

Minutes of Special Council Meeting (2) April 2014

Minutes of Special Meeting (2) (Housing) of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 17:30 hrs.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. D. Breathnach.
Members:	Councillors: M. Bellew, M. Butler, E. Corrigan, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, P. McQuillan, I. Munster, M. Murnaghan, M. O' Dowd, L. Reilly, J. Ryan, P. Savage, T. Sharkey.
Officials:	J. McGuinness, Director of Services F. Pentony, Director of Services C. Vaughan, Senior Social Worker P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
Apologies:	Cllrs. P. Bell, L. English, C. Markey, P. Smith P. Poole, County Manager

Minute No. 68/14

Vote of Congratulations

An Cathaoirleach noted the attendance of Ms. Catherine Vaughan, Senior Social Worker and extended best wishes to her on her retirement. He noted the very valuable work Ms. Vaughan had carried out particularly in dealing with members of the Travelling Community and the homeless both when she served in Dundalk Town Council and Louth County Council. He wished her a long and happy retirement.

Minute No. 69/14

An Cathaoirleach in opening the meeting advised that the special meeting had been convened in accordance with Standing Order No. 5 – request for a special meeting signed by six members including Cllrs. E. Corrigan, M. Bellew, J. Loughran, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, D. Breathnach.

The meeting was requested to consider the following motion.

Motion

Proposed by Cllr. E. Corrigan
Seconded by Cllr. P. Savage
And resolved:

Louth County Council has no confidence in the directive from the government which has led to the reduction of funding and the forced closure of Dundalk Women's Aid refuge. That Louth County Council petition National Government to provide additional funding for the provision of services at Women's Aid refuge Dundalk with immediate effect.

Minute No. 70/14

Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services presented a report in regard to the funding of Dundalk Women's Aid Service and advised the members that the primary funder of the services is Tulsa. Louth County Council had allocated funding based on targeted expenditure groups as set out in the Departmental circular. There followed a lengthy discussion in regard to the funding for the service. The following solution was moved

Proposed by Cllr. D. Breathnach
Seconded by Cllr. M. Bellew

That Louth County Council allocated an additional €15,000 to Dundalk Women's Aid from the Housing Emergency Grants Fund. And that Dundalk Town Council is advised of the decision with a few to them considering a similar proposal. Furthermore, that there be engagement with Tulsa and the Department in order to find a longer term agreement in regard to the funding of the service.

The proposal was confirmed.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____