

## **Borough District of Drogheda – September 2016**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda, on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Mayor:** Cllr. O. Tully

**Members:** Cllrs: J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, P. Smith

**Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Frank Pentony, Director of Services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
Martina Sheeran, A/Senior Engineer  
Emer O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner  
Anthony Abbott-King, Senior Planner  
Marguerite Quinn, Senior Executive Planner  
Fiona Downes, Administrative Officer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. P. Bell

### **Minute No. 89/16**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Smith and seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey.

### **Minute No. 90/16**

### **Matters arising**

Cllr. Flood sought confirmation that property owners of properties with graffiti were being contacted by the Council to rectify same. It was also confirmed that there is a team of officials progressing the taking in charge the estates raised at the previous meeting.

### **Minute No. 91/16**

**Part 8 Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016 for the Provision of a new entrance to Lands South East of the Rosehall Roundabout, Drogheda, Co. Louth.**

**Proposed by Cllr. A. Cassidy  
Seconded by Cllr. K. Callan**

The members agreed the report.

#### **Minute No. 92/16**

#### **Part 8 Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016 for the Development of Housing at Scarlet Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.**

Following a very detailed discussion it was proposed by Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane that a special meeting be held in relation to this matter. This was agreed by the members.

#### **Minute No. 93/16**

#### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

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

- It was agreed to check if the issue of applicants having paid their water charges was included in the application form for the Incremental Purchase Scheme.
- The meeting was informed that the Housing Department was attempting to increase the availability of homeless accommodation in Drogheda and that Simon may be expanding their service into Drogheda.
- The closure of the public toilets was raised and it was explained that this was as a result of health and safety concerns. It was agreed that the Council would be happy to engage with the relevant drug and addiction organisations in relation to issues with the toilets.

#### **Minute No. 94/16**

#### **Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

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

- Cllr. A. Cassidy asked for copies of all correspondence between Meath and Louth County Council in relation to the funding of works to the Obelisk Bridge to be presented to the next meeting.
- It was confirmed that the contractor has not approached the Council with regard to commissioning the pedestrian lights at St. Oliver's Community College.
- It was agreed to investigate the excess water on the steps at Railway Terrace.
- It was agreed to review the works carried out on Pentony's Lane.

**Minute No. 95/16**

**Closure of St. Laurence's Gate to vehicular traffic - Update**

Following a presentation from Pat Finn, Senior Engineer there was a discussion in which the proposal was broadly welcomed but the possibly problems particularly in relation to traffic management were acknowledged.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Callan, seconded by Cllr. A. Cassidy and agreed by the meeting that the proposal should be put out for public consultation.

**Minute No. 96/16**

**Narrow West Street Rejuvenation Scheme**

Following a presentation by Anthony Abbot-King the members broadly welcomed the plan and looked forward to seeing a more detailed version in the future.

The meeting then concluded.

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

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

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

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