

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda, held in Barlow House, Drogheda, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 following the Annual General Meeting.

### **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  
Brona O'Reilly, Administrative Officer  
Paddy Donnelly, Meetings Administrator / A/Director of Services

**Apologies:** Mr. David Storey, Senior Executive Officer

### **Minute No. 72/15**

#### **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

The Minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane.

There were no matters arising.

### **Minute No. 73/15**

#### **Outdoor Event – Planning & Development Act, 2000.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Callan**

**Seconded by Cllr. Tully**

To confirm agreement to proceed with the outdoor event of the Maritime Festival 2015 (19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June) in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 238 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010 and in accordance with the report submitted.

**Minute No. 74/15**

**Amenity Grants 2015**

The members were circulated with the draft Amenity Grant proposals for 2015. This was confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Tully and seconded by Cllr. Smith.

Complements and accolades were recorded and extended to the groups and individuals who were awarded these grants and recognition for all the good work they do in making the communities in which they live better places for all to enjoy.

**Minute No. 75/15**

**Housing and Communities Progress Report**

The Housing and Communities Progress Report dated 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 was presented by Ms. Brona O'Reilly, Administrative Officer. Issues relating to this report were addressed by Ms. O'Reilly and A/Director of Services, Ms. Mary T. Daly who dealt with issues including derelict houses and issues of proposed new house construction. Reference was also made to the HAP Scheme and the increased numbers of applicants on the Housing waiting list.

**Minute No. 76/15**

**Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer presented the report on Operations, Marine and Infrastructure dated 25<sup>th</sup> May for the members' attention. Mr. Kelly addressed issues in relation to Operations and Marine and Ms. Daly addressed the issues in regard to Infrastructure. The members' queries and questions were addressed and it was noted that the proposed works to replace the watermain on the North Quay in Drogheda, which was planned for some time, had not yet commenced. Cllr. Flood sought clarification in regard to the matter and sought a report on same for the next meeting.

**Minute No. 77/15**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr T. Byrne  
Seconded by Cllr F. Godfrey**

"That urgent safety measures for cyclists be implemented from the Bullring to the entrance of Drogheda Train Station and back to the town again, in addition a cycling

and pedestrian safety strategy for the Dublin Road area to Bryanstown School and Meadow View Estate, at the turn for Sacred Heart School."

**REPLY:**

**The Active Travel Town Walking & Cycle Strategy for Drogheda was presented to the Council in June 2013. The strategy contains recommendations on appropriate infrastructure interventions including cycle lanes, alterations to traffic lanes, etc., in the town and including at the Bullring, R132 to the train station and Bryanstown Cross Route. The implementation and funding of the plan requires further consideration, consultation and analysis.**

The report referred to by Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer in addressing the motion would be circulated to the members by the Meetings Administrator and the matter would be listed on the agenda at a future meeting.

**Minute No. 78/15**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr P. Smith  
Seconded by Cllr K. Callan**

"Calling on the Borough District of Drogheda to identify land that could be used for Municipal Sports Facilities. The Drogheda Development Plan states

*"It is important to increase levels of local participation and promote the development of opportunities for all groups to become involved in sports and amenity activities"*

I am calling on the Drogheda Borough District to engage with national sporting organisations such as the GAA, IRFU and FAI to explore the possibility of establishing a partnership approach to delivering Municipal Sports Facilities for the Borough area."

**REPLY:**

**The Council have identified a site on the northside of Drogheda for municipal pitches and have made an application for funding under the Sports Capital Grants Scheme from the Department of Transport Sports and Tourism. Numerous municipal sports facilities have been provided on Council owned lands in the Drogheda area including Drogheda Leisure Centre, Lourdes Stadium and bowling green and Skateboard Park which is currently under construction. In the past, numerous playing pitches have been provided on Council lands by way of leases between the Council and football/community groups.**

**Louth County Council currently co-funds development officers for both the FAI and GAA and are currently engaging with Leinster Rugby. The Sports Unit of the Council continues to work in partnership with the non government bodies through the sports centres. The promotion of sports and the encouragement of co-ordination between sporting bodies is a key theme of the Louth County Council Sports and Recreation Strategy, 2006.**

**Minute No. 79/15**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**Proposed by Cllr K. Callan  
Seconded by Cllr A. Cassidy**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 69 to suspend Standing Orders for ten minutes to permit the business of the meeting to be completed.

**Minute No. 80/15**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by Cllr P. Smith  
Seconded by Cllr K. Callan**

"Calling on the Borough District of Drogheda to engage with the Chamber of Commerce, businesses not affiliated to the chamber and the Trade Union Movement with a view to establishing a workshop that would work toward developing a framework of proposals for the future development of the Borough District of Drogheda"

**REPLY:**

**The Council will be preparing Draft Action Plans for the towns of Drogheda, Dundalk and Ardee. It is envisaged that a workshop, similar to what is being proposed, will be part of that process.**

**Minute No. 81/15**

**Correspondence**

Correspondence as listed with the agenda from Ballina Municipal District was noted.

There being no further business the meeting concluded.

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

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

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