

Minutes of January Ordinary Council Meeting 2014

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 20th January 2014.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. D. Breathnach.

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, M. Butler, T. Byrne, E. Corrigan, A. Donohoe, L. English, F. Godfrey, A. Grehan, J. Lennon, J. Loughran, F. Maher, C. Markey, F. McCoy, P. McGeough, P. McQuillen I. Munster, M. Murnaghan, , M. O' Dowd, L. Reilly, J. Ryan, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, O. Tully

Officials: P. Poole, County Manager
F. Pentony, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
J. Martin, Director of Services
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer
E. Woulfe, Chief Fire Officer
P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Apologies : Cllr. M. Bellew

Minute No. 01/14

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly

Seconded by Cllr. J. Lennon

And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th December 2013 be confirmed.

Minute No. 02/14

Confirmation of Budget Meeting Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. L. Reilly

Seconded by Cllr. F. Maher

And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on 16th December 2013 be confirmed.

Minute No. 03/14

Minutes – For Information

The minutes of the following meetings were noted.

- Corporate Policy Group 06/12/2013
- South Louth Area Meeting 02/12/2013
- North Louth Area Meeting 04/12/2013
- Mid Louth Area Meeting 05/12/2013

Minute No. 04/14

Committee Reports

- Corporate Policy Group – An Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Breathnach reported on the meeting of 10th January 2014.

Minute No. 05/14

Part 8 Planning Report

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. L. English
And Resolved:-

That having considered the County Managers Report dated 10th January 2014 in respect of N53 Road Improvement Scheme phase 3 – to confirm same in accordance with Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2006.

Minute No. 06/14

Adoption of Community Fire Safety Strategy

Proposed by Cllr. A. Grehan
Seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan

That the decision to adopt the strategy be deferred to the next meeting in order to facilitate further discussion at the appropriate Strategic Policy Committee.

The Cathaoirleach called for show of hands in the matter which resulted as follows:- in favour 9 / against 5 with the others members present abstaining.

The Chief Fire Officer presented the Community Fire Safety Strategy which will be considered again at SPC and tabled at a future Council meeting for adoption.

Minute No. 07/14

Votes of Sympathy

The following votes of Sympathy were recorded.

- Mary T. Daly, Drogheda Borough Council, on the death of her Mother.
- Mary Murtagh, Environment Section, on the death of her Mother.
- Ann O'Callaghan, Finance Section, on the death of her Father.
- Cllr. Paddy McQuillan, on the death of his cousin.
- The Wife & Family of the late Cllr. Harry Dunlop (DUP & former Deputy Mayor)
- The Wife, Family & Colleagues of the late Det. Garda Adrian Donohoe on the occasion of the First Anniversary of his death.

Minute No. 08/14

Transportation & Marine Progress Report

The Transportation & Marine Progress Report dated 9th January 2014 was discussed and noted by the members and upon which queries were addressed by the Director of Services. These matters included flood control measures on river in Carlingford village, protection of coastal roads, transfer of Drogheda Port to the LA, Bellurgan embankment, Donors Green Drogheda, Ardee bypass. Members recorded their thanks to the staff who responded during the storms and their aftermath. The Cathaoirleach brought to the members attention correspondence received from Blackrock Tidy Towns Group which thanked the staff for their response during the recent storms.

Minute No. 09/14

Planning Progress Report

The Planning Progress Report dated 6th January 2014 was noted by the members.

Minute No. 10/14

Housing Progress Report

The Housing Progress Report dated 10th January 2014 was presented by the Director of Services who addressed the Member's queries which included Housing list waiting time, details of returning to housing list after removal, investigation of Anti social behaviour in private rented sector, condition of private rented sector units, access to grants, HAGs, MAGs, & HOPs, allocation by Voluntary sector as a ratio to LA allocations, furnishing of LA lettings,

Minute No. 11/14

Suspension of standing Orders

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. M. Murnaghan
And Resolved:-**

To suspend Standing Orders in accordance with Standing Order 24 to permit the business of the meeting continue until 2.00 p.m.

Minute No. 12/14

Environmental Progress Report

The Environmental Progress Report dated 8th January 2014 was presented by the Director of Services who addressed the Member's queries which included access road to sewerage treatment plan in Ardee, total fines issues V's unpaid fines.

Minute No. 13/14

Arts Service Progress Report

The Arts Service Quarterly Report deferred from the December meeting was noted by the members.

Minute No. 14/14

Conference & Events

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. L. English**

To approve the attendance of Members at conferences considered by the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting of on 10th January 2014 and recorded in the Conference and Events register.

Amendment

**Proposed by Cllr. I. Munster
Seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan**

That conference recorded as numbers 6, 7 and 12 be withdrawn.
The Cathaoirleach call for a show on hands and the result was as follows:

In Favour 4 and Against 7 – Others in attendance at the time were recorded as abstentions which were confirmed by the Meetings Administrator. The original proposal to adopt was confirmed.

Minute No. 15/14

Correspondence

Correspondence circulated was noted by the members

Proposed by Cllr. E. Corrigan

Seconded by Cllr. I. Munster

And Resolve:-

That Council endorse the motion in respect of non withdrawal of discretionary Medial Cards as per the correspondence received from Clones Town Council dated 30th July 2013.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Minute No. 16/14

Proposed by Cllr. P. Bell

Seconded by Cllr. F. Godfrey

And Resolve:-

“That this Council endorses the principle of the right to water and sanitation as a fundamental core value within Irish society and this should be reflected as a central pillar in national water policy. As citizens of the EU we believe in the right of all inhabitants to enjoy this right and we oppose any attempt to include water in legislation aimed at market liberalisation. This Council supports the call for the full national political commitment to ensuring that water and sanitation are publicly owned, democratically run and that all in the sector are fully accountable”.

The time having reached 2.00 p.m. the Meeting concluded

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____