

Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 9th April, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials: J McGuinness, Director of Services & Town Clerk
P. Judge, Senior Executive Engineer.

MINUTE 28/14

Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrelly and the seconding of Cllr. L. Hatrick, the minutes of the meeting of March 12th were adopted.

MINUTE 29/14

Presentation to Miriam Roe, Town Clerk

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman, on behalf of the members of the Town Council, made a presentation to Ms. Miriam Roe former Town Clerk, to mark her contribution to the town of Ardee through her work as Town Clerk over the last number of years. All in attendance at the meeting joined in expressing best wishes to Miriam and generally thanked her for her support and contribution to many specific events in the town during her term as Town Clerk. In response, Miriam Roe thanked all for their kind words and complemented them for maintaining the best interests of the people of Ardee in their work as Town Councillors.

MINUTE 30/14

Matters Arising on the Minutes

It was agreed to amend Minute No 20/14 to reflect the name of the deceased Mr. Ramunas Sinica.

It was also noted that there had been no response as yet from the South African Embassy, and that equally the Industrial Development Association (IDA) have not responded to the request made.

MINUTE 31/14

Planned Works

P. Judge outlined the recent works in his monthly report. A number of queries arose including;

- Cherrybrook road crossing sign,
- Pedestrian crossing at Boys School,
- Stronger light bulbs on the main street,
- Pot holes at McGuinness' Farm outside Ardee,
- Cul de Sac sign at Debidy Lane.

MINUTE 32/14

Final Meeting of Ardee Town Council

J. McGuinness confirmed to the members that the last meeting of Ardee Town Council would be the May monthly meeting. It was agreed that this meeting should be marked in some fashion, and that a reception be held after the meeting in the general Mid Louth Civic Centre building. It was agreed that the Chairman and J. McGuinness would co-ordinate on these matters. It was also agreed that past members and/or members of families of past members would be specifically invited to this meeting.

MINUTE 33/14

Memorial Garden

The Chairman briefed the members in relation to the proposal to unveil a monument and linked garden in relation to honouring those who died in the Great War and who originated from Ardee. He indicated that it was proposed the monument would be unveiled on May 11th, subject to the availability of a dignitary to unveil same, and providing it would not be affected by the international cycle race going through the county at that time. This was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. P. McKenny and seconding of Cllr. D. Minogue.

It was also advised and agreed that an information night would be held on April 22nd in Ardee Castle between 7.00 and 9.00. Full publicity would be given to same and Brian Walsh, Museum Curator would be asked to attend. The purpose of the information night would be to give an opportunity to the people of Ardee to bring forward any information on anybody originating in

Ardee who may have died in the Great War and were not on the list currently available.

MINUTE 34/14

Notice of Motions

Cllr P. McGeough

“That this council marks the centenary of the foundation of Cumann na mBan in a manner that is educational, inclusive and encapsulates the historical significance of the women involved down through the century.

Also, that this council notes and commends local historian Ailbhe Rogers who delivered a lecture on this topic in the County Museum in late 2013”

On the proposal of Cllr. Pearse McGeough and seconding of Cllr. Finnan McCoy this motion was carried and it was agreed that a request would be made to give a brief on the matter similar to the brief delivered by Ailbhe Rogers in the Ardee area in July/August of the year.

The members discussed a number of associated matters and it was highlighted that there is a particular exhibition currently in place in Glasnevin and that schools should be encouraged to visit this exhibition.

Kinsale Town Council

“That this Council calls for the immediate cessation of the unnecessary addition of fluoride to public water in Ireland”

The members supported this motion.

Ballina Town Council

“That this Council calls on the Minister of State for Public Reform and the Office of Public Works to make available to people living in areas which suffer from flooding a grant which would allow them to put proper Floodgate Systems in place; that this Motion is circulated to all Town Councils for their support.”

The members supported this motion.

MINUTE 35/14

Correspondence

Polling Station Correspondence

Letters received from both schools were noted and Cllr. Tenanty responded to both letters received. He clarified his comments for the benefit of all those at the meeting. This matter was debated at some length.

An Garda Siochana

Letter was noted.

Office of Public Works Ardee Flood Risk

This matter was noted, and concern was expressed in relation to the impact of climate change on all our rivers and that all needed to take cognisance of their smarter travel arrangements.

Bank of Ireland correspondence

The members noted the correspondence received and having considered the note, concluded that they still felt there was a lack of customer care in relation to the services at the Bank of Ireland Branch in Ardee. This was indicated in the increase of machines rather than tellers and the lack of acceptance of coin most days in that Branch.

Nettuno Visit

The members noted the invite received from Nettuno for their festival in May. At the outset a vote of thanks was agreed to Ms. Emma Tormey who acted as interpreter for the St. Patricks Day visit of the Nettuno delegation. A vote of thanks was also recorded to all those who were associated with the actual St. Patricks Day Parade which was attended by the Nettuno delegation.

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Farrelly and seconding of Cllr. Finnan McCoy it was recommended that Cllr. Tenanty should attend the Nettuno event.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jim Tenanty and seconding of Cllr. Finnan McCoy it was agreed that Cllr. Leonard Hatrick should attend the Nettuno event.

On the proposal of Cllr. Pdraig McKenny and seconding of Cllr. Fintan Malone it was proposed that Cllr. Kavanagh and Cllr. Minogue should attend, subject to all being available.

On the conclusion of this debate J. McGuinness, Director of Service, reminded the members that the function of Town Twinning and organising of parades would fall with the new Municipal District of Ardee, this should be planned for the forthcoming year.

Members also advised that they had a proposal in relation to establishing an appropriate banner on the Giro d'Italia that would highlight the link with the Nettuno Twinning.

MINUTE 36/14

Any Other Business

Cllr. Finnan McCoy raised the matter of his disappointment at the lack of perceived progress in relation to the Ardee Castle project and on his proposal and seconding of Cllr. P. McKenny it was agreed to request the attendance of Brian Walsh at the next meeting of Ardee Town Council. J. McGuinness in response, regretted the delay but indicated that the project was still going through the Project Supervising Design Stage process.

Members passed a motion proposed by Cllr. Fintan Malone and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue to wish Gerry Duffy, retired operative Dundalk Museum, well in his retirement.

On the proposal of Cllr. Minogue and seconding of Cllr. McCoy a vote of congratulations was passed to Ardee Boys School in their recent success in the All Ireland Football Competitions.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. McKenny and seconding of Cllr. F. McCoy a vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Dr. Noel McCarthy who recently died.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. McGeough and seconding of Cllr. J. Tenanty it was agreed to express a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Fr. Eamon Treanor P.P. Castlebellingham and Kilsaran, and formerly Curate of Ardee town.

A number of minor matters in relation to Pay Parking were clarified by J. McGuinness, Director of Service.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____