

Borough District of Drogheda – March 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, Drogheda, on Monday 2nd March, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. K. Callan

Members: Cllrs: T. Byrne, A. Cassidy, K. Flood, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully.

Officials: Mary T. Daly, A/Director of Services
Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer
David Storey, Senior Executive Officer
Paddy Donnelly, Meetings Administrator / A/Director of Services

Apologies: Cllrs: P. Bell, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey

Minute No. 30/15

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2015 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. O. Tully and seconding of Cllr. P. Smith

Minute No. 31/15

Matters Arising

The Senior Engineer clarified for Cllr. T. Byrne that there was no proposal to meet with residents in regard to Rathgory Road as works had been carried out on this road under a scheme where there was a local contribution, and it would only be fair that any further works be carried out under the same conditions and contributions.

Minute No. 32/15

Joint Policing Committee

To nominate a chair designate for the Local Drogheda Joint Policing Forum.

Cllr. O. Tully was proposed by Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. P. Smith.

Cllr. K. Flood was proposed by Cllr. I. Munster and seconded by Cllr. A. Cassidy.

There followed a roll call vote as follows;

For Cllr. Tully: Cllrs. Callan, Smith, Tully **(3)**

For Cllr. Flood: Cllrs. Byrne, Cassidy, Flood, Munster **(4)**

Absent: Cllrs. Godfrey, Culhane, Bell (3)

The Mayor confirmed the nomination as Cllr. K. Flood.

Minute No. 33/15

Housing and Community Progress Report

Mr. David Storey, Senior Executive Officer, presented the report dated 23rd February and addressed the members queries in regard to same.

Minute No. 34/15

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer presented a report dated 18th February. The members disappointment at the reduced level of funding was noted. The Road Works Programme was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. K. Callan and seconded by Cllr. P. Smith.

Minute No. 35/15

Infrastructure Progress Report

Mrs. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services presented the Infrastructure Report and advised the members that she would present an update with regard to the proposed works by Irish Water on the North Quay for the next meeting. It was also confirmed that all lands had now been procured for the Port access route.

Minute No. 36/15

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Mayor, Cllr. K. Callan, proposed the suspension of Standing Orders, under S.O.No. 4, to consider the matter of affording the freedom of The Borough District of Drogheda to Uachtarán na hÉireann Mr. Michael D. Higgins. This was agreed by all.

On the proposal of the Mayor it was agreed that the freedom of Drogheda would be extended to Uachtarán na hÉireann, and this was seconded by Cllr. O. Tully.

Minute No. 37/15

Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Smith

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

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"That this Council carry out an analysis of derelict buildings in the town of Drogheda in order to update the Derelict Sites Register for the town."

Reply:

The Council can carry out a review, however this review will take a number of months.

Minute No. 38/15

Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Smith

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan

"That Louth County Council carry out a study to compare and contrast the current town boundaries of Drogheda and Dundalk with a view to determining Drogheda's real serviced population area. The official area of the Dundalk town boundary is greater than twice the area of Drogheda Borough (25.19 Sq Km versus 12.76). This would seem to place Drogheda at a disadvantage in terms of future investment priorities and economic stimulus plans."

Reply:

The boundaries for the Borough District of Drogheda, Municipal District of Dundalk and Municipal District of Ardee are as defined by the Boundary Commission and approved by the Minister. The Council, through its Economic Development unit including the Louth LEO, will continue to focus on the FDI and Indigenous Industries potential in all areas of the county including Drogheda and Dundalk. The Louth Economic Forums will continue to create an environment within the county which fosters existing business and grows new enterprises.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

The minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____