

Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 12th June, 2013 at 7.30 pm

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Fintan Malone

Other Members: Councillors: Dolores Minogue, Pearse McGeough, Jim Tenanty, Finnan McCoy, Leonard Hatrick, Padraig McKenny, Michael Farrelly, Mary Kavanagh

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

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Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 8th of May, 2013 were approved by the Members on the proposal of Cllr McCoy seconded by Cllr Farrelly.

The minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday 29th May, 2013 were approved by the Members on the proposals of Cllr Michael Farrelly and seconded by Cllr Minogue.

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Presentation on Walking and Cycling Strategy: Mr Terry Savage, Senior Executive Planner gave a presentation on the Walking and Cycling Strategy. He gave an overview of the results of the consultation programme, the strengths and weaknesses and also the overall desired outcomes. Included in the presentation were the recommendations for development within the town area. He concluded by stating that it is considered that a further competitive round of funding will be made available in the latter part of 2013.

Following discussion, the Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Savage for his presentation.

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Planned Works: P Judge circulated the list of works to the members.

Members noted the following:

Cllr Malone thanked Sean and Rosemarie King for their work regarding the sign for the Jumping Church. He also thanked P Judge and council staff.

Cllr McKenny asked for an update on Boat Trench and also traffic movement on Sean O'Carroll Street. P Judge stated that a traffic count had been done on Boat Trench and that another was to be carried out on Sean O'Carroll Street. P Judge to revert to council when this is completed.

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Nenagh Town Council: '**NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SEAMIE MORRIS** "That Nenagh Town Council ask that any State board positions that come up and are advertised through Public Jobs.ie are assessed by an independent panel and the relevant Minister should be bound by the recommendations of the panel". This item was Taken as Read.

Skibbereen Town Council: That Skibbereen Town Council calls for the immediate cessation of the practice of fluoridation of the public water supply. Only 2% of Europe continues this practice and that is made up of the Republic of Ireland and a few cities in the UK. The 'benefits' given for continuing the process carry no weight when considered against the wide variety of major health concerns validated by countless volumes of research, studies and data to the contrary. The risks involved to public health by this mass medication of the population are proven and are too great to continue to ignore. We need immediate action!

Discussion followed regarding this issue. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Malone and Seconded by Cllr McGeough to write to the Department of Health regarding this issue.

Monaghan Town Council: 'That this Council calls on the relevant Departments and agencies to consider how best to regulate the quantity, quality and labelling of packaging materials used on smaller items for sale in Ireland with a view to reducing the amount of packaging used'. Following discussion this item was Taken as Read.

Monaghan Town Council: 'That we write to the Minister for Justice, Alan Shatter calling for maximum 10 year sentence and the minimum of 5 years for any person involved in a fatal motor accident who leaves the scene'. Following discussion this item was Taken as Read

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Correspondence:

- **An Garda Siochana** – Response was noted.
- **Bus Eireann** – Response to letter regarding bus shelters on N33. This response was discussed by the members. Cllr McGeough stated that he was disappointed by the response and it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr McGeough and seconded by Cllr Tenanty that the Town Clerk writes again to Bus Eireann regarding this matter.
- **Kerry County Council** – Cost of administering the Coroners Function – Response was noted.
- **Bank of Ireland** – Acknowledgement to letter regarding customer service. The Members agreed to discuss matter further when they received full response.

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Any Other Business:

Riverside Walk Clean Up: Cllr McGeough thanked those members who helped in the clean up. He also mentioned the build up of vegetation along the river bank. This item was discussed previously and it was noted that OPW cannot cut this as it must be preserved for its environmental and ecological benefits.

Bring Banks: Cllr Tenanty stated that, to date, no alternative site had been secured by Environment Section to replace the previous site on the Drogheda Rd. There is only one bring bank in Ardee at this time. Ferdia Park is being overwhelmed by people leaving rubbish at this location. Mr McGuinness to progress with Environment Section as a matter of urgency

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: _____