

Borough District of Drogheda – May 2021

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held via MS Teams, hosted from the Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 10th May 2021 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan - Present in Chamber

Members: Attended Remotely: Councillors James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Fiachra MacRaghnaill, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pío Smith, Eileen Tully

Officials: Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator- Present in Chamber
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services - Present in Chamber
Catherine Duff, Director of Services - Remote
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer - Remote
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer - Remote
Bernadette McArdle, Senior Executive Engineer - Remote
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer - Remote

Minute No. 46/21

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Michelle Hall and seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne.

Minute No. 47/21

Matters Arising

Minute 34/21 stated that a presentation on the Outdoor Dining Scheme would be arranged for May but was not on agenda. Paddy Donnelly Director, advised that a presentation would be arranged when there was an update available.

Minute No. 48/21

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Director of Services, Paddy Donnelly addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were clarified:

- Housing are meeting with the Department to set realistic targets as where previous targets were exceeded the target was then increased.
- Increase in grant applications has seen more staff allocated to grants on full time basis and a change to the application period which is now open all year round. Grant funding is always used in full.
- While everyone on transfer list deserving of transfer, the ability to transfer all on list is not straightforward. Challenge to avoid void creation.

- Retrofit scheme is for tenanted properties only. Housing officials are hopeful of void scheme funding announcement.

Minute No. 49/21

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting.

Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer addressed all Operations Matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Business owners have responsibility for litter within 100m of premises
- Cleaning crew back working fully, non routine special cleaning can now be tackled
- Clogherhead Carpark will be resurfaced and include kerbing and EV chargers
- Operations exploring possible pedestrianisation options in town
- Engineers willing to meet interested parties on Sunday's Gate remedial proposals

Members were advised to refer items raised on PANCR and the Obelisk Bridge to Infrastructure. Operations will examine issue of running water from railway bridge and coordinate with Irish Rail/Irish Water as necessary.

Minute No. 50/21

Periodic Speed Limit Byelaws

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. Members who raised queries outside of report on Speed Byelaws were requested to refer these to Frank Pentony Director of Infrastructure.

Minute No. 51/21

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

To approve Members Community Grant Allocations as circulated with the agenda.

Proposed by: Cllr. Fiachra. MacRaghnaill

Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

And agreed.

Minute No. 52/21

Condolences

Members extended sympathy to the family and friends of:

- Seán Corcoran, musician, folklorist and founding member of Old Drogheda Society.

Minute No. 53/21**Update on the Boyne Enterprise Road Extension, Newtownstalaban, Drogheda**

Bernadette McArdle, Senior Executive Engineer presented Members with an overview on the proposed Boyne Enterprise Road Extension at Newtownstalaban, Drogheda, which was well received. Members were advised that a full presentation would be given to Council in July or September.

Minute No. 54/21**AOB****Update on Regeneration Projects from Aoife Lawler**

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services advised the Chair that Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer was available to update Members on Regional Regeneration efforts in Drogheda if they so wished.

Aoife Lawler then gave Members an overview on status of current regeneration projects in Drogheda including:

- Westgate Vision
- St. Peter's Place
- St. Lawrence Gate
- Destination Ireland

Members welcomed Aoife Lawler, questioned her on some items and thanked her for her briefing. Members were advised that a briefing would be given every three/four months where possible.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

14/6/2021

Mayor:

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Meeting Administrator:

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