

Borough District of Drogheda – May 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 14th May 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: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Willie Walsh, Acting Director of Services
Colette Moss, Senior Executive Officer
Brona O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Martina Sheeran, Acting Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Cllr. P. Smith

Minute No. 58/18

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Bell and seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey.

Minute No. 59/18

Louth County Council Street Performers Bye-Laws 2018 (Drogheda) County Louth—for approval

Following a discussion, concern was raised at the difference between the recently displayed Pay Parking Bye-Laws, that reference the members and seal of Drogheda Borough District and the Street Performers Bye-Laws that reference the members and seal of Louth County Council. It was decided to defer the matter for further clarification.

Minute No. 60/18

To agree by resolution to hold an outdoor event in accordance with Section 238 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part XVI of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

The Irish Maritime Festival 2018, 16th and 17th June

This was proposed by Cllr. K. Callan, seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey, and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 61/18

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Richie Culhane proposed a suspension of standing order to allow a vote in relation to the granting of the freedom of Drogheda to Seamus Mallon. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. P. Bell and a roll call vote followed.

For (6): Cllrs. P. Bell, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, O. Tully

Against (3): Cllrs. J.Byrne, K. Flood, D. Saurin

Absent (1): Cllr. P. Smith

Therefore the motion was adopted.

Several members expressed their support for the award and paid tribute to Seamus Mallon for his work in relation to the peace process and civil rights in Northern Ireland.

Minute No. 62/18

Matters arising

- Members expressed frustration at the lack of contact by the Council with the HSE with a view to resolving the parking issues in the area around the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. It was undertaken to write to the HSE to request a meeting involving the various stakeholders.
- Some members also expressed their frustration with the delay in reports being provided to them.

Minute No. 63/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- Concern was expressed at the recent issue in relation to recording the number of homeless housing applicants and the need to continue to produce detailed monthly Housing reports was emphasised.
- Several members expressed the view that the income threshold for inclusion on the housing list was too low.
- Members were reminded that 450 applicants have failed to reply to the Council in relation to the housing needs assessment and were asked to publicise this message to their constituents as the files will be closed if no reply is received.

Minute No. 64/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- It was agreed to report back to the members in relation to the works on the Old Abbey.
- Frustration was expressed at the lack of action in relation to the issue of sewage coming through the road surface on the Termonfeckin Road.
- Several roads including Plattin Road, Termonfeckin Road, Sheepgrange, Cartown Road, Cockle Road and Beaubec were highlighted as needing repair.
- The urgent need to repaint the Beech Grove roundabout was highlighted in light of the recent collision with a motorcyclist.
- The need to progress a plan to tackle ant-social behaviour in Rathmullen was highlighted.
- The need to address the issue of dumping was raised, and the Deputy Mayor suggested that the members use some of their allocation to fund the contracting of a private firm to carry out surveillance at dumping black spots. The members were asked to identify areas of particular concern.

Minute No. 65/18

Taking in Charge Report -- Drogheda

Members noted the report and agreed to send any queries by e-mail.

Minute No. 65/18

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

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

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____