

## **Municipal District of Ardee – November 2021**

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Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in Ardee Courthouse on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Leas Cathaoirleach:** Councillor J. Sheridan - Chairing Meeting

**Members:** Councillors: P. Butterly, B. Conlon, D. Minogue, P. McGeough

**Apologies:** Cathaoirleach: Councillor: J. Tenanty

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer  
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer

### **Minute No. 102/21**

Cllr. J. Sheridan opened the meeting and all Members took the opportunity to wish journalist Hubert Murphy well in his new career in Drogheda United as this would be his last time attending the Ardee Municipal District Meeting. Hubert was noted as a long standing attendee at Ardee Meetings, who always reported in a fair and balanced manner, giving a proper report of events. Joe McGuinness Director of Services, also thanked Hubert on behalf of the Executive and wished him well in his new position.

### **Minute No. 103/21**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. McGeough and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

### **Minute No. 104/21**

### **Matters Arising**

- A request for a meeting with residents of Sean O'Carroll Street was made by Cllr. D. Minogue. Cars blocking entrances and driving onto footpaths cause safety issues. A request was made for bollards or measures to be put on place to prevent entry onto footpath. The road is sinking opposite No. 3.
- Cllr. P. McGeough advised that a delineator which had previously gone missing at Castlebellingham had been returned to him.

## **Minute No. 105/21**

### **Confirmation of Draft Budgetary Plan Minutes**

The minutes of the draft Budgetary Plan meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. B. Conlon and seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough.

## **Minute No. 106/21**

### **Matters Arising**

None

## **Minute No. 107/21**

### **Housing Progress Report**

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

The following highlighted issues were clarified:

- Clonmore Units, final phase of 13 Units will be on Choice Based Letting next week.

## **Minute No. 108/21**

### **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.

Among the items discussed the following matters were highlighted:

- Previous request for funding for statue for Dermot O'Brien and/or guidance from officials had not been received
- New Casual Trading Byelaws drafted by Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer and are still an agenda item with SPC but last SPC meeting could not make quorum
- Steps on footpath at Lennon's Pub Tallanstown still require handrail, and lighting - trip hazard cited
- Update requested on provision of ramps provided for under discretionary fund
- Japanese Knotweed on road side and public lands matter for Louth County Council

## **Minute No. 109/21**

### **Update on Litter Enforcement**

Members discussed the report as issued and Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer responded to all queries raised. Members were advised that a possible extra site for Bottlebanks was under consideration.

Willie Walsh suggested the best way to tackle dog fouling issues was by education and awareness campaigns, as the legislation was difficult to enforce.

Councillors present requested that dog owners be reminded of prams, wheelchairs, young children and elderly persons using footpaths, and that health hazards resulted from dog foul as well as it being highly unpleasant and off putting.

## **Minute No. 110/21**

### **Nomination of one member to the governance/oversight committee of the Dublin/Belfast Economic Corridor**

It was proposed to nominate Cllr. B. Conlon as a committee member, and bring this to the Council for full endorsement.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Minogue

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

And resolved.

## **Minute No. 111/21**

### **Approval of project proposal by New Leaf for allocation of €5,000 as set out in item 10 of Minute 54/21 District Discretionary Budget**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Paula Butterly

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Dolores Minogue

And Resolved.

## **Minute No. 112/21**

### **AOB**

The Leas Cathaoirleach wished both Naomh Máirtín and St Mochtas well in the County Final as they are both from Mid Louth.

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of Sr. M. Catherine Duffy, Convent of Mercy, Ardee.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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