

Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 13th March, 2013

Cathaoirleach: Mary Kavanagh

Other Members: Michael Farrelly, Pearse McGeough, Dolores Minogue, Finnan McCoy, Padraig McKenny, Leonard Hatrick

Officials: Miriam Roe, Town Clerk
Padraig Judge, Senior Executive Engineer
Angela Dullaghan, Conservation Officer
Emer O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner

In Attendance: Mr John Cotterell, Louth Volunteer Centre

Apologies: Cllr Fintan Malone, Cllr Jim Tenanty
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services

MINUTE 18/13

Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrelly and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue, the minutes of the meeting of 13th February, 2013 were adopted.

MINUTE 19/13

Presentation on behalf of Louth Volunteer Centre:

Mr John Cotterell from the Louth Volunteer Centre gave a presentation to the Members regarding the work of the Centre. Based in Drogheda, it provides a free volunteer matching service making it easy for people to volunteer in Louth. Mr Cotterell spoke about the benefits of volunteering and the areas in which volunteers may be needed. He also asked the Members to pass on the centres details to those who may either wish to volunteer or who are looking for volunteers.

A discussion followed the presentation where Mr Cotterell clarified some issues for the Members. The Cathaoirleach finished up by thanking Mr Cotterell for giving his time to come and speak to Ardee Town Council.

MINUTE 20/13

Presentation on Protected Structures:

Angela Dullaghan and Emer O'Callaghan attended the meeting to give a presentation on protected structures and answer any questions regarding the issue.

Ms Dullaghan gave an overview of protected structures, including our architectural heritage in Louth and promotion of heritage and tourism. She also outlined how and why a building is placed on the register, what owning and maintaining such a building entails and how this record can be amended. Ms Dullaghan invited Cllrs to make anyone who owns a building on this register aware that they can contact her so that she may offer any advice and guidance necessary. She stressed that her role was to help people maintain these buildings and to facilitate this in any way she could.

Questions followed from the Members regarding various issues which were clarified by Ms Dullaghan and Ms O'Callaghan including the funding available, holding measures and again urging property owners to come and discuss concerns before carrying out works.

The discussion concluded with the Members and Cathaoirleach thanking the officials for their time.

MINUTE 21/13

St Patricks Weekend & Visit of Nettuno Delegates:

The Cathaoirleach outlined the itinerary for the weekend. It was hoped that the Cllrs would attend as many of the events as possible.

Cllr Farrelly also asked that Members consider if they would like to travel to Nettuno in May. It was decided to place this item on the April agenda for further discussion.

MINUTE 22/13

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:

- Works on Railway Walk which opened the area up.
- Pruning of trees along main street
- Pruning of trees along River Dee at bridge
- Traffic Lights at Sliabh Breagh
- Potholes at John Street
- Manhole at Irish Street (Ulster Bank)

- Pothole at Kells Road Junction with Castle Street – adjacent to Sizzlers.

MINUTE 23/13

6.1. Notice of Motion:

Cllr Michael Farrelly:

On the proposal of Cllr. M Farrelly and seconded by Cllr. L Hatrick, the following motion was adopted by Ardee Town Council:

‘As part of the Gathering 2013-2014, and as Phil Hogan is looking to disband all Town Councils, we should organise a reunion of all Town Councillors or their near families who have been there since the start of Ardee Town Council.’

It was noted also that an undertaking of this size would take a lot of planning and the budget for this would also have to be discussed at a future meeting.

MINUTE 24/13

7.1 Notice of Question:

Cllr Michael Farrelly

Is there any response from the Dog Warden about dog fouling on the streets of Ardee?

Response:

A response from Louth County Council’s Environment Section the issues of Dog Fouling and Bring Banks was circulated to the Members previously and noted.

MINUTE 25/13

Notice of Motion from Other Councils:

Clones Town Council: *‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Pat Rabbitt and An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny to seek agreement during this period of our E.U. Presidency to expedite the abolition of roaming charges in Ireland and Europe. That this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities in Ireland’.*

This was passed on the proposal of Cllr Hatrick and seconded by Cllr McKenny

Shannon Town Council: *‘Shannon Town Council condemn the proposed planned saving of €721 million by the HSE and the reduction of staff by 4,000 in 20103 because of the impact these measures will have on frontline services’*

This was passed on the proposal of Cllr Hatrick and seconded by Cllr McKenny

Shannon Town Council: *'That Shannon Town Council debate recommending to the Minister for Transport to enact legislation making the wearing of high visibility vests or belts/bands by pedestrians compulsory at times of darkness or low visibility in all areas'*

This was passed on the proposal of Cllr McGeough and seconded by Cllr McKenny

Shannon Town Council: *'That Shannon Town Council debate recommending to the Minister for Transport to enact legislation making the wearing of high visibility vests or belts/bands by pedestrians compulsory at times of darkness or low visibility in all areas.'*

Discussion followed regarding this notice of motion and it was decided to mark this item as 'taken as read'.

MINUTE 26/13

Any Other Business

Cllr McKenny advised Members that the St Patricks Day Parade would take place at 3.00pm on 17th March and invited the Members to review the parade from the stand.

This concluded the meeting:

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____