

## **Borough District of Drogheda – July 2015**

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Minutes of Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda, held in Barlow House, Drogheda, on Monday 6th July, 2015, at 6.00 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Mayor:** Cllr. P. Bell

**Members:** Cllrs. T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, K. Flood  
F. Godfrey, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully

**Officials:** Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer,  
Mary T. Daly, A/Director of Services  
David Storey, Senior Executive Officer  
Brian Brooks, Assistant Planner,  
Liz Duff, Meetings Administrator

### **Minute No. 82/15**

To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

The Minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. O. Tully and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane.

### **Minute No. 83/15**

To confirm the minutes of the Borough District Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

The Minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Smith and seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey.

There were no matters arising.

### **Minute No. 84/15**

### **Tree Preservation Order**

The members were circulated with a report in connection with the proposed Tree Preservation Order at Mile Wood, Newtownstalaban, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Mary T. Daly, Acting Director of Services, advised that there was provision under the Development Plan to make a Tree Preservation Order, that the Officials had carried out a report on same and were recommending that the Council consider giving Mile Wood the protection of a Tree Preservation Order and woodland management plan to ensure that it is properly managed to preserve its long term commercial and landscape value. She advised that this was a reserved function of the Council.

The recommendation was confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. O. Tully and seconded by Cllr. A. Cassidy.

**Minute No. 85/15**

**Review of Drogheda Boundaries by the Local Government Boundary Commission**

The report from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 relating to the review of the Drogheda Boundaries was discussed. Mary T. Daly, Acting Director of Services, advised that boundary reviews were being carried out in Drogheda, Athlone, Waterford and Carlow. She advised that boundary committees are being set up who will take into consideration, financial, demographic and other implications and that they would make a recommendation to the Minister no later than 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, in relation to Drogheda. She stated that this was not a reserved function and that the Minister may alter or make an Order based on the recommendation from the Drogheda Boundary Committee. She stated that there was no provision for public consultation.

The majority of members expressed their concern that there was no provision for public consultation and the Mayor, Cllr. P. Bell, advised that he would write to the Minister on behalf of the Council with a view to allowing same.

**Minutes No. 86/15**

**Housing and Communities Progress Report**

The Housing and Communities Progress Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, was presented by David Storey, Senior Executive Officer. Issues relating to this report were addressed by him which included HAP Scheme, Housing Waiting List, Homeless Services, and ASB. Mr. Storey also advised that the Council were recently successful in securing SEAI funding.

Cllr. K. Flood queried where in the legislation he would find procedures for specific housing allocations. Mr. Storey advised him to forward the specific details to him and he will issue a reply in writing.

Cllr. K. Callan queried whether there were new guidelines in place in relation to homeless women. Mr. Storey advised that he would clarify following a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

**Minute No. 87/15**

**North Quay Watermain**

Mary T. Daly, Acting Director of Services, circulated an e-mail from Irish Water regarding Water Main at North Quay. Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the delay in the on-going problem being resolved. Cllr. P. Smith stated that water pressure in other adjacent areas, such as College Rise, Harmony Heights, was still a problem and asked that Irish Water or an Engineer be consulted on how water pressure could be maintained in adjacent high areas of the town.

The Mayor, Cllr. P. Bell stated that he would contact Irish Water and ask them to meet with a delegation during the closed period and stated that the Councillors could contact Irish Water themselves and request that this matter be expedited.

**Minute No. 88/15**

**Low cost safety measures at Monasterboice**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. O. Tully it was agreed to go to public consultation for reduction in speed limit at Monasterboice.

**Minute No. 89/15**

**Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer presented the report on Operations, Marine and Infrastructure dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015. Mr. Kelly addressed issues in relation to Operations and Marine and Ms. Daly, Acting Director of Services, addressed the issues in regard to Infrastructure. Cllr. P. Smith sought clarification on who was responsible for the upkeep of the traffic lights at Mell School, whether it was the Department or Louth County Council. Mary T. Daly will check position and revert.

Cllr. P. Smith asked if a sit down could be arranged with the Gardai and the three schools at Ballymakenny which are within 500 yds. of each other. Mary T. Daly, advised that the Principals could be contacted.

Cllr. K. Callan expressed his dissatisfaction at the Ramparts walk being closed and that no works were done at Riverbank regarding the land slide. He asked that the Council take charge of the Ramparts. Mary T. Daly advised that Ramparts was not in our ownership and she will submit update on same.

Cllrs. Munster and Flood raised the matter of litter bins and dog fouling litter bins being overflowing. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, asked that she let him know the locations in question and he would investigate.

Cllr. R. Culhane asked if the litter bin at the Golf Bag Shop at North Quay could be moved to allow for deliveries. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, advised that this matter was currently being examined and he would revert.

Cllr. T. Byrne asked if the dog fouling litter bin at John's Shop, Plattin Road, could be moved. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer to investigate.

The Mayor, Cllr. P. Bell, queried the position with regard to the Skateboard Park. Mary T. Daly advised that same was completed and handed over to the Council last week. Ms. Daly will raise the matter of the official opening with Corporate Services.

**Minute No. 90/15**

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the family and friends of the following:

Mrs. Bridie Donnelly, mother of Paddy Donnelly, Acting Director of Services, Louth County Council and Michael Donnelly, Station Officer, Louth County Council.

Mr. Francis Kelly, former Louth Senior footballer.

Ms. Eileen McCabe, Gormanstown, Co. Meath.

Mr. Stephen McDonagh, St. Finian's Park, Drogheda.

Mr. Paddy Garvey, Mornington, Co. Meath.

Mr. Eugene Kierans, former President of Drogheda Chamber of Commerce.

**Minute No. 91/15**

**Notices of Question**

The following Notice of Question was noted by the members:

**Cllr. P. Smith**

"What progress has been made to date in relation to assessing the safety of motorists exiting the Riverview Estate in Mell"

**Reply:**

Motorists exiting the Riverview Estate are joining a road with a 50kph speed limit and have a sight line lower than that recommended in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets based on the 50kph speed limit. A traffic speed survey is scheduled to be undertaken to assess traffic speeds on Trinity Street approaching the junction of Riverview Estate. The matter will then be assessed in line with the Traffic Calming Policy adopted by the Council in May.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

Meetings Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_