

Borough District of Drogheda – September 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 2nd September 2019 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
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Emer O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner
Clare O'Hagan, Senior Staff Officer

Minute No. 87/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st July, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Tom Cunningham.

Minute No. 88/19

Matters Arising

It was agreed to revert back to the members with an update in relation to contact made with supermarkets about dumped shopping trolleys.

Minute No. 89/19

Housing Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to revert back to the members with the number of families in emergency accommodation.

Minute No. 90/19

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- The need for damaged properties in Moneymore to be secured was raised.
- An overview of the outdoor maintenance works was requested for the next meeting.
- The public were requested to provide times of HGVs driving late at night on the Platin Road to the Council.
- The Mayor was requested to seek a meeting with the Minister in relation to funding for the Westgate Vision and the Northern Cross Route.
- The need to take action in relation to rat running on Congress Avenue was raised.
- The need for a traffic management review on the Dublin Road was highlighted.
- It was pointed out that some of the ant-parking bollards on West Street needed to be replaced.
- A traffic survey was requested for the Drogheda to Collon Road.
- A cycling infrastructure report for Drogheda was requested.
- It was agreed to review the safety measures that may be needed at the school in Tullyallen.
- It was agreed to revert back to the members with information in relation to the provision of public lighting at Burton Hall.
- It was recommended that the poor visibility at the Blackhall Cross junction be addressed.
- It was pointed out that the road markings at Callystown Road/R166 need to be repainted.
- The issue of pooling/flooding at the bus station was raised, along with Hinch Lane and under the railway bridge.
- It was pointed out that the surface on Bottle Lane was depressed due to the weight of HGVs using it.
- It was suggested that bollards may be required in the centre of Fair Street to prevent drivers driving on the wrong side of the road.

Minute No. 91/19

PEACE IV Partnership Nominee

Cllr. Joanna Byrne was proposed by Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne

Cllr. Pio Smith was proposed by Cllr. Michelle Hall and seconded by Cllr. Paul Bell

A roll call vote was taken

For Cllr. Joanna Byrne (2): Cllrs. Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham

For Cllr. Pio Smith (7): Cllrs. Paul Bell, James Byrne, Kevin Callan, Michelle Hall, Paddy McQuillan, Declan Power, Pio Smith

Cllr. Pio Smith was elected to the PEACE IV Partnership.

Minute No. 92/19

Road Safety Working Together Group Nominee

Cllr. Tom Cunningham was proposed by Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Tom Cunningham.

It was agreed by the Members that Cllr. Tom Cunningham be elected to the Road Safety Working Together Group.

Minute No. 93/19

Windmill Road Amended Residents Parking Bye Laws

Adoption of the bye laws was proposed by Cllr. Joanna Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Pio Smith and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 94/19

Strategic Housing Development

Observations made by the members were noted by the planning department officials and queries were answered. Members noted the report.

Minute No. 95/19

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

This was proposed by Cllr. Kevin Callan, seconded by Cllr. Pio Smith and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 96/19

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to families of:

- Cllr. Oliver Tully
- Tommy Byrne

A minutes silence was observed

Minute No. 97/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Bell

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"That this Council commit to providing protective car parking and set down spaces for residents only use in Scarlet Crescent. This motion is supported by residents all whom are suffering from the experience of inconsiderate and illegal parking. This motion is not calling for the implementation of pay parking and when implemented has no revenue implications for Council."

Reply:

Under the current legislation there is no mechanism to implement or enforce 'protective car parking and set down spaces for residents only in Scarlet Crescent.'

It was agreed to look into possible solutions to the issue raised in the motion and revert back to the members. Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 98/19

Notice of Question

Proposed by: Cllr. Paddy McQuillan

"Following on from the successful campaign to close St Laurence Gate to all public traffic, can Louth County Council please answer the following query:

How far on are the negotiations with the Office of Public Works to have St Laurence Gate open to the public as a full time tourist attraction for the town and how much

monies have been set aside by this council for the restoration of St Laurence Gate to make it safe and accessible for tourists visiting this attraction?"

Reply:

Discussions with the Office of Public Works regarding the opening of St Laurence's Gate to the public are ongoing. As St Laurence's Gate is a national monument under the management of the Office of Public Works at present, the question of spending of money on the refurbishment of the monument itself does not arise. However, the Council is seeking funding for improvements to the public realm space associated with the Gate.

Members noted the reply.

The meeting then concluded

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

Date:

Mayor:

Meeting Administrator:
