

Borough District of Drogheda – June 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in The Barbican Centre, William Street, Drogheda on Monday 8th June, 2020 at 4.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan

Members: Councillors: Paul Bell, James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Eileen Tully

Officials: Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Darius Messayeh, Executive Engineer

Apologies: Cllr. Pio Smith

Minute No.35/20

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18th May 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Michelle Hall and seconded by Cllr. Paul Bell.

Minute No. 36/20

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and had their queries addressed.

Minute No. 37/20

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- It was pointed out that the hedges on the Baltray Road are overgrown and a possible hazard to cyclists.
- It was pointed out that the road markings on the Newfoundwell Road needed to be repainted.
- It was suggested that a yellow box was needed at the entrance to Termon Abbey.
- The need to address the illegal dumping on St. Anthony's Park was raised.
- It was suggested that a speed survey should be carried out on North Road.
- The need to contact the companies with responsibility for servicing clothes banks to ensure they are being emptied regularly was raised.

- It was pointed out that the Council needs to review disabled parking bays in housing estates to establish if they are still needed.
- It was agreed to revert back to the members in relation to the completion of the road markings on Mary Street.
- The Donore Road car park has a lot of rubbish from the nearby drive through restaurant and the Council was requested to make contact with the restaurant on the issue.
- The need to lock the barrier on King Street was raised.
- It was suggested that signs should be erected at the disabled parking bays at Clogherhead as sand can obscure the markings on the ground.
- The need to address the pot holes on the L6317 was raised.
- It was suggested that the Council should consider putting in place “Click and Collect” short stay parking bays on the North Quay.
- The road surface on the Baltray Road was raised as needing repair.
- A speed survey was requested for the Newtown Termonfeckin Road.

Minute No. 38/20

Infrastructure Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting had their queries and questions addressed.

Minute No. 39/20

Taking in Charge Report

The members noted the Taking in Charge Report as circulated with the agenda.

Minute No. 40/20

Drogheda Borough District Amenity Grants 2020

The members noted the Drogheda Borough District Amenity Grants 2020 as circulated with the agenda.

Minute No. 41/20

Sympathies

Sympathies were expressed to:

- John Kieran
- George Floyd
- All families bereaved by COVID-19

The members observed a minutes silence.

Minute No. 42/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. James Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

“Has the Council plans to refresh road markings including yellow boxes across the area on a wholesale basis in 2020, many of which are fading badly and not fit for purpose?”

Reply:

In 2018, expenditure of €53,796.83 was spent on line marking, the majority of which was in Drogheda area and an additional € 23,026 on line marking in low cost safety works in South Louth. Total spend €76,822.85. Similar expenditure would have occurred in 2019. An additional budget of 80k would upgrade worst sections of Drogheda markings.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 43/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith

“Asking that the engineering section of the council investigate the need for additional safety measures at St Brigid's School, Bothar Brugha and make recommendations on same.”

As the proposer of the motion was absent, this motion was deferred until the July meeting.

Minute No. 44/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Paul Bell

“That the Council will carry out speed and traffic surveys in Termonfeckin in a timely manner.”

If a high level of speeding violations are found at any locations in Termonfeckin, the Council will install appropriate traffic calming measures, as per the Louth Road Safety Plan.

(SDG GOAL 3: Good Health & Well-being; Healthy Ireland Goal 3: Protect the public from threats to health and wellbeing).

Reply:

Operations have carried out surveys in Termonfeckin as recently as 2019 are there was not a high level of excessive speeding at the locations surveyed. The Council will prioritise speed survey requests based on accident history and risk.

Members noted the reply and details of the speed survey results were requested.

Minute No. 45/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Paul Bell

“That the Council will install footpaths at Duffs Farm and the Shetland Rd to Termonfeckin Celtic FC (inside town boundary), to allow for safe, healthy and accessible walking route for all through the village from residential areas.”

(SDG GOAL 3: Good Health & Well-being & SDG GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality & SDG GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities; Healthy Ireland Goal 1)

Reply:

The Shetland Road would require approx 250m of footpath, the roadway is narrow and the provision of a footpath would not be feasible without road frontage land-take from individual home owners and farmers. This would require capital funding as it would be outside the road maintenance budget. There are currently no plans to provide this footpath.

Duffs Farm has been inspected and there are a number of damaged sections of footpath that require replacement, however there is no funding in the Road Works Program for 2020 for these footpath replacements.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 46/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith

"Asking that the engineering section review the drainage works carried out at the council allotments in Newtown with a view to determining if they are sufficient to allow excess water drain from the area, and carry out costings to determine the extent of works required to allow access to the allotments through the front gate rather than the Graveyard entrance."

As the proposer of the motion was absent, this motion was deferred until the July meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____