

Borough District of Drogheda – February 2020

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 3rd February 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, Eileen Tully

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Darius Messayeh, Executive Engineer

Minute No.12/20

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6th January 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Tom Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne.

Minute No. 13/20

Matters Arising

- It was agreed to circulate the members with the report in relation to maintenance requests for 2019 as soon as it is ready.

Minute No. 14/20

Housing Progress Report

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

- At the concern expressed at the length of time for some repairs to Council houses members were encouraged to bring any particular cases to the attention of the Director.
- Concern was expressed at the number of transfer requests and the need to facilitate downsizing by Council tenants was emphasised.
- It was also agreed to circulate an update in relation to the infill housing at Termon River.

Minute No. 15/20

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- An update in relation to the Tholsel public consultation process was requested
- It was agreed to update members in relation to the possibility of the provision of parking bays in Priory lodge
- The possible need for a "prepare to stop" sign on the Cockle Road was raised.
- The possible need for bollards in Termonfeckin was raised.
- The building of more houses at Highlands was raised and whether or not work to the junction was a condition of the planning permission granted.
- The need for Irish Water to update the members in relation to the capacity to provide water services to additional housing was raised.
- The need to fully investigate the HGVs using the Platin Road and Mary Street was emphasised.
- It was agreed to write to Irish rail in relation to repairing the lights on the viaduct.
- The need to review the traffic light sequence at Shop Street and Marley's Lane at the weekend was repeated.
- It was pointed out that the Termonfeckin traffic survey should record speeds.
- The need to include Pitcher Hill in the litter cleaning schedule was highlighted.
- The need for an Garda Siochana to enforce the HGV restriction from 5.30 to 7.00 a.m. in Knockbrack Downs was raised.
- An inspection of the illegal dumping in the estate on Cement Road was requested.
- The need to put the road markings in place on Mary Street was emphasised.
- The need for a yellow box at Beaubec was raised.

Minute No. 16/20

District Discretionary Budget

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Bell, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Callan and agreed by the members that the discretionary budget of €65,000 for 2020 be divided equally between the ten members of Drogheda Borough District for allocation.

Minute No. 17/20

Road Works Programme 2020

The Roads Works Programme 2020 was circulated to members and it was proposed by Cllr. Pio Smith, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Callan and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 18/20

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

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

Minute No. 19/20

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to families of:

- Séamus Mallon
- Keane Mulready-Woods

The Mayor was commended for the rally he organised in relation to the issue of criminal violence and he in turn commended the citizens for Drogheda for attending in such large numbers.

Minute No. 20/20

Notice of Motion

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

"Asking that this Borough District carry out an assessment of pedestrian and traffic movements at Mell School, in particular the road coming from the R168 that leads to the school and Fountain Hill Estate and that if works are deemed necessary, then money be allocated for such in the 2020 Road Works Programme."

Reply:

The area engineer will investigate the issues raised and make a recommendation.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 21/20

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Notice of Motion

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

"That this Council resolve to have the Freedom of Drogheda roll of honor(Freedom Book) digitalised so that citizens may have access to this historic document through Louth County Council website. Such an initiative would not only protect the formal record as recorded in the existing book. But would also be a record for historians, students and Droghedians all over the World."

Reply:

The County Archivist will review the matter and consider options and costs involved in digitising the Borough District of Drogheda role of Honour.

Members noted the reply.

The meeting then concluded.

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

Date:

21/3/20

Mayor:

P. P. Bell

Meeting Administrator:

Alan Harvey