

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7.30 pm

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Mary Kavanagh

Other Members: Councillors: Leonard Hatrick, Dolores Minogue, Fintan Malone, Pearse McGeough, Jim Tenanty, Michael Farrelly, Finnan McCoy, P McKenny

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Mid Louth Area Manager
Miriam Roe, Town Clerk
Padraig Judge, Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr McCoy requested that a vote of sympathy be extended to the family of the late Shane McEntee TD. These sentiments were echoed by all the Members.

MINUTE 02/13

Minutes

The minutes of the statutory budget meeting held on Wednesday 12th December, 2012 were approved by the Members on the proposal of Cllr Malone, seconded by Cllr Farrelly.

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MINUTE 03/13

Matters Arising

Cllr McKenny asked if any progress had been made in regard to the issue of protected structures as previously raised. The Town Clerk has extended an invitation to the Conservation Officer to make a presentation at February's meeting.

Cllr McGeough enquired as to the progress of the meeting with the IDA. Joe McGuinness to progress as a matter of urgency.

MINUTE 04/13

Planned Works:

P Judge, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the list of planned works to the Members and outlined same.

Cllr Malone:

- Can footpath at Kevin O'Brien's could be fixed so that water does not run into premises. P Judge to investigate.
- Can a light (or better light) be erected on the Dawson's Demesne side of the footbridge

Cllr McKenny:

- Could another bottle bank be located in the town to replace the one removed from the Drogheda Road. Town Clerk to write to Environment Section LCC requesting same.

Cllr McGeough: Congratulated LCC on works done at Sliabh Breagh and noted that tree in 'short cut' area was trimmed.

Cllr McCoy:

- Bus Eireann bus is parking for long periods at bus stop on Drogheda Rd, at Sliabh Breagh, perhaps bus stop should be moved. Town Clerk to write again to Bus Eireann and An Garda Siochana regarding this problem
- Congratulations to the staff of LCC who worked over the Christmas period.

MINUTE 05/13

St Josephs Hospital – Draft Submission:

As discussed at Decembers meeting a draft submission was compiled by Cllr Kavanagh and Cllr Malone and circulated and they were invited to read through it and make any comments or amendments they felt necessary. Cllr Kavanagh read through the document and various points were discussed.

Cllr McKenny commended the work put into the submission and this sentiment was echoed by the other Members.

Joe McGuinness clarified some issues with regard to available funding and Voluntary Housing Associations.

Cllr Malone stated that this was Ardee Town Councils opportunity to make a submission on this very important issue.

Cllr Kavanagh clarified a point stating that this proposal was basically a Greenfield site, in essence.

Following discussions it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Tenanty and Seconded by Cllr McKenny that this should be Ardee Town Councils formal submission.

MINUTE 06/13

Notice of Motion from Other Councils:

Clones Town Council: “That this Council calls on the Minister of The Environment Community and Local Government to instruct all County Registrars, in future elections to take unemployed people of the dole on election day to carry out the duties required in polling stations, as there are many young people with the skills to do the work, and would be grateful for a few extra euro also saving the state on welfare for the day. The practice of using people, who are already in employment, and retired civil servants with good pensions, is wrong when so many of our people are on the breadline.” – This motion was taken as Read.

Donegal Town Council: That this council requests the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and his department to subsidise the cost associated with the price of registration of ponies, horses and donkeys. This motion was supported on the proposal of Cllr Farrell and Seconded by Cllr Malone.

MINUTE 07/13

Any Other Business

Adaptation Grants – Cllr Malone stated that these were extremely important in keeping people in their own homes and essential for upgrading the ‘older housing stock’. He stated that the Minister for Health spoke about keeping people in their homes for as long as possible and that these grants relieve the pressure on hospital facilities.

The Cllr proposed that Arden Town Council write urging the Minister to look at the retention and improvement of grants in order to facilitate people to stay in their own homes. These grants should be sufficient to meet the needs of all current applicants. This was passed on the proposal of Cllr Malone and Seconded by Cllr McCoy.

Louth Volunteer Centre – Cllr Minogue asked if John Cotterell, Manager of the Louth Volunteer Centre could make a presentation to Arden Town Council at the February meeting. Town Clerk to write extending invitation to Mr Cotterell.

Bus Shelters - Cllr McGeough asked if the possibility of erecting bus shelters at the two bus stops on the N33 could be looked into. P Judge to investigate.

Dog Fouling: Cllr Farrelly asked if something could be done to address the problem of dog fouling on the streets around the town. It was agreed to write

to Louth County Council to request the Dog Warden increase patrols within the town. Also the possibility of erecting new dog waste bins throughout the town to be explored by P Judge.

Pay Parking: Cllr Kavanagh asked if information regarding the terms of the 'pilot scheme' was displayed anywhere. Town Clerk stated that this was displayed on each pay parking machine. Discussion followed and it was requested that the Wardens inform the public, especially visitors, wherever required that a new scheme was in operation. This was particularly important for visitors to the town.

Pedestrian Crossing: Cllr Tenanty asked if the Pedestrian Crossing at Bank of Ireland could be placed on Februarys Agenda for discussion. Town Clerk to ensure this is done.

This concluded the meeting:

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____