

Municipal District of Ardee – February 2019

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting held in the Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Ardee on Thursday, 7th February 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Pearse McGeough

Members: Councillors: T. Cunningham, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly & J. Tenanty

Officials: William Walsh, Acting Director of Services
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 8/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday, 10th January 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. L. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham.

Minute No. 9/19

Matters arising

- On raising the lack of lighting on the N2 members were encouraged to send in details of collisions on the road to try and make a case for lighting to be installed.
- The view was expressed that the N52 was not the best location for the park and ride facility.
- The need to move the location of the zebra crossing in Ardee as a matter of urgency was emphasised.
- The need to complete the taking in charge of Cornmill estate was raised.

Minute No. 10/19

Housing and Communities Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting, and the following points were raised:

- The wooden fence in the Castleguard development not being sufficient from a safety perspective was raised and it was agreed to bring this concern to the attention of the approved housing body.
- Flooding at the southern end of Seaview Estate in Annagassen was noted.

Minute No. 11/19

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report.

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting, and the following points were raised:

- The need to establish the ownership of the road between McCabes and Bank of Ireland was raised as the potholes need urgent attention.
- The need to repair the pothole at the junction of the Callistown Road and the R166 was highlighted.
- The very poor condition of the road surface from Kells Road to Oriel Road was highlighted.
- The need to replace the missing railing at Cherrybrook was raised.
- The need for signage in relation to the blind junction at Marshallrath was noted.
- It was suggested that all that was needed in relation to addressing silt at Annagassan harbour was to divert the water and not reroute the river which would require the preparation of an EIS.
- The poor condition of the road from Silver Hill road to Coole was noted.

Minute No. 12/19

Pay Parking

In the course of the discussion there was agreement that a plan was needed to improve traffic flow in Ardee town with the input of all stakeholders. The Director of Services for Operations undertook to consider the issues raised and revert back to the members in due course.

Minute No. 13/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty
Seconded by Cllr. T. Cunningham

"I call on LCC to remove the fencing on front of Ardee Castle until works commence, as it serves no purpose and is there 3 years at a cost to the council of over €30k ,not a stone or pebble has fallen within that time, and can we be given a start date for the works to commence."

REPLY:

The fencing was out in place to protect the passing public from falling debris from the exterior walls of Ardee Castle. It is the only way to ensure public safety until the restoration work on the castle has been completed.

Members strongly expressed their desire for progress to be made in relation to the redevelopment of the castle. Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 14/19

Notice of Motion

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

"The IDA always say that they try to attract business to the Louth area - and then it comes down to a location - usually Dundalk or Drogheda!!! Would LCC work with IDA to create a masterplan for Ardee, a national pilot project where they look at all aspects of Ardee life, from schools to childcare to leisure facilities and what future employers want in a certain small town in this country. Then they could develop, two ready to go factory outlets, and see can they attract businesses to the town. A case of build it and then they will come."

REPLY:

The matters referred to can be addressed as part of the Ardee Local Area Plan review.

Members emphasised the need for a health check report to be carried out on the town and for an LAP to be in place. Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 15/19

Ardee Discretionary Budget

This matter was deferred to the next meeting as there were only 4 members present.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____