

Borough District of Drogheda – January 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda on Monday, 7th January 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Frank Godfrey

Members: Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, K. Flood, D. Saurin, P. Smith, O. Tully

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
William Walsh, Acting Director of Services
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 1/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3rd December 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. K. Callan.

Minute No. 2/19

Matters Arising

- It was again agreed to circulate members with the explanation for central government funding not being made available for the Northern Cross Port Access route when it is received.

Minute No. 3/19

Housing Progress Report

- Members were advised that a rough sleeper count in Drogheda would be carried out as soon as was practical and in consultation with An Garda Síochána.
- It was agreed to consider a number of derelict houses raised by the members for CPO to be used as social housing stock.

Minute No. 4/19

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- It was agreed to investigate areas off the main thoroughfares for litter including syringes.
- Members were informed that the remarking of the yellow box at the bus station was a priority.
- The subsidence on the Donore Road was noted for attention.

- It was agreed to contact ESB in relation to public lights that need significant works to get them working again.
- The need to address the litter in the car park at Mell was noted.
- It was agreed to investigate the ownership of the slipway at Horse Lane in order to have the litter addressed.
- It was agreed to investigate the cause of the continued sinking on Beech Grove and have it addressed.
- It was agreed to carry out safety reviews on Constitution Hill and Jim Garry Road.
- It was agreed to review the potential hazard at the filter lane on the Dublin Road at Scotch Hall.
- The need to enforce the weight restriction at Beaulieu Road and the Obelisk Bridge was raised.
- A query was raised in relation to the when funding for the CFRM works at Baltray would be available.
- An update in relation to when the work on the junction at King Williams Glen would commence.
- It was requested that the yellow box at Bryanstown be extended to include the entrance
- The potential problem parking on Scarlet Crescent could cause to emergency vehicles was noted.
- The need for investment in the Tholsel building was raised.

Minute No. 5/19

Discretionary Budget 2019

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bell, seconded by K. Callan and agreed by the members that the discretionary budget of €55,000 for 2019 be divided equally between the ten members of Drogheda Borough District for allocation.

Minute No. 6/19

Road Works Programme 2019

This item was deferred pending receipt of confirmation of the funding available.

Minute No. 7/19

Sympathies

A minutes silence was observed for the following:

- Nuala Early
- Willie Healy
- Dermot Finglas
- Eileen Battersby
- Val Cromwell
- Sister Marian Reynolds

- Patricia Mooney
- Eileen Henry
- Oscar Reynolds
- May McCollough
- Colin Foley
- Mary Brady

Minute No. 8/19

Louth County Council (Borough District of Drogheda (Parking Control) Pay Parking) (Amendment) Bye Laws 2019 for Adoption

There was a lengthy discussion in regard to the matter of the bye laws. It was confirmed for the members that the new bye laws would result in the reduction of on street parking charges from €1.20 to €1.10 per hour.

To assist the members in their decision, Director of Services Paddy Donnelly explained to the members that the provisions of Statutory Instrument No 231/2014 – Local Government (Performance of Reserve Functions in Respect of Municipal District Members Regulations 2014, applied to this matter and specifically par. 4, where Municipal District Members – Shall exercise the Reserve function in order that there was no inconsistency with the policy of the Local Authority – in this case the 2019 Budget, where provision for the charge in the on street parking rate among others matters had been confirmed.

The debate on the matter continued and following a short adjournment the motion.

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Culhane and seconded by O. Tully to adopt the amendment to the parking bye-laws.

A roll call vote followed:

For (4): Cllrs. P. Bell, R. Culhane, P. Smith, O. Tully

Against (5): Cllrs. J. Byrne, K. Callan, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, D. Saurin

Absent (1): Cllr. T. Byrne

The motion was defeated.

Minute No. 9/19

Louth County Council (Borough District of Drogheda Parking Control (Pay Parking)) (Hospital Impact Zone Amendment) Bye-Laws 2019 for Noting.

The members noted the bye-laws.

Minute No. 10/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. R. Culhane
Seconded by: Cllr. O. Tully

"That Louth County Council in the interest of road safety commit to include the gritting of the road through Tullyallen Village from the junction on the Collon Road through to the crossroads after the National School as part of its Winter road gritting schedule."

REPLY:

Signage as per attached design will be provided to signpost the estate at this location.

The members noted the reply.

Minute No. 11/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Byrne

'Noting the now vacant former halting site on Cement Road and it's zoning as residential I call on Council to immediately commence the process of developing the site for social and affordable housing'.

REPLY:

The Council will review the use of the site on Cement Road and look at the most advantageous use that complies with local area and county Development plans.

The members noted the reply.

Minute No. 11/19

Notice of Motion

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

"In recognition of the historic relationship between the citizens of Drogheda and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, the Medical Missionaries of Mary and in particular the founder of the MMM, the late Mother Mary Martin who is loved and honoured by the citizens of Drogheda and further afield in recognition of her dedication and sacrifice in providing medical services. I call on this Council to immediately and urgently communicate to the Minister for Health Simon Harris T.D. and the Interim Director General of the HSE to stop the proposed name change of the Hospital".

REPLY:

This is a matter for the Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Flood, seconded by J. Byrne and agreed by the members to amend the motion to add the words “without public consultation” and to include “to Louth Meath Hospital Group”

The members agreed the amendment and the amended motion.

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____