

Municipal District of Dundalk – February 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 6th February 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John McGahon

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, R. O'Murchu, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, A. Watters & M. Yore

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

Minute No. 11/18

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore.

Minute No. 12/18

Matters arising

- It was agreed to circulate members with details of the schools that had requested traffic calming measures within the next 2 months.

Minute No. 13/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- Information was sought in relation to the Fire Service's proposed road traffic collision ditch at Bishops Road and its potential noise impact on the surrounding community.

Minute No. 14/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- It was agreed to circulate members with details of the fees and deposits paid by Irish Water and Virgin Media.
- Updates were requested in relation to the Gahan House and Holy Trinity walls.
- It was suggested that members should be supplied with a schedule detailing when works such as street cleaning will be taking place, along with details of who the works are to be carried out by, i.e. Council staff, contractors or CE employees
- It was agreed to inform members of the anticipated hand over date for the Cu Chulainn school.
- The need for the Council to address the signage at Hoeys Lane was raised.
- It was undertaken to circulate the members with the criteria for deciding on prioritising road repairs.

Minute No. 15/18

Taking In Charge Progress Report

It was agreed to revert back to the members with information where the bond status is listed as unknown. It was requested that the dates a plebiscite happened or application was made be included in the report. The members noted the report.

Minute No. 16/18

To Approve the Draft County of Louth, Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws (No. 1), 2017

This was proposed by Cllr. P. Savage, seconded by M. Yore and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 17/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Doyle
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler

"That Louth County Council proceed, without delay, with the taking in charge of Willow Grove."

REPLY:

As part of the Site Resolution Plan for the Willow Grove estate, Irish Water have agreed for LCC to have a CCTV survey of underground services carried out. It is now intended to proceed on that basis and carry out the survey as soon as the contractor is available. On completion of same, it should be possible to take the estate in charge.

In the course of the discussion a copy of the site resolution plan was requested and the Council was urged to carry out the CCTV as a matter of urgency. It was agreed to provide the members with details of the likely cost involved in resolving the issues in the estate. This information was requested to be included in the quarterly reports for all estates.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 18/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey

Seconded by: Cllr. A. Watters

"That road safety at Sheelagh Primary School be seen as a priority and traffic calming measures be put in place."

REPLY:

The matter will be investigated by Operations in accordance with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 19/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. E. Coffey

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Savage

"In light of the extensive cycle laneways in the town of Dundalk and to maximise the benefits of same I am calling on Louth County Council To carry out an audit of the existing cycle network within Dundalk to establish the following:

- the peak and off peak volume, patterns and trends of usage of the cycle routes and destinations within the town
- with this data to ensure existing and/or future funding streams and programme of implementation aimed at the informed prioritisation and co-ordinated delivery of the County Council's obligations under the Transport 21, Sustainable Transport Future –A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009 – 2020 and The National Cycle Policy Framework, the key recommendations of the Dundalk Town Centre Transportation Study and associated planning policies and objectives set forth in the Dundalk & Environs Development Plan 2009-2015."

REPLY:

When planning infrastructure improvement schemes such as that currently underway for Clanbrassil Street the Council undertakes traffic, cyclist and footfall surveys to inform the design process. The Council will continue to carry out such surveys when funding opportunities arise for public realm improvements that benefit cyclists.

The need to make use of available data was emphasised and the poor usage and condition of cycle ways was highlighted. The view was expressed that the Council should be proactively preparing projects and submitting them for funding to the relevant government department. The need for an SPC to deal with the issue of transport was also raised. The Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 20/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doyle

"That this Council re-consider previous proposals to have a one-way system on Chapel Street to better improve traffic management in this area. That the template be the report submitted to Dundalk Town Council in November 2013 and that there then be a consultation process enacted across the wider Seatown area."

REPLY:

The report of November 13 will be examined and recommendations reviewed by Infrastructure to establish whether the proposal would still be relevant and in line with current design standards.

Members noted the reply, and questions were noted.

Minute No. 21/18

Notices of Question- Cllr. M. Doyle

"How much has Louth County Council budgeted for each individual public park in the Dundalk Municipal District for 2016, 2017 and 2018?"

REPLY:

Park budget for 2016, 2017 & 2018

Parks name	2016	2017	2018
St Helena's Park	€30,000	€30,000	€25,890
Ice House Hill park	€26,000	€30,000	€34,111
Muirhevnamore Park	€30,000	€30,000	€32,748
St Leonard's Garden	€8000	€8,000	€1,000
Blackrock Park	€0	€10,000	€11,153
Aisling Park	€28,000	€28,000	€30,971

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 22/18

Notices of Question- Cllr. M. Doyle

"Will Louth County Council outline their plans with regard to taking in charge Elmore Lawns, Knocknagoran, Omeath?"

REPLY:

There has been no request to have the development taken in charge nor has the developer applied to have the development taken in charge. This development is on the Unfinished Housing Developments Register. The elements of work outstanding are the completion of the estate road/footpaths, public lighting and repairs to the sewers. The estimated cost of completing these works is €26,000 and an application to Irish Water may secure funds to carry out repairs to the foul sewer network. The approval of IW, together with the use of the existing Bond will ensure all outstanding works are fully funded. The process of taking the estate in charge may commence following completion of the outstanding works.

Planning Enforcement has pursued the developer for non compliance with the planning permission granted and secured a conviction, a fine.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 23/18

Notices of Question- Cllr. J. McGahon

"Will Louth County Council provide an update on the works that have taken place to date at King John's Castle Carlingford and are plans still on track to have the castle open to the public by Summer 2018."

REPLY:

The Office of Public Works is responsible for Carlingford (also known as King John's) Castle. The OPW issued a tender in December 2017 for contractors to carry out Access and Presentation Works needed to allow people visit the castle safely. It is the OPW's intention to open the castle in summer 2018 but achieving this objective depends on all these works being completed satisfactorily.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 24/18

Discretionary Municipal Budget

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Dearey, seconded by M. Butler and agreed by the members to discuss this item in committee. Following the discussion the members came out of committee and the following proposals were put to the meeting;

Proposal

"That a joint proposal in relation to the discretionary municipal budget for 2018 should be brought by the members to the March meeting."

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Dearey
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore

There followed a roll call vote.

For: Cllrs. M. Butler, M. Dearey, M. Yore.
Total: Three (3)

Against: Cllrs. A. Campbell, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, R. Ó Murchú, T. Sharkey, A. Watters.
Total: Nine (9)

Absent: Cllr. P. Savage **(1)**

The proposal fell.

Proposal

“That the annual discretionary municipal budget of €60,000 for 2018 be divided equally between the members for allocation to projects and organisations nominated by them and approved by the municipal district”.

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage
Seconded by: Cllr. C. Keelan

For: Cllrs. A. Campbell, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, R. Ó Murchú, T. Sharkey, A. Watters.
Total: Nine (9)

Against: Cllrs. M. Butler, M. Dearey, M. Yore.
Total: Three (3)

Absent: Cllr. P. Savage **(1)**

The proposal was carried.

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: _____