

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West St, Drogheda on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 at 6.00 pm.

**In attendance:**

<b>Mayor:</b>	Cllr. K. Callan
<b>Members:</b>	Councillors: P. Bell, T. Byrne, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, I. Munster, O. Tully
<b>Officials:</b>	P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer Mary T. Daly, Acting Director of Services
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. P. Smith

**Minute No. 19/14**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane.

**Minute No. 20/14**

**Allowance for Mayor - Section 143 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

The members considered the payment of an allowance for the Mayor in accordance with Section 143 of the Local Government Act, 2001 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 I. Munster  
**Seconded by:** Cllr A. Cassidy

That the Mayor for the five years of the Borough District accepts no allowance, in order to set an example.

**Amendment**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Bell  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Tully

That the allowance of €12,000 per annum be determined as the allowance for the position of Mayor in accordance with the Circulars.

There followed a vote on the amendment as follows:

**In Favour:** Cllrs. Bell, Callan, Culhane, Godfrey, Tully **(5)**  
**Against:** Cllrs. Byrne, Cassidy, Flood, Munster **(4)**  
**Abstain:** None **(0)**  
**Absent:** Cllr. Smith **(1)**

The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was carried.

**Minute No. 21/14**

**Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report**

The members noted the report for September 2014 and the queries in relation to same were addressed by the Acting Director of Services and the Senior Engineer. Issues identified included the Fair Street development, the Monasterboice bus stop and the Bryanstown Cross route.

**Minute No. 22/14**

**Housing Progress Report**

The members noted the Housing Progress Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014 as had been circulated with the agenda. Member's queries in relation to same were addressed by the Acting Director of Services.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Bell  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. K. Callan

That the local authority writes to the Minister highlighting the fact that rental levels in the Borough District of Drogheda area and the general south Louth area are significantly higher than those in other parts of the county, and therefore the rent allowance is not meeting the needs of those availing of this allowance.

**Minute No. 23/14**

**Votes of Sympathy**

The following votes of Sympathy were recorded in respect of the families of

Mr. Albert Reynolds, former Taoiseach  
Mr. Jackie Reynolds, Drogheda  
Mr. Mick Tuite, Drogheda  
Mr. Kevin Devine, who was tragically drowned while on holiday abroad.

The members also extended get well wishes to Mrs. Eva Berrill of Chord Rd, Drogheda.

**Notice of Motion**

**Minute No. 24/14**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. A. Cassidy  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. I. Munster

*“I am calling on this Borough District to implement speed ramps at Laphin Park housing estate within a defined time frame. Residents were promised speed ramps soon after the estate was finished; several decades ago.*

*I have been contacted by numerous parents and residents in the area who are concerned with cars consistently entering the estate at high speed, and also cars speeding just before the second right turn within the estate”*

**Reply**

**No provision for the provision of these ramps was made within the 2014 budget. The matter will be investigated to review the need for ramps and pending the outcome of this investigation, may be considered for funding in the future.**

**Minute No. 25/14**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Godfrey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. Bell

*“That Louth County Council address health and safety concerns of the residents of Lourdes Square, i.e.*

- a) Access for emergency services*
- b) Deal with tree roots which have made footpaths dangerous*
- c) Make safe the dangerous cracked walls”*

**Reply**

**This issue has been investigated and the proposed solution is to remove the tree as it does not have adequate space to grow without causing further damage to the footpath and wall. This work will be carried out subject to funding.**

**Minute No. 26/14**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. K. Flood  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. Bell

*“This Council will organise an immediate clean up of the stream flowing through The Glen in Yellowbatter, and this site will remain on the council work schedule from this point on”*

**Reply**

**Tenders have been received and it is proposed to carry out the cleaning of this stream before the end of September.**

On this matter, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Munster and seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey that litter hotline signage be erected in the Glen, Yellowbatter and other public parks.

The time being 20:00 hrs the business of the meeting concluded.

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

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

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_