

Borough District of Drogheda – December 2019

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 2nd December 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, Eileen Tully

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Declan Conlon, Executive Planner
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Aideen Morrissey, Public Realm Designer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer

Apologies: Cllr. P. Smith

Minute No.125/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4th November, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Michelle Hall and seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne.

Minute No. 126/19

Matters Arising

- It was agreed to update members with a date for a joint Meath/Louth meeting when it is set.

Minute No. 127/19

Housing Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to circulate updates in relation to Termon River and Rathmullen infill housing.

Minute No. 128/19

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- It was pointed out that additional signage in relation to permit parking at the entrance to Windmill Road was needed.
- It was agreed to review the weekend traffic light sequence at Shop Street and Marley's Lane.
- It was agreed to take up the clearing of the stream at Aston Village with the developer.
- It was agreed to investigate the need for traffic calming and a school warden in sandpit.
- The need to remove the old signage at Lawrence's gate was raised.
- The overgrowth at the footpath in Donors Green was raised again.
- The need for repairs to be carried out on the Aleria beacon was raised.
- A number of areas were noted for review of the public lighting
- The need to address the weed and rodent problem at the walkway between Marley's Lane and Rathmullen was highlighted again.
- The need to cut the overgrown vegetation at the ESB station in Rathmullen was also raised.

Minute No. 129/19

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Newtownstalaban

The members had their observations and comments in relation to the proposal noted by a member of the Planning Department staff.

Minute No. 130/19

Proposed Part 8 for a Tourism Orientation, Information and Signage Plan for Drogheda

A presentation was given in relation to the proposal and the members had their queries and questions answered.

Minute No. 131/19

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to family of:

- Gary Martin

A minutes silence was observed

Minute No. 132/19

Notice of Motion

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

“That this Council relocate the existing bus stop at the Thatch Pub on Donore Road to a location west of the property. Preferably outside the garage premises where it had been previously located and that the road be marked accordingly”

Reply:

Louth County Council recently met with Bus Éireann’s area management regarding relocating the bus stop further west of existing location and beside the garage. This location was considered favorably. Bus Éireann will raise this location with Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Provision of a bus bay is also being considered. However there is currently no funding source identified.

The members noted the reply.

Minute No. 133/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Paddy McQuillan
Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne

To all elected members and members of the executive. I respectfully request that the February Municipal Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda be held in the Red Door Project, Dublin Rd Drogheda.”

Reply:

This is a matter for the members.

Following a discussion in which different views on the proposal were expressed Cllr. McQuillan withdrew the motion.

Minute No. 134/19

Notice of Motion

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

“Calling on this council to increase its street cleaning operations in Drogheda and to make available to the Elected Members of the Borough District of Drogheda with a full report of the ongoing maintenance plan and schedule for Drogheda encompassing all public spaces, street cleaning and public areas maintenance and grass cutting.

Having requested same at Borough Meetings via the operations section of the agenda since September and not having same made available I am requesting same be provided along with maps of all public spaces and green areas."

Reply:

The council clean the areas outlined on attached map as well as outlying villages, the total swept length is 16,505Km per annum. The areas which LCC grass cut in Drogheda are approximately 50 hectares, which are cut to maintain a maximum height of 4cm. A list of the areas will be circulated as part of the meeting.

It was suggested that members should feed in to a review of the current maintenance schedule. Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 135/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. Paul Bell

"Can this Council engage with ESB networks on the growing security issues concerning their sub station located on Simcox Lane, Trinity Gardens. The facility is subject to trespassing and illegal dumping."

Reply:

The council will arrange an inspection by the litter wardens in regard to the illegal dumping. A letter can be sent to the ESB notifying them of the other issues raised.

Minute No. 136/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

"Will the Council carry out vegetation removal on the public walkway on the Baltray Road directly across from Donors Green which is causing a difficulty for pedestrians and is presenting a public safety issue."

Reply:

The area engineer will carry out an inspection and will confirm what action is required.

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date:

6/1/20

Mayor:

R. J. P. Bell

Meeting Administrator:

Alan Henry

