

## **Municipal District of Ardee – July 2022**

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Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 4.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Paula Butterly

**Members:** Councillors: Bernie Conlon, Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Jim Tenanty

**Apologies:** Councillors: Dolores Minogue

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer  
Gerry McCormack, Assistant Engineer  
Susan Deery, Administrative Officer  
Aveen Moore, Communications Officer

### **Minute No. 65/22**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes – Annual Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Jim Tenanty and seconded by Cllr. Bernie Conlon.

### **Minute No. 66/22**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes – Monthly Meeting**

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Pearse McGeough and seconded by Cllr. John Sheridan.

### **Minute No. 67/22**

#### **Matters Arising**

Following update requests:

- Members were advised of delay on referral of requested flood repair works and lighting on the Kells Road, Collon due to staff sick leave.
- Glack Cross signage and sightlines will be included in 2023 Visibility Scheme plans

### Minute No. 68/22

#### **Housing Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services answered queries raised:

- There was a consensus around lack of available properties and of landlords leaving the rental market. Where inspections find properties are substandard prohibition notices must be issued by the Council. Housing is aware of reports of properties being let to persons following prohibition notices issuing which should not happen, and Director Paddy Donnelly advised of a problem balancing inspections and availability of units.
- Individual properties with long term hot water issues will be addressed as a priority.
- A contractor will be appointed to build 6 units in Collon before the end of Q.3. Development consists of 2x bungalows and 4 x 3 bed units. A 64-week construction phase is estimated.

### Minute No. 69/22

#### **Operations and Marine Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer responded on all Operations Matters:

- Speeding issues will be referred to An Garda Síochána, and a request for a study of traffic on N2 at Blakestown will be referred to Area Engineer
- There are no plans to reopen public toilets at Dunleer – existing directional signage to toilets advised to officials
- Access issues for those using Disabled Parking Bay at Dunleer will be followed up with Area Engineer
- Line markings/bollards not reinstated following road works to be addressed
- Overgrowth, trees blocking signage in various locations noted for attention
- Water on road, missing bollards, road safety concerns were raised at various locations - Members were advised these would be referred to the Area Engineer.
- Members were advised surface dressing was due to commence in Ardee the following Monday
- Flashing BMS sign advising motorists of alternative routes around Ardee have been approved
- Extra parking on green area at Port Beach will be made available as demand dictates

### Minute no. 70/22

#### **Taking an item for consideration out of sequence in accordance with Standing Order No. 13**

The Cathaoirleach having established that there were no objectors to taking an item out of sequence of listing on the Agenda, agreed to move the item on Amenity Grants forward.

### Minute No. 71/22

#### **Amenity Grants submitted in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001.**

It was

**Proposed by** Cllr. Jim Tenanty and

**Seconded by** Cllr. Pearse McGeough and resolved to approve the grants as presented to Members in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

### Minute No. 72/22

#### **Taking in Charge**

Cllr. Jim Tenanty declared a **conflict of interest** as the owner of a property in Fosters Close which was on the Taking in Charge Report and left the meeting for the duration of discussions.

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and Gerry McCormack, Assistant Engineer responded on all matters.

- Responding to a query on works required to estates where the Developer had gone, Gerry McCormack advised he had spoken to Irish Water and they have agreed to look at legacy estates and are going to create a framework of companies to carry out works and repairs. This will include old pumping stations and should also address Coopers Place.
- A number of legal issues have arisen around the taking in charge of Fosters Close, Ardee.

### Minute No. 73/22

#### **Proposed Taking in Charge of The Cornmill, Ardee**

In accordance with S180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993, Approval of the taking in charge of **The Cornmill, Ardee** and the declaration of the roads within the development as Public Roads as set out before Members in the Agenda, was

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Bernie Conlon

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Jim Tenanty

And Resolved.

### Minute No. 74/22

#### **Proposed Taking in Charge of Masseurene Close, Collon**

In accordance with S180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993, Approval of the taking in charge of **Masseurene Close,**

**Collon** and the declaration of the roads within the development as Public Roads as set out before Members in the Agenda, was

**Proposed by:** Cllr. John Sheridan

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Pearse McGeough

And Resolved.

#### **Minute No. 75/22**

#### **To receive a briefing on the Climate Action Plan**

Dr. Rory Sheehan introduced himself as the new Climate Action Officer for Louth County Council and briefed Members on the legislative requirements around preparation and adoption of a Climate Action Plan. The presentation as given to Members was well received and Members engaged in a lively discussion with Rory thereafter.

#### **Minute No. 76/22**

#### **Notice of Motion: Proposed by Cllr. John Sheridan**

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Jim Tenanty

*“That LCC would carry out a traffic count in Louth Village with a view to installing traffic calming measures in the village centre and to investigate if traffic lights (pedestrian or otherwise) are required”.*

#### **Reply from Ms. C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations**

*The area engineer will examine the issues raised and will report back.*

Speaking on the motion Cllr. John Sheridan advised of the need for ramps in Louth Village on the R171 from Knockbridge and cited a need for this to be on the Road Works Programme, he advised of a crash at the junction where children had just passed by and 6 estates across the road from a playground and cited a need for safety measures.

Councillors Pearse McGeough and Jim Tenanty also spoke in support of this motion.

#### **Minute No. 77/22**

#### **AOB**

The protocol on deputations attending Municipal District meetings was discussed following a cited request from the Ardee Traders Association to attend the September meeting. Members were advised of requirement to relate to reserved functions of Members, standing order requirements around size of deputation, 15 minute time frame and the requirement of advance notice of presentation to Meeting administrator in writing. It was proposed that where deputations were meeting Members that the meeting needed a bigger venue such as the Courthouse or O'Connell's GFC Clubrooms.

It was agreed to hold condolences for September.

A standalone meeting was agreed by all Members present to be held in committee on Discretionary Fund allocation.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

**The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Municipal District held on:**

**Date:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2022

**Cathaoirleach:**

Paula Buckley

**Meeting Administrator:**

Aisling Quinlan