

Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 12th March, 2014

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

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

MINUTE 19/14

Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. F. McCoy and the seconding of Cllr. F. Malone, the minutes of the meeting of February, 2014 were adopted.

MINUTE 20/14

Vote of Condolence

On the proposal of Cllr. Fintan Malone and seconding of Cllr. Finnan McCoy a vote of condolence and sympathy was expressed to the family of Mr. Ramunas Sinica who recently died at a fire in Ardee. Sympathy and condolence was extended to his family, his community and his employer, while at the same time a vote of thanks and credit was given to the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and Garda Siochana for the manner in which they conducted the response to the incident on the night in question.

MINUTE 21/14

Matters Arising on the Minutes

It was noted that there was no response from the South African Embassy in relation to the letter of condolence on the death of Nelson Mandela.

MINUTE 22/14

Naming of the Castleguard Road

A discussion took place in relation to the matter of the naming of the above road which had been discussed at the February meeting. After a significant

debate it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Mary Kavanagh and seconding of Cllr. Leonard Hatrick that the following names and order would be used in their recommendation of the naming of this road to the Placenames Committee;

1. Castleguard
2. Mount Road
3. Canon Mac Iomhair Road
4. Aiken Road

On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Kavanagh and seconding of Cllr. Finnan McCoy it was agreed to amend Minute No. 11/14 to include the addition of the Aiken Road.

MINUTE 23/14

Audit 2012

On the proposal of Cllr. Finnan McCoy and seconding of Cllr. Michael Farrelly the Audit Report of 2012 was noted and adopted. There was some debate in relation to elements of over and under expenditure, however it was noted that the audit presented and overall balanced figure.

MINUTE 24/14

Planned Works

Padraig Judge, Senior Executive Engineer, gave a brief in relation to planned works in the Mid Louth area, which included;

- Gulley cleaning,
- Drainage work at Sliabh Breagh,
- N52 roundabout works,
- New exercise units at Fair Green, and
- Preparation for Giro d'Italia on 11th May.

MINUTE 25/14

Notice of Motions

Ennis Town Council

“That Ennis Town Council request the Minister for Finance to reverse the increase in Medical Card holders prescription charge of €2.50 per item. This increase is resulting in many people who require multiple prescriptions forfeiting essential prescription items as they can no longer afford them”

The sentiments of this motion were agreed and supported.

Clones Town Council

“We call on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Dept. Phil Hogan, T.D. to abolish the extra charge people are forced to pay, as a result of taxing their car for a three month period as opposed to a twelve month period”

The sentiments of this motion were agreed and supported.

MINUTE 26/14

Conferences

The conferences were noted.

Cllr. Jim Tenanty reported in relation to his and Cllr. Farrelly's attendance at the A.M.A.I. Conference and advised that the following matters were discussed;

- Return of A.M.A.I. funds to Town Councils,
- Redundancy package for Town Councillors, and
- General discussion on Parish Councils.

It was agreed that the matter of Parish Councils and Local Community Councils would be discussed at a future date.

MINUTE 27/14

Any Other Business

A number of matters were raised under the heading of Any Other Business including;

- Use of lands adjacent to Ardee Sewage Plant,
- Sean O'Carroll Street traffic count,
- Pay Parking,
- Reopening of Dunleer Train Station,
- St. Patricks Day Parade,
- Use of defibrillators and proposal to fund same,
- Developments in Ardee Castle,
- Lack of response from Bank of Ireland in relation to services in Ardee,
- Taking in charge of Cherrybrook Housing Association,

The members also agreed to write to the IDA on the proposal of Cllr. Pearse McGeough and seconding of Cllr. Leonard Hatrick inviting them to a further meeting of Ardee Town Council to discuss any plans that they had for the Ardee area.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jim Tenanty and seconding of Cllr. Michael Farrelly it was also agreed to write to the County Registrar in relation to a possible review of the use of Scoil Mhuire na Trocaire as a polling station due to access issues, and in particular in relation to access for elderly considering that Ardee is an Age-Friendly town.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jim Tenanty and seconding of Cllr. Finnan McCoy it was also agreed to appoint Cllr. P. McKenny to attend the Irish Public Bodies Annual Meeting as a nominee on behalf of Ardee Town Council.

In conclusion it was also agreed to extend a vote of congratulations to Niall Reilly who has been selected as the Captain of the Ireland Under 18 Team and also to extend that vote of congratulations to the Community School and the local Ardee Rugby Club.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____