

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council May 2015

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth at 10.00am on Monday 18th May 2015

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Oliver Tully

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, D. Breathnach, M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, F. Godfrey, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, D. Minogue, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, M. Yore

Officials
J. Martin, Chief Executive
B. Woods, Head of Finance
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
F. Pentony, Director of Services
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer
P. Finn, Senior Engineer
G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
B. Lynch, Financial Accountant
P. Donnelly, A/DoS, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Cllr. E. Corrigan
Cllr. I. Munster
Cllr. Liam Reilly
M. T. Daly, A/Director of Services

Minute No. 108/15

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey
Seconded by Cllr. C. Markey
And resolved:-

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 20th April 2015 be confirmed.

Minute No. 109 /15

Minutes for Information

The members noted the following minutes

- CPG 10/04/2015
- Borough District of Drogheda 13/04/2015
- Municipal District of Ardee 02/04/2015
- Municipal District of Dundalk 07/04/2015

Minute No. 110/15

Committee Reports

Corporate Policy Group

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Oliver Tully presented a report on the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Friday 8th May 2015.

Minute No. 111/15

Special Meeting

Arising from the Cathaoirleach report on the proposal of Cllr. J. McGahon and seconded by Cllr. D. Breathnach that a Special meeting be held on Wednesday 26th May and as so adjourned to deal with the matter of the Chief Executives report on the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

Minute No. 112/15

Chief Executives Report

The Chief Executives report dated 7th May 2015 was noted by the members.

Minute No. 113/15

Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2014

Proposed by Cllr. J. McGahon

Seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue

And resolved:-

To approve the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement of Louth County Council for the year ended 31st December 2014.

Minute No. 114/15

Annual General Meeting

**Proposed by Cllr. C. Markey
Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty
And resolved:-**

That in accordance with Schedule 10 Section 44 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended is held on Monday 15th June 2015 at a time to be confirmed by the Meetings Administrator.

Minute No. 115/15

Traffic Calming Measures

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach
Seconded by Cllr. O. Tully
And resolved:-**

That having considered the draft policy on Traffic Calming Measures as formulated by the Strategic Policy Committee that the policy be confirmed without amendment.

Minute No. 116/15

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were recorded in respect of the following:

Mr Dermot Treanor, Father of Yvonne Havern, Lorraine Finnegan and Irene McBride staff of Louth County Council.

The Family of the late Mr. Willie Coleman, Oaklawns, Dundalk and of Dundalk F.C.

The Family of the late Mr. Eugene Kierans, Drogheda

Minute No. 117/15

Louth County Council Arts Awards

Proposed by Cllr. F. Godfrey

Seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle

And resolved:-

To confirm the Louth County Council Arts Awards 1st round and approve the allocation of the thirty four awards.

Minute No. 118/15

Housing & Communities Progress Report

The Members noted the Housing & Communities Progress Report dated 11th May 2015 and the Members queries were addressed by the Director of Services.

Minute No. 119/15

Planning & Environmental Progress Reports

The Members noted the suite of reports circulated with the agenda in respect of Environmental Compliance, Forward Planning, Planning Enforcement and Planning progress report dated 3rd May 2015.

Minute No. 120/15

Allocation of Members Community Grants

Proposed by Cllr. P. Savage

Seconded by Cllr. P. Bell

And Resolved

To confirm the allocation of thirty two member's community grants as circulated with the agenda.

Minute No. 121/15

Conference and Events

There were no proposals for attendance at Conferences.

Minute No. 122/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Breathnach

Seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty

That Louth County Council in conjunction with Meath, Newry, Mourne and Down and other appropriate Local Authorities North and South proactively plan and progress a coastal walking/cycling route that will have a joined up approach allowing in time and as funding is sourced, a route that will link the various Greenway routes around our coastline. Also that a map of the routes be compiled, planning permission achieved and that all local authorities be asked to incorporate these plans in their respective development plans together with committing to a joined up approach to both securing finance from government and Europe to implement his project."

Reply:

Louth County Council has identified a potential network of walking and cycle ways throughout the county including a coastal cycle way linking Drogheda with Omeath and on to Newry. The Council has consulted with the National Trails Office and is currently exploring with Newry, Mourne District Council, funding opportunities under the EU, INTERREG V programme for the Cross Border Trail.

The draft County Development Plan, currently being prepared contains objectives to work in conjunction with adjoining authorities to extend and design new walking and cycling routes and to plan and develop a Louth Coastal walk from the northern to the southern county boundary.

The roll out of the walking and cycling is contingent on agreement being reached with landowners. The strategy being adopted by the Council is to seek funding for sections that it is felt, can be readily delivered in tandem with obtaining the necessary planning and landowner consents.

Minute No. 123/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey

Seconded by Cllr. J. Green

"This motion calls on the Irish Government to:

- Protect Irish interests in the ongoing Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations between the EU and the US.
- Take all measures to remove Investor-State Dispute Settlements (ISDS) from the agreement.
- Take all measures to ensure that the terms of the living agreement cannot breach Irish legislation.
- Initiate a public debate on the consequences of TTIP on Ireland.
- Take all measures to protect Irish agriculture in TTIP negotiations.

This Council also affirms that we will not support any trade agreement that includes Investor-State Dispute mechanisms.

This Council recognises with vigilance the construction of a Regulatory Co-operation Council through TTIP and affirms the position that this body's authority and remit should allow only for recommendation. Implementation of recommendations should be administered by those elected by and accountable to the citizens of Europe. This Council does not support any trade mechanism that allows Irish law to be superseded for corporate interest."

Reply:

This matter was noted by the Members

Minute No. 124/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Minogue

Seconded by Cllr. M. Yore

That this council increase the allocation of funds in the 2016 budget, for the Mid Louth Municipal District Discretionary Budget. An increase is required due to the geographical size, coupled with Ardee and Dunleer being both level 2 developments. This budget must also look after Tallanstown, Clogherhead, Dromiskin, and other rural areas, the current budget does not cover the very basic works that need to be done

Reply: This is a matter for the members to consider at the Budget Meeting

Minute No. 125/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler

Seconded by Cllr. M. Dearey

"That Louth County Council implement the speed limits that should have come into effect on 3rd June 2014, as per the road traffic speed limits, County of Louth Bye Laws 2009, 2nd revision"

Reply:

The revised Speed Limits were implemented on 29th April 2015

Minute No. 126/15

Motions from Other Councils

The following notices of motion were noted.

Limerick County Council dated 14th April 2015

Municipal District of Carrickmacross & Castleblayney dated 8th April 2015

Minute No. 127/15

Correspondence

Correspondence circulated with the agenda was noted by the members including details of training been provided by AILG. Attendance at this training was approved by Cllr. Tenanty and Seconded by Cllr. Tully

Minute No. 128/15

Chief Executives Register

The register was available for the members' inspection.

Minute No. 129/15

The Cathaoirleach concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____