

Borough District of Drogheda – July 2020

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held in The Barbican Centre, William Street, Drogheda on Monday 6th July, 2020 at 4.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan

Members: Councillors: James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Eileen Tully

Officials: Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services

Apologies: Cllr. Pio Smith
Cllr. Michelle Hall

Minute No. 47/20

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 8th June 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. James Byrne.

Minute No. 48/20

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 8th June 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Declan Power.

Minute No. 49/20

Matters Arising

- It was pointed out that the request for a speed survey on the North Road in minute 37/20 should have made reference to the survey being requested at a previous meeting.

Minute No. 50/20

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and had their queries addressed.

- It was agreed to check the homeless figures in the report as they appeared to be high.
- In response to concerns raised in relation to some rough sleepers in the town members were assured that the Housing Department would assist them if they made contact.

Minute No. 51/20**Operations and Marine Progress Report**

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

- It was suggested that flowers and planters should be put in place on the approach roads to Drogheda.
- It was also pointed out that there are weeds growing at the planters on the North Strand
- It was suggested that the road sweeper should clear fallen leaves from the footpath on the Dublin Road which are a potential slip hazard.
- The need to resurface the road surface in the county Louth section of the Rosevale estate was highlighted.
- The need to carry out the planned review of the pay parking on Windmill Road was raised in order to establish if the problems with the machines not working for long periods has been resolved.
- The issue of rats in the Grove Hill thoroughway was raised.
- The need to action traffic calming measures on Congress Avenue and Marley's Court was emphasised.
- The condition of the road at the rear of 303 Rathmullen was highlighted.
- It was pointed out that the drains in Balls Grove need to be repaired.
- The need to ensure the bottle banks are emptied when full was raised.
- A query was raised as to whether or not the recent works at Spine Road, Aston Village included the repair of the overflow valve.
- It was suggested that the area in front of the coast guard station at Clogherhead should be reserved for parking by the volunteers
- The problem of hard water in the housing estate in Seapoint golf course was highlighted.
- The removal of broken glass from the Glen, Newfoundwell was requested
- The condition of the road and the need for a litter pick from the golf club to the Haven in Baltray was raised.
- The need to address the pot holes outside the school in Termonfeckin was highlighted.

Minute No. 52/20**Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants**

The Allocation of Members Community Grants was proposed by Cllr. Paddy McQuillan, seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 53/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith

"Asking that the engineering section of the council investigate the need for additional safety measures at St Brigid's School, Bothar Brugha and make recommendations on same."

As the proposing member was not in attendance the motion could not be taken.

Minute No. 54/20

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith

"Asking that the engineering section review the drainage works carried out at the council allotments in Newtown with a view to determining if they are sufficient to allow excess water drain from the area, and carry out costings to determine the extent of works required to allow access to the allotments through the front gate rather than the Graveyard entrance.

As the proposing member was not in attendance the motion could not be taken.

Minute No. 55/20

Notice of Motion

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

"Calling on Louth County Council to begin the process of pedestrianising West Street from the junction of Stockwell Street and Duke Street to the Tholsel Junction."

Reply:

The Council is working with the stakeholders in Drogheda to explore the opportunities to increase footfall and maintain social distancing by way of a number of initiatives this includes pedestrianisation on a section of West St.

The members emphasized the need for all stakeholders to be consulted and for the initiative to put in place disability friendly measures and street furniture. The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 56/20

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Sympathies

Sympathies were expressed to:

- Seanie Power, Father of Declan Power
- Vikki Behan
- Maureen McDonald
- Tommy Fagan

The members observed a minutes silence.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

7/9/20.

Mayor:

Wm. P. O'Connell

Meeting Administrator:

Alan Perry