

Minutes of June Ordinary Council Meeting 2015

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 15th June 2015

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Savage

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, D. Breathnach M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, D. Minogue, I. Munster, L. Reilly, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully M. Yore

Officials J. Martin, Chief Executive
B. Woods, Head of Finance
J. McGuinness Director of Services
M. T. Daly A/ Director of Services
C. Duff, A/Director of Services
C. Moss, Senior Executive Officer
F. Magee, Senior Executive Engineer
P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: F. Pentony, Director of Services
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 166/15

Confirmation of Minutes

**Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty
And resolved:-**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May 2015 be confirmed.

Minute No. 167/15

Minutes for Information

The following minutes were noted by the members.

- Borough District of Drogheda 11th May 2015
- CPG 8th May 2015
- Municipal District of Ardee 7th May 2015
- Municipal District of Dundalk 5th May 2015
- SPC Minutes Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services
- SPC Infrastructure, European & Cross Border Affairs and Sustainable Energy

Minute No. 168/15

Committee Reports

Corporate Policy Group

The outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Oliver Tully presented a report on the Corporate Policy Corporate Group meeting held on Friday 5th June.

Housing, Community Planning & Emergence Services SPC

Cllr. I. Munster Chair of the SPC reported on the meeting of 25th May 2015

Infrastructure, European & Cross Border Affairs and Sustainable Energy SPC

Cllr. D. Breathnach Chair of the SPC reported on the meeting of 21st May 2015. Members noted the report on the operation of the SMART Eco Hub and looked forward to a similar initiative been supported under future funding calls.

Minute No. 169/15

Monthly Management Report

The Members noted the report from the Chief Executive dated 5th June 2015.

Minute No. 170/15

Corporate Plan

Proposed By: Cllr D. Breathnach

Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly

And resolved:

That having considered the draft plan and accompanying report, to confirm the draft Corporate Plan 2014 - 2019 as amended. in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by Section 49 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

Minute No. 171/15

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Proposed By: Cllr L. Reilly

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler

And resolved:

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Daphne Boyle to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee as set out in The Director of Services Report dated 20th May 2015

Thanks and Congratulations were extended to Mr. Bernard Murnaghan who had resigned from the position.

Minute No. 172/15

Housing and Communities Progress Report

The Members noted the Housing & Communities Progress Report dated 8th June 2015 and the Members queries were addressed by the Director of Services.

It was agreed to write to The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government. Alan Kelly T.D. and advise that as Louth County Council did not have the funds to meet the Priority one applications for Housing Adaptation Grants, and also to advise that Council had no means of meeting applicant needs from April to December 2015.

In regard to Housing Policies and Practices the Chief Executive advised the members that the policies and practices review overseen by an external advisor had now been submitted to the Audit Committee for their consideration. The Committee intend to discuss the matter further at their July meeting after which the Chief Executive may advise council further on the matter.

Minute No. 173/15

Planning & Environmental Progress Reports

In noting the suite of reports circulated with the agenda in respect of Environmental Compliance, Forward Planning, Planning Enforcement and Planning progress report dated 8th June 2015 the Members recorded their congratulation to the local communities and the Council staff involved in retaining the Counties Three Blue Flag status at Clogherhead, Port and Templeton. .

Members requested that a report be drafted outlining the number of homes in County Louth that have a water supply via a lead pipe network and off those the number of which posed a risk to the user.

In regard to public toilet facilities on beaches Members sought a commitment that every effort will be taken to ensure that they are in a serviceable condition at least for the summer months.

In response to queries in regard to the Draft County Development Plan Members were advised of the statutory time scales and the next phase of the review process. The Chief Executive again reminded the members that work on a review of the Core Strategy could only be considered when work on the Draft County Development Plan was progressed significantly.

Minute No. 174/15

Allocation of Members Community Grants - May 2015

Proposed By: Cllr. O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. L. Reilly
And resolved:

To confirm the allocation of the thirty eight (38) Members Community Grants as circulated with the agenda.

Minute No. 175/15

Conference and Events

There were no indications that any member wished to attend conferences.

Minute No. 176/15

Notice of Question

Cllr. P. McGeough

Over a long number of years communities across this county have enjoyed success at National and County level with environmental awards One of the vital ingredients necessary in achieving this success is Water. Has Louth County Council any plans to help communities with the provision of Water in the light of the imposition of Water Charges

REPLY:

There are no plans to provide any additional assistance to communities in this regard

The matter was noted.

Minute No. 177/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed By: Cllr M. Butler & Cllr. M. Dearey

Seconded by: Cllr. F. Godfrey

That this council, recognising the urgent need for a site resolution plan for Ard Dealgan Dundalk, works with the owners and interested third parties to complete or redevelop the site for residential purposes.

Reply:

In accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990 Ard Dealgan, Quay Street, Dundalk was placed on the Derelict Sites Register on 24th November, 2014. Notices were served on the following:-

The Owner, Ard Dealgan, Quay Street, Dundalk Mr. Thomas McFeely, Ard Dealgan, Quay Street, Dundalk Bankruptcy Official Assignee of Mr. Thomas McFeely, Bankruptcy Official Assignee's Office, Phoenix House, Phoenix Street North, Dublin 7.

The Council was informed that the mortgage was sold by IRBC to Beltany Property Finance Limited and Pepper Assets have been engaged to service the loan and debt. Pepper Assets has outlined that a receiver is to be appointed. The Council welcomes any development proposals that will resolve the derelict condition of the site. The Council does not have the resources to acquire or demolish this building. However all potential opportunities in relation to the use of this site for housing purposes are being explored and any positive developments will be advised to Council in due course.

The Director of Services for Housing requested the member's forbearance in this matter as he and his team explores a possible housing solution for this matter.

Minute No. 178/15

Correspondence

The following Correspondence was noted.

- Office of the Minister for Justice & Equality 26th May 2015
- Dublin City Council 13th May 2015
- Senator Paul Coughlan 25th May 2015

Minute No. 179/15

Chief Executives Order Register

The Register was available for inspection.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____