

**Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 10th October 2012**

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

**Apologies:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services

**Officials:** Miriam Roe, Town Clerk  
Padraig Judge, Senior Executive Engineer

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**MINUTE 62/13**

**Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. J Tenanty and seconded by Cllr. D Minogue, the minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 were agreed.

**MINUTE 63/13**

**Matters Arising**

Cllr Farrelly asked on a point of clarification that it be noted that it was Cllr Farrelly and the family of Thomas McCabe in conjunction with the Ardee Traders who organised the event held recently in Ardee Castle.

Cllr McGeough asked if there was any update in regard to the lighting at Bank of Ireland. P Judge to contact Airtricity to investigate same and revert.

Cllr Hatrick asked if a look right / left could be painted on the road at the pedestrian crossing to remind people to look before crossing. P Judge to look into this and revert

Cllr Tenanty congratulated the Cathaoirleach and Town Clerk for organising the civic reception for the Monastary Boys NS in Ardee Castle. He also thanked those members who turned up on the night and the press for such positive coverage which was a boost for the school.

## **MINUTE 64/13**

### **Halloween**

The Cathaoirleach outlined the arrangements for the fireworks display, stating that a meeting would be held with Louth County Council officials and Inspector P Kiernan. Following a brief discussion it was decided that any of the members who were available and officials from St Marys GFC would attend to run through the itinerary.

Cllr McGeough suggested that the schedule of events be circulated to the members the week before. It was also decided that the Town Clerk would print out posters and text the Members who could collect same and distribute throughout the town to publicise the event.

## **MINUTE 65/13**

### **Planned Works**

P. Judge, Senior Executive Engineer circulated list of works carried out in September including:

- New pedestrian junction at John St
- Road improvement works on Debedy Lane
- Verge cutting along N52 Kells road and railway walk
- On going maintenance of road signage in Ardee area
- Gully cleaning at Campbells Pk, Bridge St, William St, Ashwalk, Stoney Lane and De La Salle Crescent.
- Repairs on Stoney lane and Kells Road.

Cllr Hatrick complimented LCC staff on new pedestrian crossing at John Street, this was supported by a number of the members. Cllr McCoy also congratulated works done on Debedy Lane.

Additional matters were raised by the members including pothole at Castle Street / Kells Road junction, speed camera sign blocking visibility at Blakestown, road repairs at Mullenstown Cottages and traffic on Sean O'Carroll Street.

P Judge responded to all of these matters.

Cllr McKenny asked if it was NRA who were responsible for the erection of signage in the town and if so were the area engineers ever consulted on their location. P Judge responded that it was the NRA and no they did not consult. One sign was located at a shared right of way and was referred to the NRA by the area office. It was proposed by Cllr McKenny and seconded by Cllr Hatrick that a letter be sent to the NRA requesting greater consultation with Area Engineers concerning these matters.

## **MINUTE 66/13**

### **Notice of Motions**

#### **Cllr D Minogue:**

*“That this Council agree to write to the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn, to introduce a 3rd language at Primary School level. This would help Irish students to be on par with students from different countries who are now being educated in Ireland and have the option of a 3rd language, their own language, English and Irish.”*

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Minogue and Seconded by Cllr McCoy to circulate to all councils.

#### **Cllr D Minogue:**

*“That this Council agree to write to the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn, to keep the teacher pupil ratio to a manageable size as large classes are unfair to both teacher and pupil.”*

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion on the proposal of Cllr Minogue and seconded by Cllr McCoy to read as follows:

*“That this Council agree to write to the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn, to revert to the previous pupil teacher ratio and to lift the moratorium on teacher recruitment.”*

## **MINUTE 67/13**

### **Notice of Motions from Other Councils**

**Muinebheag Town Council:** *“In response to the Gathering 2013 and in order ensure that our emigrants maintaining a meaningful connection with Ireland, Members of Muinebheag Town Council, call on the Government to provide that all Irish citizens residing outside of the Country who hold a valid Irish Passport, be entitled to vote in the Irish Presidential election.”*

On the proposal of Cllr McGeough and seconded by Cllr McKenny this motion was passed.

**Ennis Town Council:** *“That Ennis Town Council request the Minister for Health to revise the scheme for chronic illnesses and that people in Clare suffering from Crohns disease, Alzheimers, and Coronary Heart Disease be recognised as suffering from life long conditions and be included in the Long Term illness Scheme. And that the fee for these people attending Accident and Emergency be immediately eliminated”.*

On the proposal of Cllr Hatrick and seconded by Cllr McKenny this motion was passed.

**Council:** *'That the Members resolve, in keeping with the will of the Irish people as emphatically expressed in the referendum of 1983, to oppose any form of legalisation of abortion under any circumstances'*

This motion was opposed by the Members.

### **MINUTE 68/13**

#### **Any Other Business**

A number of matters were raised by the members of Ardee Town Council as follows:

- Railway Walk – Cllr Tenanty asked if signs could be put up along the Railway walk asking patrons to keep dogs on a lead at all times.
- Mens Sheds– Cllr Farrelly asked if the members could have an update with regard to 'Men Sheds' in Ardee. Town Clerk to write to Eva Beirne.
- The Gatering – Cllr Farrelly asked for names & addresses of contacts for the gathering.
- Defeat of Seanad Referendum – Cllr Malone asked that following the defeat of the Seanad Referendum, that Ardee Town Council call on an Taoiseach Enda Kenny to review the Local Government Reform proposals to abolish Town Councils. This motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr Malone and seconded by Cllr Tenanty.

This concluded the meeting

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

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