

Minutes of monthly meeting of Ardee Town Council held in Mid-Louth Civic Services Centre, Fairgreen, on Wednesday 14th May, 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Officials: J McGuinness, Director of Services/Town Clerk
P. Judge, Senior Executive Engineer
Brian Walsh, Museum Curator

MINUTE 37/14

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2014 were proposed by Cllr Dolores Minogue, and seconded by Cllr. Mary Kavanagh.

At the outset, the Chairman Cllr. Malone welcomed the members to the last meeting of the Council and paid tribute to the work done to date by all members. He thanked all members, staff and press who were associated with the Town Council. He wished the members well in the future elections and conveyed good wishes to those who were retiring. He expressed a view that this was a detrimental step towards the town of Ardee, but was assured that the Councillors who would be elected would ensure the best interests of Ardee were protected.

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Matters Arising on the Minutes

Nil.

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Ardee World War One Memorial

Cllr. Fintan Malone asked Cllr. McKenny to outline the progress in relation to the launch of the Ardee War Memorial which was scheduled for Friday 16th

May. Again he thanked all those involved in the process, and Cllr. McKenny subsequently outlined details of the project.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jim Tenanty and seconding of Cllr. Michael Farrelly it was agreed that a capsule would be inserted into the project to mark the cessation of Ardee Town Council.

MINUTE 40/14

Planned Works

Mr. P. Judge gave an outline of all works that were undertaken and planned in the forthcoming month.

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Notice of Motions

Monaghan Town Council

“That Monaghan Town Council calls on the Government to introduce a temporary moratorium on State owned bodies re-employing those already in receipt of Public Sector pensions in respect of previous State employment. We also call on responsible employers in the private sector to do likewise”.

The members noted this motion.

Clones Town Council

“In the light of recent Department of Environment statements claiming that local property tax is bringing in 1.5 million daily, and the government commitment to return 80% of monies collected to the local authorities, we call on the government to end the embargo on recruitment of council staff, and thus help to create real meaningful jobs and provide vital services for an over taxed population.

We also call on the Department of Environment to scrap the ‘gateway scheme’, as it is nothing but cheap labour, to replace the 25% of local authority workers laid off since 2011”

The members noted this motion.

Edenderry Town Council

“Calls on the minister for Justice to lift the embargo on recruitment in the Public Sector due to the lack of Gardai allocated to rural areas”

The members noted this motion.

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted;

IDA Ireland: Response to request for meeting.

IPB: Letter regarding the transfer of insurance following the dissolution of the Town Council.

NRA: Response to letter regarding Public Lighting on Main St. Ardee.

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Ardee Castle

Mr. B. Walsh, Museum Curator, gave a brief in relation to the current progress in developing the Ardee Castle project. He circulated drawings of the proposal which are now to a Part 8 standard, and the members noted same with satisfaction. B. Walsh also pointed out that there was a meeting scheduled with the architects and the National Monuments branch of the Department of the Environment on the following day, and that this was critical for the success of the project as it was necessary that they would need to embrace the concept of the spiral staircase that was being inserted to facilitate fire safety access.

The members discussed a number of matters including disability access, use of cafe, future operation of business plan. Again the members looked forward to this projects completion in the near future.

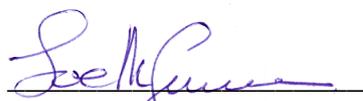
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A.O.B.

At the conclusion of the meeting a number of votes of thanks were passed in relation to those who worked with Ardee Town Council and served on Ardee Town Council over the years, and these were all noted.

That concluded the last meeting of Ardee Town Council.

Signed:



Joe McGuinness

Town Clerk & Director of Services

Dated:

14th May 2014