

## **Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting hosted in St. Gerard's Hall, Dundalk and held remotely over MS Teams.

### **In attendance:**

#### **Presiding:**

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Pio Smith

### **Members:**

*(R) signifies remote attendance.*

Councillors: Marianne Butler, James Byrne (R), Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Emma Coffey, Bernie Conlon, Edel Corrigan (R), Tom Cunningham, Maria Doyle (R), Michelle Hall, Conor Keelan, Sean Kelly, Fiachra Mac Raghnaill, Pearse McGeough, Andrea McKeivitt, Paddy McQuillan, Kevin Meenan, Dolores Minogue (R), Declan Power, John Reilly, Liam Reilly, John Sheridan, Eileen Tully, Antoin Watters, Maeve Yore

### **Apologies:**

Councillors: Paula Butterly Tomás Sharkey, Jim Tenanty.

### **Officials:**

#### **Present;**

Chief Executive - Joan Martin,

Directors of Services – Joe McGuinness, Paddy Donnelly, Catherine Duff & Colette Moss (Acting for Frank Pentony),

Head of Finance – Bernie Woods,

Head of IT – Helen Divilly

Meetings Administrator – Gráinne Tuomey.

### **Minute No. 188/21**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on Monday **18<sup>th</sup> October 2021** were Proposed by Cllr. Liam Reilly, Seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne and adopted.

### **Minute No. 189/21**

### **Minutes of Municipal District Meetings - Noted**

The following Minutes were Noted by Members:

Municipal District of Ardee Monthly Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Borough District of Drogheda Monthly Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Municipal District of Dundalk Monthly Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Budgetary Plan Meeting Ardee 18th October 2021

Budgetary Plan Meeting Drogheda 18th October 2021

Budgetary Plan Meeting Dundalk 18th October 2021

## Minute No. 190/21

### **Minutes of Committee Meetings - Noted**

The following Minutes were Noted by Members:

Corporate Policy Group 6th October 2021

Housing SPC 9th March & 8th June 2021

Louth Drugs & Alcohol Forum 22nd July 2021

## Minute No. 191/21

### **Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group**

Cllr Pio Smith informed the members that the meeting of the CPG was held in the Council chamber, at 9.00 am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Items discussed included:

- Today's Budget Meeting
- Overview of the Council Meeting Agenda
- December County Meeting to be held in St. Gerards and then review
- Postponement of January District Meetings by 1 week.
- New County Development Plan live from 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Volume of requests affecting work plans

## Minute No. 192/21

### **Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report**

**09 Nov 2021** - Cllr. Joanna Byrne Cathaoirleach of the Housing SPC advised Members that the SPC had met on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> November by Zoom. Items discussed included:

- A Presentation on the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme by Carla McKenna Staff Officer.
- Dates for 2022 SPC Meetings were agreed and it was decided these should be held virtually but with at least one face to face meeting.

Items for discussion in 2022 include:

- Louth County Council Allocations Policy,
- Long Term Leasing,
- Home Security Scheme
- Disability Strategy
- Housing for All update

Members were advised that Membership of the PPN rep under the Environment Pillar was not filled.

## Minute No. 193/21

### **Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Chomhréitigh ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations from Chief Executive**

- Monthly Management Report
- Finance & Water Services
- Economic Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
- Operations & Waste Management

- Corporate & Emergency Services
- Housing & Quality of Life

Members discussed the report as issued and the following items were highlighted:

**Finance & Water Services**

- Manganese issues are ongoing in some parts of Louth. Members were advised to contact and log any issues with Irish Water.
- Lack of mains water supply and unwillingness of Irish Water to extend mains supply to Kilcurry was again raised by Cllr. John Reilly and commented on as ‘Grossly Unfair to the residents of Kilcurry’. Members were advised that the cost of bringing mains to Kilcurry was enormous and it did not form part of Irish Waters Programme of Works. There were two options for residents: Adopt a ‘wait and see approach’ to see if Irish Water would ever put it on their programme or get together and look to build a Group Water Scheme.

**Economic Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure**

- A Greenway from Baltray to Drogheda was not currently planned and could be problematic to achieve without encroaching on wildlife.
- Lack of Tourist Accommodation in Drogheda was being looked at by Fáilte Ireland who are looking at developing sites & attractions in the area.
- ‘Living in Carlingford, Visiting Carlingford’ public consultation day in Four Seasons was very well attended, and other consultations would be considered.
- Ardee Bypass welcomed but query raised as to whether it was necessary to put the bypass through the Bog or could it be moved.
- Urban Animation Scheme hoped to be mostly in place by next Summer.

**Operations & Waste Management**

- Louth County Council Executive advised that they are satisfied that the road works at Sandy Lane, Blackrock were built strictly in accordance with DMURS in the interest of public safety and to slow traffic and that buses can turn. Removal of Bus Route at Blackrock was a matter for the business owner.
- Gates on public roads to tackle criminal behaviour in Edentubber could not be considered, and possibly would not resolve the issue.

**Corporate & Emergency Services**

- Work on Electoral Register was praised and Voters were urged to check the register and update details.
- Installation of Heat Pumps and Solar Panels on Council Buildings were praised. J.McGuinness Director of Services will update Members on whether any excess energy is created and stored from the solar panels.

**Housing & Quality of Life**

- Disabled Persons/Housing adaptation Grant breakdown of priority numbers in each group to be forwarded to Members.

**Minute No. 194/21**

**New Nomination to Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Committee (DBEC Committee)**

Each Municipal District has one nominated Member on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Committee. Members were requested to endorse the proposal of the Ardee Municipal District to nominate **Cllr. Bernie Conlon** to fill the recent vacancy of an Ardee MD Member on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Committee. This was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr. John Sheridan

**And Resolved.**

### **Minute No. 195/21**

#### **Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Land at No 9 Springfield, Nuns Walk, Drogheda**

In accordance with S183(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, it was agreed the disposal of Lands 0.03844 hectares at **No. 9 Springfield, Nuns Walk, Drogheda** for a consideration of €5,000 (five thousand euro) shall be carried out in accordance with terms specified in the resolution; This was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Tom Cunningham

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Liam Reilly

**And Resolved.**

### **Minute No. 196/21**

#### **Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Land at Chapel Road, Callystown, Clogherhead**

In accordance with S183(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, it was agreed the disposal of Lands 0.01471 hectares at **Chapel Road, Callystown, Clogherhead** for a consideration of €15,000 (fifteen thousand euro) shall be carried out in accordance with terms specified in the resolution; This was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Tom Cunningham

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Liam Reilly

**And Resolved.**

### **Minute No. 197/21**

#### **Freastal ar Chomhdhála a Cheadú / Approval of Attendance at Conferences**

Approval of attendances at Conferences as notified to the Elected Members was

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Liam Reilly

**And Resolved.**

### **Minute No. 198/21**

#### **Allocation of Members Community Grants**

Approval of Allocation of Members Community Grants as notified to the Elected Members was

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Kevin Callan

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Liam Reilly

**And Resolved.**

### **Minute No. 199/21**

#### **Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Sheridan**

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Liam Reilly

*"That Louth County Council along with the LEO and Fáilte Ireland, would explore funding a graphic design initiative to develop social media gifs for Louth. When social media users wish to check-in or tag a location there is an increasing number of iconic gifs for tourist sites to help with the branding and promotion of them. The current lack of gifs for Louth's prominent locations, historical places and monuments is noticeable compared with other counties and is a missed opportunity for maximum promotion."*

### **Minute No. 200/21**

#### **Notices of Motion from other Councils**

Correspondence on resolutions of other Councils as follows was noted by Members:

- South County Dublin 14th October 2021
- Donegal County Council 20th October 2021
- Tipperary County Council 20th October 2021

**Minute No. 201/21**

**Congratulations**

**Congratulations were extended to the following groups who won awards under the following categories:**

**National Tidy Town Awards:**

Ardee, Blackrock, Dundalk and Drogheda Tidy Town Groups on getting gold medals

Carlingford, Dromiskin, Knockbridge and Tallanstown Tidy Town Groups on getting bronze medals

**National Awards**

Sustainable Development Goals - Dundalk 1st runner up

All Ireland Pollinator Plan - Dundalk Large Urban Area

**Minute No. 202/21**

**Condolences**

Patrick Cunningham, Harbour Road, Clogherhead.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_