

Minutes of Council Meeting February 2020

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 17th February 2020

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Liam Reilly

Members: Councillors: Marianne Butler, James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Hugh Conlon, Edel Corrigan, Tom Cunningham, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, Colm Markey, John McGahon, Pearse McGeough, Erin McGreehan, Paddy McQuillan Dolores Minogue, Declan Power, Tomás Sharkey, John Sheridan, Pio Smith, Jim Tenanty, Eileen Tully, Antoin Watters, Maeve Yore

Apologies: Cllrs. Paul Bell, Maria Doyle, Pio Smith

Officials:

- J. Martin, Chief Executive
- F. Pentony, Director of Services
- J. McGuinness, Director of Services
- P. Donnelly, Director of Services
- C. Duff, Director of Services
- B. Woods, Head of Finance
- W. Walsh, Senior Executive Officer
- M. Johnston, Senior Engineer
- J. O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
- D. Hanratty, Senior Engineer
- T. McEvoy, Head of LEO
- E. Woulfe, Chief Fire Officer
- Y. O'Brien, County Librarian
- J. Kelly, Senior Planner
- A. Sherry, Meetings Administrator
- J. Lawrence, A/Senior Executive Officer
- M. Sheeran, Senior Engineer
- A. Lawler, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 20/20

Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. S. Kelly
And resolved:

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th January be confirmed

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Minute No. 21/20

Minutes for noting

Corporate Policy Group 8th January 2020

Borough District of Drogheda 6th January 2020

Municipal District of Dundalk 7th January 2020

Municipal District of Ardee 9th January 2020

Minute No.22/20

Report on CPG Meeting

The Cathaoirleach reported that the meeting of the CPG was held Wednesday 5th February 2020. The draft agenda for the February meeting was considered and agreed and Councillors Community Grants (26) were approved and the conferences (4) were also approved. Members were informed that protocols in relation to the role of chairpersons and civic awards would be brought to a whips meeting for final review before coming to a full Council meeting. Members were also informed that a date for a visit to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to review their CRM system would be arranged as soon as possible. It was agreed to have a workshop for the members in relation to the county development plan immediately after the February Council meeting.

Minute No.23/20

Report on SPC Meeting

The Chair of the Community, Quality of Life & Creativity SPC gave a verbal report to the meeting

Minute No. 24/20

Monthly Management Report

The need for Irish Water to improve communication with the public was raised. It was agreed to write to the North South Ministerial Council in relation to the Narrow Water Bridge project. It was agreed to liaise with the national coastal erosion committee in relation to any issues raised by the members.

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It was pointed out that not accepting applications in relation to the LIS & CIS could result in future applicants receiving reduced points for time on the waiting list. It was agreed to take this into consideration.

It was suggested that Louth County Council should sign up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

It was agreed to review the gritting procedures in relation to Market Square, Dundalk and in Ardee.

It was agreed to look into introducing coloured cable ties to identify the parties or individuals not removing them when talking down election posters.

The members expressed their concern at the accuracy of the voters register and called for proactive measures to encourage foreign nationals to vote.

Minute No. 25/20

Section 85 Agreement with Kilkenny County Council – Public Lighting Enhancement Project

Proposed by Cllr. M. Yore

Seconded by Cllr. M. Butler

And resolved

That Louth County Council agrees to enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Kilkenny County Council in relation to Public Lighting Energy Enhancement Project

Minute No. 26/20

Service Delivery Plan

Proposed by Cllr. Joanna Byrne

Seconded by Cllr. K. Callan

And resolved

To adopt the Service Delivery Plan 2020 as circulated with the Agenda.

Minute No. 27/20

Vote of Sympathy:-

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

Seamus Mallon
Mary Quigley
Briega Farrell
Rita Greene
Michael O'Connor
Kevin McGeough
Paddy McGrath

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Doris Carron

One member expressed disappointment that a book of condolence was not opened for Seamus Mallon

Minute No. 28/20

Vote of Congratulations:-

Louth County Council Sports Unit
Trashion Fashion Participants
Ruairi O Murchu

Minute No. 29/20

Presentation by Local Authority Waters Programme

Ms. Bernie O'Flaherty from LAWCO gave a presentation updating the members on their work and answered questions and queries from the floor

Minute No. 30/20

To Agree a date for the March Monthly Meeting

As Cathaoirleach will be in the USA on 16th March it was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by E. McGreehan and agreed by the members to have the March meeting on Monday, 23rd March 2020.

Minute No. 31/20

Allocation of Members Community Grants

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler
And resolved:

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations as circulated with the agenda

Minute No. 32/20

Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan
And resolved:

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To approve attendance of members recorded in the Conference & Events Register at such Conferences and Events listed within the agenda & approved at the Corporate Policy Group Meeting on 5th February 2020.

Minute No. 33/20

Notice of Motion – Submitted by Cllr. P. Bell

“That Louth County Council draft and adopt a bye law for the specific purpose of prohibiting the use of scrambler motorcycles and Quads or other mechanically propelled vehicles on publicly owned green spaces”.

As the proposer was not present the motion could not be taken

Minute No. 34/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. E. McGreehan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Sheridan

That Louth County Council supports the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals. That this local authority would call on the Government to enact legislation to standardise and fund additional PA hours.

The motion was agreed by the Members

Minute No. 35/20

Notice of Question

Submitted by Cllr. E. McGreehan

'What resources are being dedicated to 'Town Centre Management' for 2020?'

Reply:

Louth County Council have adopted two Business Improvement District Schemes under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended for the towns of Dundalk and Drogheda and Town Centre Management is managed and funded through these schemes.

Response was noted by the Members

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Minute No. 36/20

Motions from other Councils

Motions from other Councils as listed with the Agenda were noted by the members

That concluded the business of the meeting

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____