

Borough District of Drogheda – January 2020

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 6th January 2020 at 4.15 p.m. Barlow House, Drogheda.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Paul Bell

Members: Cllrs. James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pio Smith

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
James Searson, Assistant Engineer

Minute No.1/20

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2nd December, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Callan and seconded by Cllr. Michelle Hall

Minute No. 2/20

Matters Arising

- It was agreed to circulate the members with the costing in relation to the boundary fenced at Castlemanor.
- It was agreed to review the weekend traffic light sequence at Shop Street and Marley's lane soon.

Minute No. 3/20

Housing Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to attempt to provide the members with details of outstanding maintenance requests for 2019 including timescales.
- It was also agreed to circulate an update in relation to the infill housing at Termon River.

Minute No. 4/20

Infrastructure, Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- The need to put more planters in on the North Road place to prevent parking on the footpath was noted.
- The damaged bollards at St. Lawrence's gate were noted for attention.
- The need to get the parking machines working again on Windmill Road was raised.
- It was agreed to look into any gullies that need to be cleared in the town.
- The poor condition of the footpath in Rathmullen was noted.
- The problem of pooling on the Bridge of Peace was raised.
- It was agreed to pursue the concerns of the residents in Congress Avenue and Marley Court
- It was agreed to investigate the possibility of putting lined parking bays in Priory Lodge.
- It was agreed to circulate the draft Coastal erosion report to the members on foot of a query in relation to Seapoint.
- The need to ensure litter bins and bring banks are being cleaned properly was raised for attention.
- It was agreed to investigate subsidence on the Donore Road.

Minute No. 5/20

Taking in Charge Report

Members noted the report as circulated.

- The need to ramp the footpath at the Stables was raised.

Minute No. 6/20

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to families of:

- Mr. Jackie Curran
- Ann McArdle
- Malachy McCloskey
- Alison Swaine

Minute No. 7/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Calling on this Borough District to provide a detailed report on the works carried out under the Drogheda Streetscape Improvements as outlined in the 2019 LCC Budget

under the heading of Operations & Local Services 3 Year Capital Programme 2019-2021, specifically stating the type of work carried out and the cost of each piece of work and make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

Drogheda Fleadh Projects

Site	Action
St Dominick Bridge	Painting & refurbishment
Peace Bridge	Deep clean, paint, replace flag holders
Road markings & signage	Clean & replace – Majority town centre
Westgate B&B & DYD building	Repairs and repaint – vegetation removal
Various buildings	Vegetation removal
Big Belly Bin	Pilot installed
Old Abbey Lane	Hording removed – pedestrian access improved, public light
Callans Narrow West Street	Paint & refurbish
Patrickswell Lane	Refurbishment
Boyne Cycle Trail	Town Centre section – path improved & public lights
Dominics Park – Rose Garden	Finishing works carried out
Georges Street - etc	Public Light columns refurbished
Laurences Gate	Signage removal, info panels replaced
West Street - etc	Banner holders
Heritage sites	Coloured lighting feature
Tholsel Building	Power wash & vegetation removal
St Peters Church	Power washing – electrical connections
Fair Street Offices	Painting & refurbishment
Dominics Park	Vehicle access – footpath ramped
Public lighting	Audit & repairs
West Street decorative lighting	Refurbishment & repair
Town Centre locations	Improve wheelchair access – (Some Temp)
Public Toilets Georges Street	Face lift and cleaning

Members were informed that costings would be circulated as soon as they were available. Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 8/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Asking that this Borough District request LCC to make an application to the Historic Town's Initiative for funding for works to be carried out in Old Abbey Lane as directed by the Heritage Officer and to make provision in the capital budget for appropriate match funding."

Reply:

In 2015 & 2016, Louth County Council carried out works to the value of €90,000 which included a €40,000 grant from the Heritage Council. The works included stabilisation of the wall and tower. Further works were carried out in 2018 to facilitate through access to Old Abbey lane from Narrow West Street. Other works in the area to the value of €355,135 were the basis of a grant application under the Historic Town Initiative, Public Realm initiatives. The grant application for €200,000 was denied. We will continue to look for opportunities to access funding for this and other historic sites in the county.

Members noted the reply

Minute No. 9/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"In recognition of the poor condition of the road surface and drainage on the Cherrymount estate. I call on Council to provide the necessary resources under the 2020 roadworks programme to address these issues."

Reply:

The area staff have completed the drainage works. The estimated cost of the road resurfacing is €10,000. There is currently no funds to carry out the work.

Members noted the reply

Minute No. 10/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Paul Bell

"That Louth County Council will carry out a traffic and speed survey to assess if the recent low cost road traffic calming measures were effective in reducing the high levels of speeding violations (74%) in Tullyallen and to install more effective measures such as ramps, pedestrian crossings and/or driver feedback signs, especially at the approach to Tullyallen school, Watery

Lane and the shops on Main St. if the speeding is still occurring, as per Louth's Road Safety Plan."

Reply:

The area engineer will arrange for a traffic survey to be completed.

Members noted the reply

Minute No. 11/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Declan Power
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Calling on Louth Co Council to make available the Lourdes Stadium FREE of charge to the public for the month of January & February during public hours only in an effort to promote health, fitness and wellbeing in conjunction with 'RTE Operation Transformation' programme and to promote the stadium as a council sports facility that is under used by the public."

Reply:

The Lourdes Athletic Stadium is currently available for use by the public at a heavily subsidised and reasonable charge of € 2.00 per hour of use. There is no provision made in the 2020 budget to lower this charge. In addition, Louth County Council in association with the Louth Local Sports Partnership and the following GAA clubs, St Feckins, Oliver Plunketts, Newtown Blues, Dreadnots will deliver the Operation Transformation Programme in the south of the county in January. There will be no charge for participants on this programme.

Members emphasised the need to promote use of the facility and to look into extending the opening hours. Members noted the reply

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date:

31/2/20

Mayor:

R. O. Bell

Meeting Administrator:

Alan Hovv