



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – April 2024

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 4th April at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor: Dolores Minogue

Members: Councillor(s): Bernie Conlon, Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Jim Tenanty

Apologies: Councillor(s): Paula Butterly

Officials: Bernie Woods, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer

Minute No. 27/24

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th March 2024

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 7th March 2024 was

Proposed by: Cllr John Sheridan

Seconded by: Cllr Bernie Conlon

And agreed

Minute No. 28/24

Matters Arising

Updates were sought on items which are recorded under the Roads Section item

Minute No. 29/24

Part 8 Collon Playground

Members discussed the Chief Executive Report as set out before them on the Agenda. Senior Executive Officer Olivia McCormack responded to queries raised. Members were advised that while there had been some hindrances to obtaining land ownership, approval of the Part 8 was to allow for build of playground.

Cllr Tenanty thanked the Chief Executive for intervening to ensure that land ownership issues were resolved and that the playground would go ahead, with all Members present welcoming the Part 8.

Some items of concern around pedestrian safety and traffic calming were raised under this item.

Approval of the recommendation as set out in the report to proceed with the development was

Proposed by Cllr Dolores Minogue

Seconded by Cllr John Sheridan

And resolved as provided for in Section 179 (4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Minute No. 30/24

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised.

Items highlighted under this agenda item include:

- A concern on limited space for car parking at units of elderly accommodation in St. Mary's Court Kilsaran should utility or emergency vehicles need to access
- A final date has yet to be set for allocation of units at John Street

Minute No. 31/24

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Declan McMahon Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with potholes, footpath repair, traffic calming, road safety and signage requests, traffic light sequencing and traffic light repair, road resurfacing, road lines painting, painting of parking bays, road subsidence, the following items were highlighted:

- Five bridges are scheduled for works under the Road Works Programme, other bridges may have to wait for funding in future years
- Damage caused to banks and dirt to properties following desilting at Annagassan are being addressed by contractor
- Reports of water damage to road from flow at Priest Hill Collon will be investigated
- CIS application at Lannet Killanny is problematic as it borders Monaghan and Louth and there are no houses on the Monaghan side to allow for a separate application to be made to fix whole road
- Issues with drains and gullies in the mid Louth area were raised
- Cars getting ticketed at loading bay in Market St due to lack of line marking or sufficient signage was raised
- Upgrade of old, and installation of new, toilets at Ardee library was raised as a matter of contention as the municipal district members had allocated funds to same in 2018. It was considered that this was due to the contractor and not the staff of Louth County Council
- A report is still to go to TII to allow for a feasibility and options report on improvement to the junction from Castlegarde to the N33

Minute No. 32/24

Taking in Charge Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting.

Updates were given on progress in various estates and praise given to Keith McArdle Assistant Engineer who addressed all matters raised.

Members were advised that where estates are requesting plebiscites, if details of a contact person is forwarded to Keith an application form can issue.

Minute No. 33/24

Condolences

Condolences were offered to:

- Declan Bingham, father of five, who contributed greatly to the promotion of sport in the area and who was firmly embedded in the community
- the family and friends of all those who had died in the area.

Cllr McGeough wanted it noted that he had unfortunately omitted to mention that Alec McClean RIP, who had previously been mentioned in condolences was the chair of MS Louth as well as his many other achievements.

Minute No. 34/24

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Lightsource bp on a very successful visit hosting Municipal District members to a solar farm in Co. Antrim since last meeting. Residents were encouraged to make contact and arrange a visit with lightsource if they had any concerns around solar farms.
- The St. Patrick's Day Committee for a successful parade. However Members were saddened and disappointed by verbal abuse levied at them in public from a committee member on the stand on the day, despite having contributed to the parade several years in a row from their discretionary funds.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

2 May 2024

Cathaoirleach:

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Meeting Administrator:

A. J. Henney