

Annual Meeting Municipal District of Dundalk – June 2017

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 6th June, 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, J. McGahon, K. Meenan, P. Savage, T. Sharkey & M. Yore

Apologies: Cllr. A. Watters

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

Minute No. 48/17

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mark Dearey thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John McGahon, the party whips and all members for their support during the year, along with the Executive. He expressed the view that more resources were needed to address the needs of the large area covered by the Municipal District. He also expressed the view that it was important for members to use the powers available to them as the scope of local government is too restricted and is in need of reform.

He expressed his sadness at the high number of people who had passed away during his term but also highlighted the many positive events including the awarding of a Civic award to Dundalk FC and his visit to the Redeemer School for the Care for Creation event. He made reference to the funeral of Capt. Mark Duffy of the Irish Coastguard as being a particularly poignant event.

He then stated how he was looking forward to some Municipal meetings being held in other locations in the area and to the work of the Brexit Committee. He concluded by referring to the wonderful ecology in the area and highlighted its potential to attract visitors to the area.

Several members paid tribute to Cllr. Dearey for his hard work and fairness throughout the year.

Election of Cathaoirleach

To elect the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Cllr. J. McGahon was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. M. Butler.
Cllr. K. Meenan was proposed by Cllr. T. Sharkey and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore.

There followed a roll call vote.

For Cllr. J. McGahon: Cllrs. M. Butler, E. Coffey, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. Savage **Total 7 (seven)**

For Cllr. K. Meenan: Cllrs. E. Corrigan, J. Green, K. Meenan, T. Sharkey, M. Yore, **Total 5 (five)**

Absent: Cllr. A. Watters

The incoming Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John McGahon thanked the members and referred to his family's long association with Dundalk Urban District Council. He stated his belief that it was important for all members to push the boundaries of their roles and assured the members that he saw his role as a facilitator and would be fair to all members in his chairing of the meetings.

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Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

To elect the Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Dundalk for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Cllr. E. Coffey was proposed by Cllr. C. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. P. Savage.
Cllr. E. Corrigan was proposed by Cllr. J. Green and seconded by Cllr. T. Sharkey

For Cllr. E. Coffey : Cllrs. M. Butler, E. Coffey, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. Savage **Total 7 (seven)**

For Cllr. E. Corrigan: Cllrs. E. Corrigan, J. Green, K. Meenan, T. Sharkey, M. Yore **Total 5 (five)**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____