

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ardee held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday 4th September 2014

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. J. Tenanty
Members:	Councillors: T. Cunningham, C. Markey, P. McGeough, D. Minogue,
Officials:	P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator G. Kelly, Senior Engineer Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Apologies:	Cllr. L. Reilly

Minute No. 12/14

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. C. Markey and seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough.

Minute No. 13/14

Correction to Minutes

Correction to Minute No. 9/14, that Cllr. McGeough was nominated by Cllr. Cunningham. This correction was agreed.

Minute No. 14/14

Allowance for Cathaoirleach

The members considered the payment of an allowance for the Cathaoirleach in accordance with Section 143 of the Local Government Act, as inserted by Section 37 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in accordance with Circular LG 12/14, Part IV, (Part B).

Proposed by Cllr. McGeough
Seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham

That there be no allowance paid to the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District for the five year period.

Amendment

Proposed by Cllr. C. Markey
Seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue

That the allowance be paid to the Cathaoirleach in the amount of €6,000 as set out in the circular LG 12/14.

There followed a vote on the amendment:

For : Cllr. J. Tenanty, Cllr. C. Markey, Cllr. D. Minogue (3)
Against: Cllr. P. McGeough, Cllr. T. Cunningham (2)
Absent: Cllr. L. Reilly (1)

Minute No. 15/14

Delegation Request from Tenure Cottages Community Group

This matter is to be referred to the Borough District of Drogheda

Minute No. 16/14

Delegation Request from Louth Village

This matter was discussed at length by the members. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach would confirm which group were seeking the delegation, and that the group would be facilitated following discussion with the members in advance of the October meeting. The group could be facilitated at the October meeting if the members agreed to same.

Minute No. 17/14

Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report

The Operations, Infrastructure and Marine Progress Report for September was noted by the members and queries in relation to same were addressed by the Senior Engineer. These included progress on the Road Works Programme, and the Local Contribution Scheme.

Minute No. 18/14

Housing Progress Report

The Housing Progress Report dated 24th August was noted by the members and questions were addressed by the Director of Services. The Director of Services advised that he would look at how the report could be re-structured on a Municipal District Level. He advised the members that there was a significant amount of work in doing this but he would examine the matter and revert at some future date.

Minute No. 19/14

Notices of Motion

Proposed by Cllr. T. Cunningham

Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough

“Calling on Louth County Council to switch on the harbour flood lighting in Port Oriel harbour, Clogherhead at night time. The absence of lighting at night is a major health and safety issue and a cause of great concern. Also to implement a waste management plan including waste collection facilities for the harbour as provided for in other major harbours around the country.”

Reply

The background bulkhead walls lights at Clogherhead Harbour are switched on from dusk ‘till dawn as are the leading navigational lights. The spotlight floodlights are switched on as required using pre paid cards purchased by the fishermen. The Council currently has no plans to alter this system but is open to discussion on alternatives provided that the cost of running these lights will continue to be borne by the users. The Council will review the waste management plan and will update if necessary. The Council does not provide waste collection facilities at Clogherhead harbour and has no plans to do so.

The Senior Engineer advised that he would raise this matter with the Commissioner for Irish Lights, as to date there have been no reports of difficulties with the navigation lighting system at Clogherhead.

Notices of Question

The following questions and responses were noted by the members.

Minute No. 20/14

Cllr. Jim Tenanty

“Can this Council relocate the crossing at the Bank of Ireland as it is dangerous to pedestrian and driver?”

Reply

The Council will carry out an assessment of the pedestrian crossing at this location to determine what measures if any are warranted.

Minute No. 21/14

Cllr. Jim Tenanty

“Extra bottle bins are needed in Ardee as more people are using the one in Ferdia, any possibility a new site could be located?”

Reply

A recycling facility has been provided in Ardee recently, and in the interests of efficiency it would be preferred if residents would use this well appointed facility. There are no proposals or resources available to extend the bottle bank facilities at this time.

Minute No. 22/14

Cllr. Pearse McGeough

“How many old graveyards in the Municipal Authority are in charge of Louth County Council, and of those how many are being maintained by Louth County Council?”

Reply

There are 22 burial grounds vested in Louth County Council and 9 are maintained by Louth County Council Caretaker staff (details attached).

The status of the ownership of Kilsaran Cemetery is to be confirmed.

Minute No. 23/14

Cllr. Pearse McGeough

“What is the problem with the delay with works at the bends on the Station Road, Castlebellingham?”

Reply

Tenders have been received for the R166 Station Road Improvement Scheme. The Council is in the process of appointing a Contractor. Work is expected to commence on site in September 2014.

Minute No. 24/14

Correspondence

Members noted correspondence from Irish Business against Litter.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____