**DUNDALK TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF DUNDALK TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, DUNDALK ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor J Green, presided.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor M Bellew, Councillor S Bellew, Councillor M Butler, Councillor M Doyle, Councillor C Keelan, Councillor K Meenan, Councillor O Morgan, Councillor E O’Boyle, Councillor J Ryan and Councillor H Todd

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor M Dearey

**IN ATTENDANCE**

J Martin, County Manager

F Pentony, Director of Services and Town Clerk

D Storey, Senior Executive Officer

J Lawrence, Administrative Officer

C Duff, Town Engineer

S Mullen, Executive Planner

B Lynch, County Accountant

The Meeting commenced with Prayers at 6pm

**332/12** **VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

On the proposition of An Cathaoirleach J Green and seconded by Councillor M Bellew the members agreed to extend a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Sean Kenna, former Councillor and Cathaoirleach of Dundalk Town Council.

**333/12** **PLANNING AND RELATED MATTERS**

12/119 Cormac Woods Extension of Duration of planning

permission 07/44 at rear 75/76 Pearse Park, Dundalk

There was no comment from the Members on this application.

12/120 Gerry Matthews Retention of single storey extension

etc at the rear of existing shop Toolfix, 87-89 Dublin Street, Dundalk

There was no comment from the Members on this application.

12/121 Michael Clarke Outline Permission for two number

dwellinghouses at Castle Park, Castletown Road, Dundalk

There was no comment from the Members on this application.

12/122 Dunnes Stores Extension of Duration of planning

permission 07/244 on lands to the south west of the junction of Hoey’s Lane, Inner Relief Road, Dundalk

There was no comment from the Members on this application.

12/123 Michelle McEnteggart Permission for the construction of a

single storey side and rear extension and associated site works at 179 Greenacres, Dundalk

There was no comment from the Members on this application.

12/124 Railway Preservation Society Outline Planning Permission for

of Ireland visitors centre and associated site works at Freight Handling Deport, Ardee, Co Louth.

John Lawrence advised the Members that this application was incomplete and

therefore invalid.

**334/12** **PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**

The report was circulated at the meeting and noted by the Members

**335/12** **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposition of Councillor H Todd and seconded by Councillor M Butler the Members agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 27th November 2012 with the following amendments

1. Record the attendance of **S Mullen Senior Executive Planner** in place of U Conlon, Executive Planner.
2. **Minute No 304/12**

Replace the wording under Planning Ref 12/111

“There was no comment from the Members on this application” with **‘Councillor E O’Boyle remarked that he considered that this development was not in compliance with the Development Plan. F Pentony clarified that the development was in compliance and had it not been it would have required a material contravention process to be instigated’.**

1. **Minute No 308/12**

Replace the word “imminent” with **‘implementation’**

**Minute No 312/12**

Replace the date “18th” with **‘11th’**

**Minute No 313/12**

Insert the wording **‘of three million euro’** after the word ‘facility’

1. Record the following in **Minute No 303/12**

**On the proposition of An Cathaoirleach J Green and seconded by Councillor M Doyle, it was agreed by the Members to hold a Civic Reception for Amy Broadhurst, European Junior Featherweight Champion, and Dealgan Boxing Club.**

The minutes of the Housing MPC of the 25th September 2012, Infrastructure MPC of the 2nd October 2012 and the CPG meeting of the 19th November 2012 were noted by the Members.

**336/12** **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor M Butler referred to Minute No 310/12 and F Pentony confirmed that the Roads element of the Capital Progress Report dated 5th December 2012 was incorrect in relation to percentage completion of the road surfacing contract 2012.

Councillor M Bellew referred to Minute No 320/12 – Bulky Waste Disposal costs and F Pentony advised that no developments had occurred on this issue.

Councillor C Keelan referred to Minute No 307/12 – Landfill site survey and C Duff advised that the report will be available in the New Year.

**337/12** **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT NOVEMBER 2012**

Councillor E O’Boyle queried the allocation for 2013 for Grant Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled and D Storey confirmed that the Council has not been notified of same. He also confirmed that an Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme will replace the 1995 Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Councillor M Bellew requested detailed breakdown figures for repair requests and D Storey advised that this will be provided in the New Year.

Councillor C Keelan referred to statistics for inspection of Private Rented stock and requested a comparative figure against all rented stock. D Storey advised that these figures are County wide figures and he will check with Louth County Council.

**33812** **APPROVAL TO ADVANCE A LOAN OF UP TO €290,925 TO TUATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION, FOR THE PROVISION OF 2 UNITS OF ACCOMMODATION AT BARRACK MEWS, DUNDALK, CO LOUTH, UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

It was confirmed for Councillor J Ryan that Tuath Housing Association were formally Helm Housing Association. On the proposition of Councillor M Butler and seconded by Councillor M Bellew the Members approved the loan as set out.

**339/12** **CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT NOVEMBER 2012**

The report was noted by the Members.

**340/12** **CONFERENCES / EVENTS – TO APPROVE MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCE AT THE ENCLOSED CONFERENCES**

The conference listed was noted by the Members

**341/12** **RESOLUTIONS**

The resolutions were noted by the Members.

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**342/12** **CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted by the Members. F Pentony confirmed that no further correspondence had been received from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine since the letter of 29th November 2012.

The Members were circulated with an extract of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964.

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**The meeting concluded with prayers @ 6.30pm**

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Minutes confirmed at Meeting

Held on the day of January 2013

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