

Borough District of Drogheda – November 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 4th November 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, Eileen Tully

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

Minute No.114/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th October, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Kevin Callan.

Minute No. 115/19

The minutes of the budgetary plan meeting held on 21st October, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Joanna Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Pio Smith.

Minute No. 116/19

Matters Arising

- The update requested at the previous meeting in relation to Boyce Court was raised.
- The schedule of maintenance for the town requested at previous meetings was also raised.

Minute No. 117/19

Housing Progress Report

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

- Members had their queries and questions answered at the meeting
- An update was requested in relation to the issues raised following an inspection of John Street apartments

Minute No. 118/19

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to check if all recycling bins and the CCTV camera had been put back in place on Bolton Square after being removed temporarily for the Fleadh Cheoil.
- An update was requested in relation to the joint committee of Meath/Louth councillors
- It was pointed out that the bollards on railway bridge need to be repainted
- The flooding at the grave yard on the Ballynakenny Road, the R166 Coast Road, Hever Road, Clogherhead and Hardman's Gardens was highlighted for attention.
- An update in relation to the traffic calming measures for Termon Abbey was requested.
- It was pointed out that there has not been engagement with the residents of Congress Avenue in relation to traffic calming.
- An update in relation to Irish Water's plans for Barnattan was requested.
- The overgrown foliage on the footpath at Donor's Green was raised.
- The need for Irish Rail to address the overgrowth on the viaduct bridge was raised.
- The need to clear the drains in the Spires, Termonfeckin was raised.
- The need to reinstate the road at the Haven was highlighted.
- It was pointed out that the sign at the speed ramp in Leonard's Cross is obscured by trees. It was also agreed to meet residents to discuss traffic calming measures.
- It was pointed out that Priests Lane requires resurfacing.
- It was also pointed out that the markings from the roundabout to Bottle Lane need to be repainted.

Minute No. 119/19

Drogheda Allocation of Members Community Grants

This was proposed by Cllr. Pío Smith and seconded by Cllr. Michelle Hall and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 120/19

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to families of:

- Vincent Hoey
- Gay Byrne

A minutes silence was observed

Minute No. 121/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith

“That this Council engage with Irish Water for the purpose of agreeing the installation of infrastructure which will prevent flooding on Donore Road at the location of the bus station.”

Reply:

There have been a number of flooding incidents following intense rainfall at Donore Road junction in Drogheda over a number of years. Louth County Council are liaising with Irish Water to complete investigative works and to address the issue. Irish Water is currently progressing with plans to carry out the necessary works to help alleviate the flooding. The works required will be complex given the location and depth of the pipe in an urban environment.

Members requested a meeting with Irish Water to establish what works are required and the cost and timescale of those works. The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 122/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Bell
Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne

“That this Council call on Bus Éireann to extend the operation of its town service to Sunday and that a pilot be initiated in the lead up to Christmas.”

Reply:

This is a matter for the members.

The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 123/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith

“That the Council promote Motorhome Tourism through Motorhome Parking and Motorhome Service Area's with overnight parking at Council owned car parks and to identify suitable locations for the development of an Aire(s) in Drogheda or its environs. It will allow for more tourism opportunities both from Ireland and overseas visitors, in a cost effective way.”

Reply:

The council is looking at best practice in other local authorities and will bring a policy to the members which could be implemented subject to funding.

The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 124/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

Seconded by: Cllr. Eileen Tully

“That the Council subsidise Solar-powered Driver Feedback Signs for communities and schools in a 50:50 scheme. Road safety is a huge concern to many residents and the Council should work in partnership with local communities in a proactive rather than reactive way, in preventing road traffic accidents.”

Reply:

The Council has worked for many years in a proactive approach to road safety and has been part of the very successful National program on road safety that has significantly reduced fatalities and serious injuries over the years. The council has an annual road safety program and there is a policy in place adopted by the Council in regard to the provision of periodic signage at schools.

The members agreed the motion.

The meeting then concluded

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

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____