

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West St, Drogheda on Monday 7th July, 2014 at 7.00 pm.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. K. Callan

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, T. Byrne, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully, F. Godfrey

Officials: P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer
Emer O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer

Apologies:

Minute No. 11/14

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. R. Culhane and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell.

Minute No. 12/14

Standing Orders

Standing Orders as discussed at the June meeting were set before the members and confirmed following a number of minor amendments.

In regard to Standing Order No. 5, Cllr. Oliver Tully following a discussion proposed a start time for meetings of 6.00 p.m. This was seconded by Cllr. Godfrey.

Cllr. Munster proposed an amendment that the meeting commence at 7.00 pm and this was seconded by Cllr. Cassidy.

There followed a roll call vote as follows:

For 7.00 pm: Cllrs. T. Byrne, A. Cassidy, K. Flood, I. Munster. **(4)**

For 6.00 pm : Cllrs. P. Bell, K. Callan, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, P. Smith, O. Tully **(6)**

The Mayor confirmed that Standing Order No. 5 would read that the meeting would commence at 6.00 pm. Standing Orders were then confirmed.

Minute No. 13/14

Nomination to Cross Authority Committee

The Mayor sought nominations for the Memorandum of Understanding Cross Authority Committee.

Cllr. Culhane was proposed by Cllr. Tully and seconded by Cllr. Smith.

Cllr. Cassidy was proposed by Cllr. Munster and seconded by Cllr. Flood.

Cllr. Byrne was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Godfrey.

The Mayor confirmed the three nominations as the representatives from the Borough District of Drogheda.

Minute No. 14/14

Local Authority Own Development, Section 179 Planning & Development Act

Having considered the Chief Executives Report in respect of the development of the Drogheda Skateboard Park, the members agreed, on the proposal of Cllr Godfrey and seconding of Cllr. Munster, to confirm the recommendations of the Chief Executives Report.

The members welcomed the development and paid tribute to former Cllr. Ken O'Heiligh for all his sterling work during the delivery of what will be a very worthwhile project for the local community, and indeed the whole Borough District.

Minute No. 15/14

Votes of Sympathy

The Mayor, Cllr. Callan, called for votes of sympathy and votes were extended to the family and friends of the following

Fr. Kenny, late of Mell
Mrs. Maeve Healey
Mr. Gerry Tierney
Mr. Peter Morris
Mr. Gerry Monahan

The members acknowledged their association with the votes of sympathy as duly recorded.

Minute No. 16/14

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Cllr. Tommy Byrne, and seconded by Cllr. Paul Bell.

“That the Borough District of Drogheda investigates and implements appropriate safety measures for right turning traffic exiting Wheaton Hall at Dublin Road, Drogheda in the interests of public safety”

Reply

Mr Gerry Kelly confirmed that the matter was not a straight forward one and his staff would investigate the matter and revert back at a future meeting.

Minute No. 17/14

Notice of Question

Cllr. Tommy Byrne

“Can Louth County Council or Irish Water confirm that there was no leakage or obnoxious foul odour from the Drogheda treatment plant on the Mornington Road on 19th June last or the days previously?”

Reply

There were no reported odours on the preceding days prior to the 19th June. The complaint received on the 19th June was investigated.

Boundary checks at the treatment plant were carried out as well as monitoring. All locations were negative for odours. As part of the investigation inspections were carried out at the Marsh Road, Wheaton Hall and Glanbia on the 19/6/14 between 13:00 and 14:30. No malodours in the vicinity of these sites on this date were detected.

In relation to discharges from the treatment plant, the monitoring results were within compliance on the 19th June and the preceding days.

The Mayor recorded that the member noted the reply to the question.

Minute No. 18/14

The Mayor recorded Cllr. Bells request for suspension of standing orders, seconded by Cllr. Smith, for the purpose of discussing matters that were not contained in the Agenda.

There followed a discussion in regard to whether an item of Other Business could be recorded on the Agenda. The Meetings Administrator suggested that the members

should have this raised at the Corporate Policy Group, to ensure clarity and continuity across the Municipal District structure.

The members raised a number of issues including the need for staff contact details, and clarity around a number of issues of access to emails etc. Meetings Administrator, P. Donnelly, advised the members that a staff listing will issue before the July meeting of Council. He encouraged the members to avail of the training being offered by the Information Technology department, where the new digital equipment would be issued and details of access to emails and other systems to assist the members in executing the duties of a local representative would be made clear.

There was some further discussion regarding clothing banks, bottle banks and other bins in the area. Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, advised the members that all these matters are now being dealt with by Operations, whose staff are still in place in Drogheda and are there to service these needs. He would raise the matter with the staff accordingly.

Cllr. Tully raised the matter of the Planning office being in the Town Hall, Dundalk. He felt a better location for this was in County Hall. He was not seeking for the Planning office to be moved to Drogheda but he felt the facilities at County Hall were more suitable than the current arrangement in the Town Hall, Dundalk.

In response to a query from a number of members in regard to reports to the Borough Districts, Mr. P. Donnelly Meetings Administrator advised the members there would be a number of reports coming from a number of departments at future Borough District meetings. He thanked the members for their patience in regard to this matter, and assured them that as the structures bed in and the level of business to be dealt with at the Borough District becomes clearer members would have the appropriate reports laid before them in the usual way.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____