

Borough District of Drogheda – June 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 12th June, 2017 following the Annual General Meeting at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. P. Smith

Members: Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, O. Tully, D. Saurin

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Martina Sheeran, Acting Senior Engineer

Minute No. 70/17

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey.

Minute No. 71/17

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 17th May 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. O. Tully and seconded by Cllr. K. Callan.

Minute No. 72/17

Matters Arising

- Minute 49/17 Cllr. K. Flood sought and update in regard to Townley Hall, Townley Manor, this matter will be included in the monthly reports at the next meeting.

Minute No. 73/17

Housing Progress Report

- Housing Progress Report for May was presented to the member's. Questions and clarifications from the members were addressed by Aoife Lawler, Acting Director of Services. Clarifications were sought regarding Tenant Purchase Scheme, numbers of units CPO in the Drogheda Area, Part VIII Scarlet Street, Choice Base Letting and the lack of single storey bungalows in the housing stock of the Local Authority.

Minute No. 74/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

The Operations and Infrastructure reports for May were presented to the member's. Queries in relation to operations were addressed by Martina Sheeran, Acting Senior Engineer. A number of issues regarding the Infrastructure were deferred to the July Meeting and the responses will be included in the July report were practical.

Issues raised include:

- Installation of Broadband by number of Providers and the conditions of the roads and drainage systems after such works.
- Installation of Broadband in Rural Areas.
- Dates sought in relation to CFRAM report.
- Works required on the Newline Road at Monasterboice.
- Access on the Newtown Road was also raised.
- The problem of shopping trolleys been dumped in the River Boyne was raised by a number of members and Director of Services outlined details of the number of Fixed Penalty Notices that issued to Supermarkets Operators in the area over the disposal of supermarket trolleys. It was agreed that staff managing this issue would write to the supermarket chains asking them to place better control on the use of the trolleys.
- Other issues addressed include, Yellowbatter and the cutting of grass down to the river, managing of footpaths in the Town Centre, cutting of trees in Tullyallen to facilitate the Blessing of the Graves, drains at North Quay and disabled access spending from the Members Allocations.

Minute No. 75/17

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by: Cllr. T. Byrne

That the District Borough of Drogheda carry out a regeneration plan for the Bolton Street & Square area, the market square area of the town.

This historic part of Drogheda is in dire need of a facelift, including repairs to footpaths, and the addition of some visually appealing items such as street furniture and hanging baskets.

REPLY:

The Council is finalizing the West Street Rejuvenation Vision document, but this are does not extend to the Bolton Street and Square area. However, the eastern and southern sides of Bolton Square will benefit from the redevelopment of the Council offices.

This matter was discussed by all the members raising the issue of casual trading in Drogheda and in the Market Area in particular. Members requested that the issue of casual trading By- laws be re- examined now for the Borough District of Drogheda as it had come before the previous Borough Council but the matter had not been resolved. Director of Services indicated that initial work had commenced on Casual Trading Bye- laws and this would come back to the members as soon as was practical.

Minute No. 76/17

Notice of Motion

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

'That this Council take the necessary steps to prevent the ongoing and widespread abuse and misuse of the Disabled Car Parking system in our town. And commit to a review of the current for the purpose of identifying improvements in the interests of equity and equality'

REPLY:

We have recently increased attention and focus on the use and mis-use of Less – abled parking spaces. Traffic Wardens are taking a zero tolerance in regard to all motorists who use the spaces in an unauthorised fashion. Members of the public are encouraged to report incidents of mis –use directly to Louth County Council who will direct Wardens to the incidents in real time.

Director of Services confirmed to the members that the Local Authority were not responsible for the issuing of Disabled Parking Permits but that staff were active insuring the parking bays for disabled were used by Permit Holders only and were it could be identified that there was unauthorised use of Disabled Parking Permit and or that a user of disabled parking was using the bays for all day parking or using another parking location for all day parking that the fixed penalty notices under the pay parking scheme would be and are being issued.

Minute No. 77/17

Time being 20.00hrs the Mayor thanked the Members for the contributions and concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____