

Special Meeting of Borough District of Drogheda – May 2017

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda, on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 at 4.00 p.m.

In attendance:

- Mayor:** Cllr. O. Tully
- Members:** Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey & P. Smith, D. Saurin
- Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 65/17

Welcoming of Cllr. David Saurin and tributes to former Councillor, Alan Cassidy

Before the discussion began Cllr. Saurin was welcomed to the council by the Mayor and tributes were paid to former Councillor, Alan Cassidy.

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To consider Report on proposed Traffic Calming Scheme which will allow the closure of St. Lawrence's Gate to vehicular Traffic.

Members expressed their support for the proposal to end vehicular access through St. Lawrence's Gate with the Gate being described as one of the finest structures of its kind in Europe and a unique landmark in Drogheda. Tributes were paid to those who had campaigned for the closure of the gate to traffic over for several years.

While the traffic plan was welcomed it was pointed out that it needs to be monitored and reviewed. There was concern expressed that the traffic plan would be damaging to small businesses in the town. The need for progress to be made in relation to the Northern Cross Access Route to address the traffic congestion in the town was emphasised.

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

The following amendment to the plan " To put in place a contra flow system on Palace Street to facilitate a left turn from Jim Garry Way to access the Laurence Shopping Centre Car Park". A roll call vote was called.

For: Cllr. P. Bell, Cllr. J. Byrne, Cllr. K. Callan, Cllr. R. Culhane, Cllr. K. Flood, Cllr. F. Godfrey, Cllr. P. Smith, Cllr. O. Tully, Cllr. D. Saurin

Against: Cllr. T. Byrne

The amendment was carried.

Adoption of the Amended Plan:

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

Adoption of the amended plan, a roll call vote was called.

For: Cllr. P. Bell, Cllr. J. Byrne, Cllr. K. Callan, Cllr. R. Culhane, Cllr. K. Flood, Cllr. F. Godfrey, Cllr. P. Smith, Cllr. O. Tully, Cllr. D. Saurin

Against: Cllr. T. Byrne

The amended Plan was adopted.

In reply the Executive agreed to review the traffic measures and to liaise with the Management of the Laurence Shopping Centre.

The meeting then concluded.

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____