

Minutes of March Ordinary Council Meeting 2014

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 24th March 2014

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. D. Breathnach.
Members:	Councillors: M. Bellew, M. Butler, T. Byrne, E. Corrigan, A. Donohoe, L. English, A. Grehan, F. Godfrey, J. Lennon, J. Loughran, F. Maher, C. Markey, F. McCoy, P. McGeough, P. McQuillan, 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 P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
Apologies:	Cllrs. P. Bell

Minute No. 50/14

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. P. Savage

Seconded by Cllr. J. Lennon

And resolved:-

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th February 2014 be confirmed.

Minute No. 51/14

Minutes – For Information

The minutes of the following meetings were noted.

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- Corporate Policy Group 07/02/2014
- Dundalk JPC Meeting 11/11/2013
- Dundalk JPC Public Meeting 11/11/2013
- Drogheda JPC Meeting 18/11/2013
- Drogheda JPC Public Meeting 18/11/2013
- Ardee JPC Meeting 20/11/2013
- Ardee JPC Public Meeting 20/11/2013
- South Louth Area Meeting 03/02/2014
- North Louth Area Meeting 05/02/2014
- Mid Louth Area Meeting 06/02/2014

Minute No. 52/14

Committee Reports

- Corporate Policy Group – An Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Breathnach reported on the meeting of 14th March 2014
- Transportation and Future Planning SPC – Cllr. F. Maher reported on the meeting held on 25th February 2014
- Economic Development & Cross Border SPC – Cllr. C. Markey reported on the meeting held on 13th February 2014

Minute No. 53/14

County Managers Part 8 Report – Bellurgan Embankment

Proposed by Cllr. F. McCoy
Seconded by Cllr. P. Savage
And Resolved:-

That having considered the County Managers report dated 3rd March 2014 prepared in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 -2006 in respect of Bellurgan Embankment improvement scheme to confirm same as set out in the report.

Minute No. 54/14

S183 Notice –Disposal of Lands at Rathmore Kilcurley

Proposed by Cllr. P. Savage
Seconded by Cllr. L. English
And resolved:-

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That having considered the Section 183 notice dated 12th March 2014, that lands equating to 1.45 hectares at Rathmore, Kilcurley be disposed of to Tateetra Livestock Ltd. For the consideration of €30,000, be confirmed.

Minute No. 55/14

Local Election 2014 Polling Cards

Proposed by Cllr. P. Savage

Seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly

And resolved:-

To confirm in respect of the 2014 local election, the issuing of polling cards to those registered on the electoral registers with an entitlement to vote in the local election only.

Minute No. 56/14

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Proposed by Cllr. F. McCoy

Seconded by Cllr. L. Reilly

And resolved:-

That having considered the matter, to confirm the adoption of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018 circulated under cover of correspondence dated 10th March 2014.

Minute No. 57/14

Transition Report

The Cathaoirleach and Members noted and welcomed the County Managers Report on the Transition Process necessary following the publication of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. The report outlined the background to the process, the new structures that will take effect following the process, together with details of the Customer Service initiatives and the digital systems that will be in place to support same.

Minute No. 58/14

Establishment of Local Community Development Committee

The members noted a report dated 18th March 2014 in regard to the establishment of Local Community Development Committees. There followed a discussion on the report and in particular with regard to the local authority representation within the new structure.

Proposed by Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe

Amendment

Proposed by Cllr. F. Maher
Seconded by Cllr. M. O'Dowd

That the local authority representation of four elected members be drawn from the four electoral areas.

The result of the roll call vote was;

For the motion: Cllrs. Bellew, Butler, Byrne, Godfrey, Maher, Smith, O'Dowd, Reilly, **(8)**

Against the motion: Cllrs. Breathnach, Donohoe, English, Grehan, Lennon, Loughran, Markey, McCoy, Murnaghan, Ryan, Tully **(11)**

Abstain: Cllrs. Corrigan, McGeough, McQuillan, Munster, Sharkey **(5)**

Absent: Cllrs. Bell, Savage **(2)**

The Cathaoirleach declared the amendment as having fallen.

Further Amendment

Proposed by Cllr. I. Munster
Seconded by Cllr. P. McGeough

That a decision on the matter be deferred for one month and that geographical and gender balance consideration be included in informing the selection of elected members for LCDC.

For the motion: Cllrs. Corrigan, Grehan, Godfrey, Loughran, McGeough, Maher, McQuillan, Munster, Smith, O'Dowd, Sharkey **(11)**

Against the motion: Cllrs. Bellew, Breathnach, Butler, Byrne, Donohoe, English, Lennon, Markey, McCoy, Murnaghan, Reilly, Ryan, Tully
(13)

Abstain: **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Bell, Savage **(2)**

The Cathaoirleach declared the amendment as having fallen and that the recommendation as per the report be confirmed.

Minute No. 59/14

Votes of Sympathy

The following votes of Sympathy were recorded.

- Ms. Pauline Murphy, Finance Section on the death of her mother Mrs. Eileen Gallagher
- Mr. Donal Clarke, Housing Technical, on the death of his mother Mrs. Sally Clarke
- Olivia Curtis, Corporate Services, on the death of her father-in-law Mr. John O' Neill
- Family of Mr. Edward Haughey, Lord Ballyedmond.
- Family of the late Rev. Eamonn Traynor, Parish Priest of Kilsaran

Minute No. 60/14

Votes of Congratulatory

Congratulations were extended to Rob and Dave Kearney formally of Cooley, on the part they played in helping Ireland win the Rugby Six Nations Championship.

Minute No. 61/14

Transportation & Marine Progress Report

The Transportation & Marine Progress Report dated 13th March 2014 was discussed and noted by the members and upon which queries were addressed by the Director of Services. These matters included Dunleer Railway station,

Repairs to Class III roads, Build up of silt in Annagassan Harbour, East-West corridor route, hedge cutting at junctions, Storm damage update,

Proposed by Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey
And resolved:-

That the Council write to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Phil Hogan TD and request a further allocation for County Louth in respect of the Community Involvement Scheme for Roads.

Minute No. 62/14

Planning Progress Report

The Planning Progress Report dated 13th March 2014 was noted by the members. The Senior Engineer addressed the member's queries in regard to: Derelict Buildings Register, definition of the term maintenance in the context of particular planning conditions.

Minute No. 63/14

Housing Progress Report

The Housing Progress Report dated 18th March 2014 was presented by the Director of Services who addressed the Member's queries which included loan charge burden, purchase of lands at Kilkerry, housing stock maintenance and inspection of private rented accommodation.

Proposed by Cllr. F. Maher
Seconded by Cllr. F. McCoy
And resolved:-

That the Council write to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Phil Hogan TD and request that a scheme be introduced to replace the Land Aggregation Scheme in order to relieve the unnecessary financial burden that will be placed on local authorities as a result of the scheme being terminated.

Minute No. 64/14

Environmental Progress Report

The Environmental Progress Report dated 13th March 2014 was presented by the Director of Services who addressed the Member's queries which included:

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unauthorised dumping on private lands, storage of bone meal waste in Drogheda, air & water pollution, strong odour in Bellurgan/Rockmarshall area.

Minute No. 65/14

Allocation of Members Community Grants

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

To approve the allocation of Members Community Grants numbering twenty one, as circulated with the agenda.

Minute No. 66/14

Conference & Events

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. J. Ryan
And Resolved:-**

To approve the attendance of Members at conferences considered by the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting of on 14th March 2014 excluding Conference Number 14 as proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan and recorded in the Conference and Events register.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____