

Borough District of Drogheda - May 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Governors House, Millmount Drogheda, on Monday 9th May 2022 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance: *(All attendance was in person)*

Deputy Mayor: Cllr. Declan Power

Members: Councillors Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Fiachra MacRaghnaill, Pio Smith, Eileen Tully

Apologies: Councillors James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Paddy McQuillan

Officials: Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer
William Walsh, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 41/22

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Callan and seconded by Cllr. Tom Cunningham.

Minute No. 42/22

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. Director of Services, Paddy Donnelly addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were clarified on request by Members:

- Part V acquisition is progressing on a number of sites
- Retrofitting of properties aim to bring units to a minimum B2 BER, and can include a number of measures and/or a mix of measures including external wrap, insulation, windows & doors replacement, etc
- A request on whether Louth County Council could obtain a Georgian property (which has a preservation order) by compulsory purchase order and restore it to use was deemed unlikely as the overall costs were likely prohibitive. Members were advised that Louth County Council was not in a position to acquire this currently.
- Difficulty in securing design teams in response to tenders and to getting construction firms to tender for fixed price contracts was discussed. Consideration was being made to bundling projects together to attract response.

The following Planning request was raised:

Noting the documentation received around the number of Derelict Sites files opened in 2021, a request was made for a presentation to be given on Derelict Sites at next meeting, to include a breakdown of those in the Drogheda area, breakdown of enforcement measures taken, the legal definition of a Derelict Site, the process and any complications on registering sites, and an update to the current register.

Minute No. 43/22

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer addressed all Operations Matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Confirmation of routes on Road Works Programme was given
- Contractor is appointed to install/upgrade Toilet Facility works
- Ecotoilet to be installed in Termonfeckin before end of month
- Extra portaloos will be provided at Clogherhead
- Request for repairs to 'erosion wall' at Clogherhead beach made, as possible trip hazard and eroding into carpark. Stone and mesh repairs to be considered.
- Traffic Warden patrol will be scheduled at Crushrod Avenue to counteract illegal parking
- Signage replacement, repair and overgrowth in various locations
- Reported overgrowth at various locations on road side and carparks will be looked at including on Cement Road
- Overflow carpark at Clogherhead under consideration by planning before reverting to Director of Operations to determine need
- New pothole repair machine delivery imminent. Training of staff to follow
- One way system on Priest Lane to Platin proposed, stakeholder engagement sought
- Footpath repair schedule slower due to green procurement process of reuse of used asphalt

The following non-operations issues were raised:

- Tender and funding issues at St. Lawrences Gate but Part 8 is progressing. A request was made for a presentation from the public realm team

Minute No. 44/22

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, approval of Allocation of Members Community Grants as notified to the Elected Members was

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

And Resolved.

Minute No. 45/22

Litter and Bring Banks

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer responded on all Matters.

Minute No. 46/22

Condolences

Condolences were extended to:

- The family and friends of the late Peter Darcy of Crufty, Beamore, Drogheda. Peter was a former principal of Congress Avenue Boys national school and heavily involved in St Mary's and Holy Family parishes in various roles. He was lately the Chairperson of the Board of Management of Marymount Girls national school.
- The family and friends of the late Jimmy Weldon, photographer, who had strong links with the Drogheda Borough and Mayoral office. Jimmy attended and captured events in Drogheda over many years.

Minute No. 47/22

Notice of Motion

Proposed: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr Pio Smith

"Will this Council examine the road markings and signage on Simcox Lane where there is continuous traffic flowing against the permitted direction. Will this be done to ensure public, pedestrian and driver safety."

Reply from Ms. C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations:

The Area Engineer will carry out an inspection of the location to establish the cause of the issue.

Minute No. 48/22

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Could this Council provide a list and map of all disabled parking spaces within the Drogheda Borough area?"

Reply from Ms. C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations:

A list and location map of disabled spaces in public places will be provided.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: 13 June 2022
Mayor: Michelle Hall
Meeting Administrator: Ale Spomeny