

Municipal District of Dundalk – April 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 3rd April 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John McGahon

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, R. O'Murchu, P. Savage & A. Watters

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Vincent Toner, Senior Executive Engineer
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer
Noel Treanor, Executive Engineer
Eugene McManus, Administrative Officer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillors E. Coffey, E. Corrigan & M. Yore

Minute No. 33/18

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th March 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. P. Savage.

Minute No. 34/18

Matters arising

- There were no matters arising

Minute No. 35/18

To consider the Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with Part 8, Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in relation to the proposed rejuvenation of Clanbrassil Street and St Nicholas Quarter

The Chief Executive undertook to continue the dialogue in relation to the project up to detailed design stage and to take into consideration suggestions from the members noted by the Director of Service at the meeting. She also undertook to look at measures in relation to increasing cycling in Dundalk.

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by Cllr. M. Dearey and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 36/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

Members noted the report the report as circulated at the meeting.

Minute No. 37/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- In response to the disapproval expressed by the members at the removal of the ICA yarn bombing art piece from Market Square by the Council, it was acknowledged that there should have been prior contact by the Council with the ICA.
- The need to address potholes on tertiary roads caused by storm Emma was raised.
- The need to cut the hedges at the junctions on the R173 was raised as they are impeding sight lines.
- The need to maintain the trench at Balmer's Bog and pursue the funding application with the OPW for a more permanent solution to flooding was highlighted.

Minute No. 38/18

Dundalk Allocation of Members Community Grants

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 39/18

Proposed Amenity Grants

Following a debate in which clarity was sought in relation to the criteria for awarding the grants to tidy towns groups it was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler and seconded by Cllr. M. Dearey that the grants should be approved with the exception of the tidy towns groups.

A roll call vote followed:

For (5): Cllrs. M. Butler, A. Campbell, M. Dearey, R. Ó Murchú, A. Watters

Against (4): Cllrs. M. Doyle, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. Savage

Absent (4): Cllrs. E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, T. Sharkey, M. Yore

The grants were approved with the exception of the tidy town groups.

Minute No. 40/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan
Seconded by: Cllr. A. Campbell

"In light of the historic flooding problems on the Fair Green Road during periods of high tide that the engineers put in place a suitable strategy to address this problem."

REPLY:

Dundalk is included in the Neagh Bann Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme. The Neagh Bann CFRAM Study is concerned with the assessment and management of flood risk and involves the development of flood maps to identify the location and extent of flooding; the development and assessment of flood risk management options to manage the identified flooding and the development of Flood Risk Management Plans, (FRMPs), that set out the measures and policies that should be pursued to achieve the most cost effective and sustainable management of flood risk.

The OPW have prepared FRMPs for the Neagh Bann CFRAM Study Area which set out a range of proposed measures and actions to manage and reduce flood risk. Hard defences are proposed along the Fair Green. The FRMPs have been submitted by OPW for Ministerial approval. The final FRMPs will then be submitted to the relevant Local Authorities for the adoption of the proposed measures. As yet, no timeline is available for this.

Following the completion of the CFRAM Programme, flood relief schemes will be developed for areas of significant flood risk. The flood relief schemes will be prioritised resulting in a National Programme of Schemes and implemented on a phased basis.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 41/18

Tributes and congratulations were paid to Pat Finn, Senior Engineer on his impending retirement.

Any Other Business:

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____