



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Meeting

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Meeting held at Fair Street Conference Room, Drogheda - Monday, 12th June 2023 directly after the Annual Meeting at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: **Mayor** Cllr Eileen Tully

Members: **Councillor(s)** James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham, Emma Cutlip, Michelle Hall Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pío Smith.

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
John Lawrence, A/Director of Services
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 54/23

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 8th May 2023

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 8th May 2023 were confirmed on the **Proposal of Cllr Kevin Callan**
Seconded by Cllr Emma Cutlip
And approved

Minute No. 55/23

Matters Arising

Joe McGuinness Director of Services advised that he would be attending all future Drogheda Meetings as the representative from Management Team.

Minute No. 56/23

Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants as presented to them, and approval was
Proposed by: Cllr Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr Tom Cunningham

And agreed by Members

Minute No. 57/23

Louth County Council Control of On Street Bike Hire Draft Bye Laws 2023 for Adoption

Willie Walsh Senior Executive Officer responded to questions raised by Members on the Draft Bye Laws. Following some discussion, Members agreed to approve the Bye Laws as presented before them without any amendments.

Proposed by: Cllr James Byrne

Seconded by: Cllr Tom Cunningham

and confirmed by resolution.

Minute No. 58/23

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. A/Director of Services, John Lawrence addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- Housing Adaptation Grants –constraints on processing and drawing down of grants was discussed including physical and financial resources, ability of applicant to secure contractor, medical requirements of applicants, OT assessment etc. Cllr Joanna Byrne suggested that rather than having to match fund grant monies a request be made to the Department for 100% funding for less grants. Members were advised that Housing Officials are meeting Department Reps in coming weeks and grants will be discussed. Grants are currently closed to new applicants so as not to give false expectations.
- A planned maintenance schedule is being drafted which will include servicing of boilers.
- A whole council approach involving a cross directorate team within the Council are examining derelict and vacant properties near and within town centres under various codes of legislation.
- In order to apply for mortgage loan approval from the Council the applicant must first have been refused by two financial institutes.

Minute No. 59/23

Roads and Local Services Report

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

Along with potholes, illegal dumping, overgrowth in various areas, footpath repair, traffic calming, road safety and signage requests, sign installation, road resurfacing, road lines and yellow box repair & painting, painting of parking and disabled bays, fire damage to wall, the following items were highlighted:

- Members reported dissatisfaction with quality of Grass cutting in the area and litter left behind after cutting. It was agreed to review 'Grow wild' and 'No Mow May' policies.
- Overgrowth on Buttergate was requested to be removed as it is reportedly damaging the structure.
- Access at back of Scarlet Crescent preventing waste removal will be examined.

- Leak reported at steps at the Dale.
- Funding has been secured for refurbishment of St Dominic's Park.
- Planned works to R166 will be delayed as Uisce Eireann are carrying out works. Approval of works will include a condition around surfacing.
- Dangerous junction reported at L2233 and L2234
- Members were advised of regular cleaning each morning around the town.
- Members were advised that the Road Works Programme was set for 2023 but suggestions could be forwarded for 2024.

Minute No. 60/23

Suspension of Standing Orders in accordance with Standing Order No. 69

As the time allotted for the Meeting had reached 6.15pm, Members agreed to suspend Standing Order No. 5 in order to continue the meeting to deal with Statutory Business, this was

Proposed by Cllr Pio Smith
Seconded by Cllr Michelle Hall

And all Members present advised they agreed with same, thus meeting the two-thirds requirement to allow suspension.

Minute No. 61/23

Physical Development Report

Members discussed the report as presented to them and John O'Hagan Senior Engineer responded to all queries raised. The Active Travel Breakdown on the last 3 pages of the Report was highlighted.

This concluded the Statutory Business of the Meeting. All Motions and Questions listed on the Agenda were deferred to the next monthly meeting.

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

Date:

3 July 2023

Mayor:

Michelle Hall

Meeting Administrator:

Alice Womersley