

Borough District of Drogheda – November 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda, on Monday, 3rd November, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. K. Callan

Members: Cllrs: P. Bell, T. Byrne, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, F. Godfrey, I. Munster, P. Smith, O. Tully

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

Apologies: Cllr. K. Flood

Minute No. 41/14

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr. T. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. I. Munster, that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the members to discuss the issue of water charges, following the significant turnout at the protest with regard to water charges and Irish Water in Drogheda on the previous Saturday 1st November. There were no objections and the Mayor suspended Standing Orders to allow each member three minutes to express their views on the issue of water charges.

Minute No. 42/14

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th October 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. R. Culhane.

Minute No. 43/14

Matters Arising

Cllr. Godfrey raised the matter of Minute No. 39/14 with regard to traffic arrangements at St. Pauls and St. Johns school, Rathmullen. Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, advised the members that the matter was receiving attention.

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In regard to Minute No. 32/14 Mr. P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator advised the members that correspondence had been received from the residents of the Tenure Cottages, who following a meeting with the Senior Engineers did not now require to present to the Borough District Meeting.

Minute No. 44/14

Housing and Communities Progress Report

Mr. David Storey, Senior Executive Officer presented the report dated 23rd October 2014 and addressed the members queries with regard to same.

Mr. Storey also advised the members that in regard to the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme, 23 applications had been received countywide to date, and there had been three notifications from landlords of their intent to be facilitated by the scheme.

Minute No 45/4

Operations, Infrastructure and Marine Progress Report

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer presented the report dated 22nd October 2014 and addressed the members queries in relation to same. A query from Cllr. Bell in regard to a leak at the waste water treatment plant was addressed by the Acting Director of Services, Mary T. Daly who confirmed that she would circulate a report on the matter to the members as soon as practical.

There was a proposal from Cllr. K. Callan, seconded by Cllr. O. Tully that Council write to the EPA requesting that an air quality monitoring station be reinstated in the Drogheda area and that this be done as soon as possible. This was agreed by all.

Minute No. 46/14

North Quay Water Main

The Mayor, Cllr. Kevin Callan advised the members as set out at the last meeting he has had engagement with Irish Water in regard to the replacement of the water main at North Quay. He is currently working on agreeing a date for a suitable meeting where Irish Water staff would meet the members of the Borough District and address their queries in relation to the project on North Quay. The members welcomed this and Cllr. Munster requested that questions be forwarded to the staff of Irish Water who would present at such a meeting in order that they may be addressed and not delayed for further clarification.

Minute No. 47/14

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr R. Culhane

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

“Given that capital funding was approved earlier this year for the upgrade of safety measures at the Dublin Rd/Bryanstown crossroute junction, Drogheda, I am calling on Louth Co. Co. to commence this work immediately.”

REPLY:

Work on this junction is expected to commence before the end of October.

Members welcomed the news that works would commence shortly.

Minute No. 48/14

Notices of Question

The members Questions and the responses submitted were noted.

Minute No. 49/14

Correspondence

Correspondence as listed with the Agenda was noted by the members.

Minute No. 50/14

The Mayor advised the members that the date of the next meeting would be Monday 1st December 2014 and members wishing to submit Notices of Motion or Question should do so to the Meetings Administrator no later than the 17th November 2014.

The Mayor also reminded the members that the Ceremony for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Drogheda would take place on Friday 28th November 2014. Members would receive and invitation in regard to same from the Mayor.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

The minutes were confirmed at a meeting of Council held on:-

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____