Bolies and Bog Road
- Leaflet drop to Residents on N52 bypass
- Correspondence between Louth and Monaghan on the bridge between Lannat Cross and Rose Cross.

Joe McGuinness, Director of Services and Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer responded on these matters.

### **Minute No. 70/20**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes of Budgetary Plan Meeting**

The minutes of the Budgetary Plan meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. H. Conlon and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

### **Minute No. 71/20**

#### **Matters Arising**

- Members were directed that there was a proposal to suspend Standing Orders, it was agreed to hear this proposal after notice of motions.

## **Minute No. 72/20**

### **Housing Progress Report**

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

- Another 40 units are scheduled to come on stream in next phase of Clonmore.
- Where heating problems arise in existing stock priority is given to those with only one source of heating.
- Transfer lists are currently only considered where the property occupied by tenants wishing to transfer is in good habitable condition, and priority is given to those in medical need.
- Works are being carried out to restore two number Vacant OPDs.

Members praised the work done by Housing and noted the relatively low numbers on the Housing list and the reduced waiting time in Mid Louth.

Members requested media to stress the need for Applicants to check their details on housing list and ensure their applications were up to date. Housing officials requested that this be done by logging into their application on the website and not by individual query so as to retain business continuity.

## **Minute No. 73/20**

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

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

- Trees at Millennium Park and in De La Salle Crescent requiring cut back
- Cllr J. Tenanty requested area staff to meet with Irish Wheelchair Association group to discuss areas of hindrance identified by group for wheelchair users on footpaths.
- Cllr. D. Minogue asked that this be extended to her also as she had also identified trip hazards.
- Cllr P. McGeough requested that an alternative site be located to replace bring banks removed from Philipstown as the nearest banks were now in Ardee and Dunleer. Banks were requested in Collon.
- Cllr. Minogue asked that when planning on location of bring bank sites that the impact on residents be considered with regards with regards to noise and dumping.
- Cllr H. Conlon advised that the Gallagher Road east of Dunleer was full of potholes
- The Drumcar road from Dunleer to St. Marys was subsiding
- Rumble Strips were requested at
  - Lawlesstown Hill to the Football grounds (and to include yellow boxes at residential areas to prevent parking)
  - Duffys Cross on L5177 as these had been surfaced over
- Replacement bins requested in Dunleer and in Fair Green Ardee
- Cllr. J. Sheridan advised that patching was required at
  - Fieldstown Road, Monasterboice
  - Burren Road, Dunleer
  - Red Tarmac at Tallanstown

- An update on the following was requested
  - Electronic Signage at schools
  - The wall at the cemetery in Darver
  - Speed sign at Golf Club in Ardee

Declan McMahon SEE responded on all Operations Matters.

**Minute No. 74/20**

**Taking in Charge Report**

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

- Update sought on The Orchard, Dunleer and progression with the contractor on the issues with Potholes.
- Cherrybrook, Ardee was highlighted as an ongoing problem for many decades which needed to be progressed.
- A timeframe was requested for the taking in charge of Rockfield, Ardee
- Rivervale and Woodlands were noted as being in together and it was queried if water pressure issues could be addressed where any road repairs to both are carried out

James Searson, Assistant Engineer responded on all items raised.

**Minute No. 75/20**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. J. Sheridan  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Minogue

“That a traffic count is done in Louth Village at the central cross roads of the R171 and L1170 to assess the viability of traffic calming in the village as there is significant Ardee-Dundalk traffic on the R171 and significant cross country agricultural traffic as well as local traffic on the L1170.”

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

The engineers will carry out an assessment in accordance with the Traffic calming policy as to whether any measures are required.

### **Minute No. 76/20**

As per Standing order 69, a suspension of Standing Orders was proposed in order to discuss the N52 Junction Bypass, the closing date for submissions on which was the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. J. Tenanty  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. H. Conlon

A roll call was held and all members present were in favour of suspension of standing orders.

Members discussed the addition of a road closure at Silverhill. This appeared to be a new addition to the plans for the Bypass which was not included in the original consultation phase with Members.

Members which expressing need for Bypass were concerned this 'should not move the problem down the road' and that all residents should have their access rights accommodated, it was suggested that staggered junctions should be considered where possible in order that everyone was connected.

Members noted that the need for jobs and footfall into Ardee should not be diminished by the need for a bypass.

It was noted that submissions should be made before the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Minute No. 77/20**

#### **Congratulations**

- Congratulations were extended to all in the Mid-Louth area who had adhered to restrictions and managed to keep Covid levels low.
- Congratulations were extended to Mid-Louth for their success in the Louth in Bloom competition in particular Brendan Matthews who was the driving force. The great work of all those who entered the competition was noted and commended.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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