

## **Borough District of Drogheda – March 2018**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda.

### **In attendance:**

**Deputy Mayor:** Cllr. R. Culhane

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

**Officials:** Joan Martin, Chief Executive  
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Catherine Duff, Acting Director of Services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Martina Sheeran, Acting Senior Engineer  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. P. Smith

### **Minute No. 28/18**

The Chief Executive of Louth County Council, Joan Martin read a statement to the members detailing the situation in relation to legal validity of the pay parking bye-laws in Drogheda and how following legal advice she has decided to suspending charging for parking in Drogheda pending the adoption of new Bye-Laws. She informed the members that she anticipated new bye-laws would be in place in approximately 3 months with a potential loss of revenue of €300,000 for that period. She also stated that any further action in relation to all outstanding fines in Drogheda was suspended. She said that she would address the impact on the budget at the next meeting of the full Council.

She then addressed questions and points raised by the members.

The Chief Executive and the members commended the staff of Louth County Council for their work during the severe weather event.

### **Minute No. 29/18**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell.

## **Minute No. 30/18**

### **Matters arising**

- There were no matters arising.

## **Minute No. 31/18**

### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

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

- The Senior Executive Officer, Housing gave a verbal update on the report circulated to the members and answered any queries.

## **Minute No. 32/18**

### **Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

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

- It was agreed to revert back to the members with timeframes for the repair of the walls on Termonfeckin Bridge and Beaulieu.
- An undertaking was given to refer the issue of sewage coming from the potholes on Termonfeckin Road to the Environment Department.
- Frustration was expressed at the failure to provide the schedule of roads to have markings upgraded and it was agreed to have it done for the next meeting.
- It was agreed to address the issue of flooding at the entrance to the Balls Grove estate.
- A query was raised in relation to whether or not Drogheda and District Angling Club was consulted prior to reducing the water level of Barnattin reservoir.
- Members were asked to highlight pot holes that need to be repaired and it was requested that a schedule for the repairs be circulated

## **Minute No. 33/18**

### **Draft Road Works Programme 2018**

This was proposed by Cllr. O. Tully, seconded by P. Bell and agreed by the members.

## **Minute No. 34/18**

### **Proposed Traffic Calming Schemes for NLA and SLA report**

Cllr. Flood objected to the failure to adhere to the protocol set down for the preparation of a scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. Bell, seconded by Cllr. Saurin and agreed by the

members that the traffic calming scheme be adopted subject to the agreed protocol being followed for the 2019 scheme.

Adoption of the scheme was then proposed by Cllr. O. Tully, seconded by Cllr. Callan and agreed by the members

**Minute No. 35/18**

**Allocation of Members Community Grants**

This was proposed by Cllr. P. Bell, seconded by D. Saurin and agreed by the members.

**Minute No. 36/18**

**Update on Protected Structures**

Members noted the report.

**Minute No. 37/18**

**Condolences**

Sympathies were extended to the family & friends of Michael Bohan, retired Chief Superintendent

Members observed a minute's silence in respect of Mr. Bohan.

**Minute No. 38/18**

**Congratulations**

Members congratulated:  
Inspector Brendan Cadden on his retirement  
Deirdre O'Kane

The meeting then concluded.

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

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

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

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_