

**Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Mary Kavanagh (Chairperson), Michael Farrelly, Fintan Malone, Jim Tenanty, Pearse McGeough, Dolores Minogue, Finnan McCoy, Padraig McKenny, Leonard Hatrick

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Padraig Judge, Senior Executive Engineer

**Apologies:** Miriam Roe, Town Clerk

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**MINUTE 08/13**

**Votes of Sympathy**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. F. Malone, a vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Garda Adrian Donohoe and An Garda Siochana in relation to his recent death. Members also unanimously condemned the murder.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. McCoy and seconded by Cllr. F. Malone, a vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Cllr. Jimmy Mulroy who recently passed away.

The Chairman also took the opportunity to pass on our best wishes to the partner of the Town Clerk who recently was involved in an accident.

**MINUTE 09/13**

**Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrelly and seconded by Cllr. L. Hatrick, the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were adopted.

## **MINUTE 10/13**

### **Matters Arising**

A number of updates were given in relation to:-

1. Dog fouling
2. Housing Adaption Grants
3. St. Joseph's Hospital

## **MINUTE 11/13**

### **Presentation on Protected Structures**

It was noted that Angela Dullaghan, Conservation Officer, LCC is currently on sick leave and was unable to present on the above matter. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

## **MINUTE 12/13**

### **Planned Works**

P. Judge circulated a report in relation to the planned works for the forthcoming month and works undertaken since the last report. Members noted the following:-

- The assistance of the Tidy Towns Project on Link Road between the two roundabouts
- Replacement of road signage
- Gullies cleaned
- Manhole replaced on N52
- Minor pothole repairs at De La Salle Crescent
- Railway Walk drainage works
- Civil works on the pedestrian crossing at Golf Links Road

A number of other matters were addressed by way of question which included:-

- Fumes arising from recent sewerage works
- Manholes at Ulster Bank
- Follow up from contractors
- Road damage opposite Ardee Castle
- Blocked gullies on the Golf Links Road

## **MINUTE 13/13**

### **Pedestrian Lights crossing at Bank of Ireland, Castle Street**

Members noted this item and also agreed to take the Notice of Question from Cllr. F. Malone on this same point. Cllr. Malone had requested:-

*“The residents of Cappocksgreen/Sean O’Carroll Street are very concerned regarding the pedestrian crossing being too close to the Bank of Ireland junction and also that heavy goods vehicles are using this narrow street linking N33 and Sean O’Carroll Street. Can the Council review this situation?”*

The members raised a number of concerns in relation to this matter and discussed the items at length and the various implications including:-

- Commercial traffic
- Pedestrian egress
- Visibility
- Driver behaviour

In response P. Judge, Senior Executive Engineer gave an outline of the engineering facts about the traffic on this road. It was then agreed that a traffic count be undertaken with regard to commercial traffic and that this matter generally would be brought back to council.

#### **MINUTE 14/13**

#### **Nettuno Visit**

Cllr. M. Farrelly circulated an itinerary for the proposed visit of the Nettuno delegates which is twinned with Ardee. It was agreed that a sub-committee would be formed and would meet on this point either before or after the forthcoming Joint Policing Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **MINUTE 15/13**

#### **Notice of Motion**

##### ***7.1 Cllr. Fintan Malone***

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Malone and seconded by Cllr. F. McCoy, the following motion was adopted by Ardee Town Council:-

*“That Ardee Town Council voice their concerns to the Health Minister and the HSE about the future of the acute psychiatric beds at St. Brigid’s Complex, Ardee and when funding will become available for this proposed unit.”*

This motion was adopted by the council and it was agreed to write to the Minister for Health on this point.

A second motion was proposed by Cllr. P. McKenny and seconded by Cllr. F. McCoy which stated that

*“Ardee Town Council condemn the recent closure of St. Catherine’s Church within the St. Brigid’s Complex and note that this church was an integral part of the parish since the 1940’s and call for this decision to be reversed as soon as possible.”*

It was also agreed that Ardee Town Council would make a submission to Louth County Council with regard to any Planning Application made for this church on the same basis of the motion.

### **7.2 Cllr. Pearse McGeough**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. McGeough and seconded by Cllr. J. Tenanty, the following motion was agreed by Ardee Town Council on a show of hands.

*“We the Members of this Council call for the resignation of the Minister for Health, James Reilly. His tenure as Minister since the establishment of this government has been one crisis after another and he should be replaced immediately.”*

It was also agreed that this motion be circulated to all Councils.

## **MINUTE 16/13**

### **Correspondence**

The correspondence from the Department of Finance in relation to Cycle to Work Scheme was noted.

## **MINUTE 17/13**

### **Any Other Business**

A number of matters were discussed under AOB including:-

- Non functioning school flashing lights at the north end of Educate Together.
- Cycling and Walking Strategy and availability of final report.

Votes of congratulations were also passed in relation to Fuchsia House, Ardee and the recent civil ceremony in Ardee Castle.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_