

Borough District of Drogheda – January 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda, on Monday, 9th January, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. O. Tully

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

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Martina Sheeran, Acting Senior Engineer

Apologies: Cllr. P. Smith

Minute No. 01/17

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2016, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. J. Byrne.

Minute No. 02/17

Matters Arising

- Clarity was sought in relation to the status of HAP tenants with regard to the Housing Transfer List.
- It was pointed out that minute no. 130/16 should also refer to private bodies in relation to tackling graffiti on their premises.
- It was clarified that the sub-committee referred to in minute 135/16 was not a formal sub-committee of the Borough District.
- Clarity was sought in relation to the expected start of the works at Pentony's Lane.

Minute No. 03/17

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to report back to the members to explain the difference between nationally reported figures and the monthly Housing report for homelessness.

- Members were informed that the Council is progressing through the complex issues in relation to the taking in charge of Ashton Village and will keep the members updated on progress.

Minute No. 03/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- The Council is engaging with the contractor in relation to Pentony's Lane and having the appropriate works carried out. It was agreed to communicate with the residents if it was considered necessary.
- The issue of illegal dumping at recycling banks was raised, in particular at King Street and members were assured that illegal waste was examined to try and find evidence to secure prosecutions in all cases. Members were informed that the Council attempted to ensure that bottle banks were serviced as efficiently as possible for the Christmas period with the resources available.
- The Council was asked to consider the removal of the litter bin on Rope Walk due to the dumping of domestic waste at this location.

Minute No. 04/17

Election of one representative to the Road Safety Working Group Together

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

Proposed: Cllr K. Flood by Cllr. A. Cassidy
Seconded by Cllr. J. Byrne

There followed a roll call vote.

For Cllr. O. Tully: Cllrs: P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, O. Tully

For Cllr. K. Flood: Cllr. J. Byrne, A. Cassidy, K. Flood.

Absent: Cllr. P. Smith

Cllr. O. Tully was deemed Elected as the representative of the Borough District on the Road Safety Working Group Together.

Minute No. 05/17

Members were briefed on the updated procedure for the tracking of representations from the Councillors. Some concerns were raised regarding the new procedures and assurance was given that every effort would be made to ensure it provided the Councillors with an efficient service.

Minute No. 06/17

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. R. Culhane

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

"Calling on Louth County Council to instate a yellow box on the Dublin Road Drogheda at the entrance to Bryanstown Village. This will facilitate the residents exiting safely from the estate at peak times."

REPLY:

The junction in question was inspected a number of weeks ago by the local engineering staff. Road marking works specific to this junction have been identified and are included in the work schedule for the contractor on their next visit to the area.

Members commended the Council for carrying out this work.

Minute No. 07/17

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr T. Byrne

" That the Borough District of Drogheda provides a 50 meter swimming pool for the town located on the north side, to cater for an ever-growing population, increasing number of water sports clubs, and provide family orientated activity. That the Local Authority acquires land and funding for same. "

REPLY:

The current Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme is closed to new applicants and consequently there is no exchequer grant funding available for this proposal. Additionally there is no funding available to the local authority (in this case Louth County Council) to prepare a detailed Feasibility Study which is a prerequisite for Departmental assessment and approval.

Members expressed their support for the proposal and noted the reply.

Minute No. 08/17

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. R. Culhane

"That Louth County Council bring before the members of the Borough District the required process to abolish the current payment scheme in place in Drogheda under the Drogheda Borough Council Bye Laws for Residents Parking Permits on the basis that the current scheme is inequitable where residents in Drogheda are being charged whilst residents of Dundalk are not charged any Residents Parking Permit fee at all.

The writer of the motion acknowledges that this matter exists from the previous system in place of Drogheda Borough Council and Dundalk Town Council, however in the interests of equal treatment the Borough District must now move to correct this inconsistent approach."

REPLY:

The Charge was provided for at the time of the making of the Parking Bye Laws by Drogheda Borough Council. The amending of the bye-laws for the sole purpose of removing a charge of €12.70 per resident permit would not be practical or indeed cost effective at this time. There will be a requirement to review county wide parking bye-laws in the future and it should be at that stage that such amendments are made.

Members noted the reply and strongly emphasised their desire for action to be taken in relation to the motion.

Minute No. 09/17

Notice of Question – Frank Godfrey

" Can Louth County Council inform the members if it intends to carry out work on the Golf Course Road, Tullyallen, as it is in a dangerous condition and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency."

REPLY:

The Road in question is a tertiary road and funding is not provided for this class of road as the traffic volumes are significantly less than other classes of Road. The specific road may be eligible for the local contribution scheme that is being proposed as part of the Road Works Programme for 2017.

The Question was noted by the Members.

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____