

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Market House, Main Street, Dunleer on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

**In attendance:**

<b>Cathaoirleach:</b>	Cllr. J. Tenanty
<b>Members:</b>	Councillors: T. Cunningham, C. Markey, P. McGeough, L. Reilly, D. Minogue
<b>Officials:</b>	J. McGuinness, Director of Services G. Kelly, Senior Engineer P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
<b>Apologies:</b>	None

**Minute No. 10/15**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jim Tenanty welcomed the members to Dunleer and thanked the staff and management of the Market House for facilitating the meeting of the Municipal District.

**Minute No. 11/15**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. D. Minogue and seconded by Cllr. C. Markey. There were no matters arising.

**Minute No. 12/15**

**Flooding in Dunleer**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Tenanty referred to the Public Meeting that was held in advance of the Municipal District Meeting, where members had the opportunity to meet residents and business owners from Dunleer that had been affected by flooding earlier in the year.

The Cathaoirleach outlined that he had agreed to act as point of contact and go-between for the residents who had proposed that a further meeting be held, and that the O.P.W. and the E.P.A. be invited to attend, together with a representative from Operations as appropriate. Members are also seeking an update in relation to the Flood Mapping Project and where it might assist in preventing future flooding in Dunleer.

Mr. Gerry Kelly, in response to Cllr. McGeoughs query in regard to investigations of flooding in Dunleer, advised that investigation into all the flooding incidents recorded

in the county was ongoing, but the issues in Dunleer had not been progressed at this stage.

In concluding, the Cathaoirleach agreed that he would contact the O.P.W. and discuss whether the E.P.A. had a role in this matter, and he would revert to the Senior Engineer when the meeting was agreed.

**Minute No. 13/15**

**Housing & Community Progress Report**

Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Service, presented the Housing & Community Progress Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 and addressed the members queries in regard to same. The Director advised there would be a change in the reporting structure for the March meeting, where the HAP details will be presented on a Municipal District basis.

On the proposal of Cllr. Tenanty and seconding of Cllr. Markey, the Director of Service agreed to facilitate a clinic on HAP in the Mid Louth area for potential tenants and property owners. Members will be advised of this when arrangements are made.

**Minute No. 14/15**

**Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report**

Mr. Gerry Kelly presented the Operations, Infrastructure and Marine Progress Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January and outlined to the members that the Road Works Programme circulated with the agenda would now have to be reframed, as since issuing the proposal he had been advised of the funding for the county which had a reduction of approximately 10% on last year, equating to in excess of €500,000. The Senior Engineer was able to confirm at this stage that low cost safety measures had been approved and they will be set out again in the Road Works Program he will bring to the members at the March meeting.

**Minute No. 15/15**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. J. Tenanty**  
**Seconded by: Cllr D. Minogue**

"That this council call on the N.R.A. to make safe the footpath on the N52 Jervis St as it is narrow and cannot facilitate wheelchair, buggy and pedestrian traffic to the local St. Brigid's Hospital. Safety barriers or widening of footpath would improve the situation"

**REPLY:**

A survey will be carried out and the feasibility and cost of widening the footpath as proposed will be examined. The NRA will then be approached regarding funding for any proposed works.

**Minute No. 16/15**

**Notice of Question**

**Cllr. J. Tenanty**

"What is the delay in taking over Cherrybrook, Ardee? As Irish Water was being used as the excuse"

**REPLY:**

Planning permission was granted for this development in 1981. No request was received from the developer to have the estate taken in charge. A plebiscite was carried out in 2014 to ascertain the views of the residents and the required majority was in favor of the Council taking the estate in charge. The Council is in the process of preparing a report to bring to the members. It is expected that this report will be completed for the March municipal meeting.

The question and response was noted.

**Minute No. 17/15**

Arising from the Minutes Cllr. L. Reilly sought the Cathaoirleachs support to raise a matter that had been discussed at the January meeting; this was the decision to award €2,250 to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Ardee. It was now understood by the members that the Committee were in fact seeking an allocation of €5,000 to meet all the costs of the parade.

There followed a lengthy discussion in relation to the matter, which included discussions about funding of parades in other areas of the Municipal District, and the overall funding of parades and festivals.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Cunningham and seconding of Cllr. C. Markey, it was agreed to allocate a further sum of €2,250 that was listed as funding for Halloween celebrations to the St. Patrick's Day Committee. This would mean approval of a maximum of €4,500 being awarded to the Ardee St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee subject to confirmation of the expenditure and evidence of the expenditure being submitted when making the claim. This was agreed by all.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of Council held on:-

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_