

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – February 2017**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Mark Dearey

**Members:** Councillors: E. Coffey, M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, J. Cassidy-Green, C. Keelan, K. Meenan, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, A. Watters & M. Yore

**Officials:** Frank Pentony, Director of Services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
Vincent Toner, Senior Executive Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. J. McGahon

### **Minute No.11/17**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore.

### **Minute No. 12/17**

### **Matters Arising**

- It was suggested that the Cathaoirleach should raise the putting in place of the necessary standardised documents for issuing fines under the Control of Dogs Bye-Laws at the Corporate Policy Group.
- It was agreed to update members in relation to the possibility of publishing the details of people found guilty of littering offences.
- The issue of purchasing new chains of office for the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal district was raised.

“New chains of office for the Municipal District should not be purchased”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore

Seconded by: Cllr. K. Meenan

“The chains of office of Dundalk Town Council should be used by the Cathaoirleach of Dundalk Municipal District”

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan

Seconded by: Cllr. E. Coffey

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“New chains of office should be purchased for the Municipal District and the Dundalk Town Council chains be put on public display”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Savage

There followed a show of hands by members.

**Procurement of new chains of Office not be pursued.**

**Proposed: Cllr. Maeve Yore by Cllr. K. Meenan**

**For:**

Cllrs: E. Corrigan, J. Green, K. Meenan, A. Watters, M. Yore

**Against:**

Cllrs. M. Butler, E. Coffey, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, P. Savage

**Absent:**

Cllrs. J. McGahon & T. Sharkey

**Retain Old Chains for use by Cathaoirleach**

**Proposed: Cllr. C. Keelan by Cllr. E. Coffey**

**For:**

Cllrs: E. Coffey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan

**Against:**

Cllrs. M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, J. Green, K. Meenan, P. Savage, A. Watters, M. Yore.

**Absent:**

Cllrs. J. McGahon & T. Sharkey

**New Chains be purchased and Old Chairs Chains be put on display.**

**Proposed: Cllr. M. Butler by Cllr. P. Savage**

**For:**

Cllrs: M. Butler, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, P. Savage.

**Against:**

Cllrs. E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, J. Green, C. Keelan, K. Meenan, A. Watters, M. Yore

**Absent:**

Cllrs. J. McGahon & T. Sharkey

**Minute No. 13/17**

**Housing and Communities Progress Report**

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

- The need to address the derelict house in Ard Dealgan was raised as it is attracting anti-social behaviour and is a danger to others in the area.
- Members were informed that choice based letting should be introduced in the second quarter of 2017.
- The issue of tenant's heating not being repaired if they are in arrears and not in a repayment plan was raised and some members expressed the view that heating was an essential repair that should be addressed as such.
- It was agreed to look into cases supplied to the Housing Department of rent assessment forms that were submitted on time but arrears applied to the account.
- Members were given a verbal update on the housing capital programme circulated to the members.
- The need to address the roads and public lighting before progressing the Cluid housing development at Coulter Place was raised.
- The need to keep the community aware of who is leading the Coxes redevelopment project was raised.
- It was requested that members be provided with an update in relation to the funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

**Minute No. 14/17**

**Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

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

- It was requested that a detailed report in relation to housing estates not yet taken in charge be provided informing members of the up-to-date position of each

estate. It was pointed out that a plebiscite has taken place in relation to Willow Grove and this was not reflected in the reply to the question on the issue further down the agenda.

- An update in relation to Balmers Walk was sought for the next meeting.
- It was agreed to circulate a map of the proposed Greenway route to the members.
- It was also agreed to circulate the members with an update in relation to coastal erosion projects.
- Members expressed their unhappiness with the poor condition of paths and roadways while utility companies are carrying out works and the need for proper supervision.
- It was also pointed out that Irish Water should improve their communication methods in relation to disruptions to the service.
- It was agreed to continue to monitor the traffic light sequence at the Apple Green service station at Lisdoon.

### **Minute No. 15/17**

#### **Presentation from NERFSN.**

Gwen McKenna of the North East Region Family Support Network gave a presentation detailing the work they do and then answered questions from the members.

### **Minute No. 16/17**

#### **Civic Award Ceremony.**

The Cathaoirleach outlined a proposal to the members whereby they would submit nominations for civic awards to the Meetings Administrator to compile the list of nominees and then present an agreed list to the Corporate Policy group in March, with a view to a ceremony being held in late April.

This proposal was proposed by Cllr. M. Yore, seconded by E. Coffey and agreed by the meeting.

### **Minute No. 17/17**

#### **Consideration of Discretionary Budget 2017.**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, seconded by T. Sharkey and agreed by the members to defer this matter to the March meeting.

## Minute No. 18/17

### Nominations (2) to Joint Delegation with Monaghan and Cavan County Councils to Shane Ross, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Maeve Yore by Cllr. T. Sharkey  
**Seconded by** Cllr. M. Butler

**Proposed:** Cllr E. Coffey by Cllr. C. Keelan  
**Seconded by** Cllr. M. Doyle

## Minute No. 19/17

### Notice of Motion:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Keelan  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Yore

"That this Council commits to undertake a full audit of all bollards/reflectors and other measures at traffic islands and crossing points to ensure that all of these measures are illuminated at night-time across the Municipal District area. The motion recognises that to not do so contributes to additional traffic hazards."

### **REPLY:**

**There is a programme of maintenance of lighted bollards in place and this is currently been rolled out where appropriate. It would be of assistance if specific locations where there is an issue were identified in order to have these prioritised.**

*Members agreed the motion and it was undertaken to update members on progress at the next meeting.*

## Minute No. 20/17

### Notices of Question

The following Notice of Question were noted by the members:

"What is the value of the bond lodged with Louth County Council with respect to Willow Grove and will work be carried out in 2017 to repair some or all of the roads in the estate which are in very poor condition?"

### **REPLY:**

**The value of the original paper Bond submitted in 1991 was £30,000. No application has been received from the developer to have the estate taken in charge.**

**There are no plans to carry out any work in the estate in 2017 as the estate is not in the charge of the local authority.**

*Members noted.*

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_