

Municipal District of Dundalk – January 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John McGahon

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

Officials: 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
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillors E. Coffey, T. Sharkey

Minute No. 1/18

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th December 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore.

Minute No. 2/18

Matters arising

- The members were informed that it was planned to contact An Garda Siochana shortly in relation to reviewing the Taxi rank bye-laws.
- It was also agreed to circulate members with the existing taxi rank bye-laws and the road sweeping schedule.

Minute No. 3/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- Updates were requested in relation to King Johns Castle, Holy Trinity Wall and the Gahan Wall.

- It was pointed out that the debris produced after clearing the drainage ditches in Jenkinstown needs to be addressed
- It was agreed to contact the developer in relation to ponding on the road in the Willow Grove Estate.
- Concern at the recent illegal dumping of tyres was also raised.
- The members received an update on the recent consultation with stakeholders in relation to the planned upgrade of Clanbrassil Street from Garret Maguire of BDP. It was agreed to circulate the presentation to the members.

Minute No. 4/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- The level of rent arrears was raised and information was requested to be included in the monthly report regarding the number of repayment plans in place.
- It was also requested that the length of time on the housing list be included in the information regarding CBL allocations.

Minute No. 5/18

Discretionary Municipal Budget

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Dearey, seconded by A. Campbell and agreed by the members to defer a decision on this matter to the February meeting.

Minute No. 6/18

Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads – Saltown, Bellewsbridge Road, Dundalk

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler and seconded by C. Keelan and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 7/18

Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads – Medebawn, Dundalk

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

Minute No. 8/18

The Cathaoirleach then thanked all involved in organising the candlelight vigil for the late Yosuke Sasaki and all present observed a minute's silence.

Minute No. 9/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Corrigan

"That Dundalk Municipal District install traffic calming measures at Scoil Eoin Baiste Fatima as a matter of urgency due to volume of traffic accessing 2 nursing homes and 3 schools in area."

REPLY:

The location will be included for the installation Traffic survey equipment to determine the extent of the traffic volumes and average speeds. A determination will be made when the results are considered and in accordance with the Authorities Traffic calming policy if traffic calming measures are appropriate. The installation of same if deemed appropriate will be subject to the necessary funding and or grant allocation been available.

In the course of the discussion it was requested that a list of schools that had sought traffic calming measures be drawn up and 2 projects per year be undertaken. The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 10/18

Notice of Motion:

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

"That the members be provided with the up-to-date position on the 'Remediation of the Newry Road Land fill.'"

REPLY:

It is recognised that the former Dundalk landfill site possesses potential for beneficial use as a parkland amenity. A parkland amenity in the context of landfill after use can be described as an area of open space provided for recreational use by the public and/or for the protection of wildlife and natural habitats. Dundalk landfill is currently in the aftercare stage – being actively managed by the Council in compliance with the terms of an EPA issued licence. There are 47 gas extraction wells spread across the surface of the landfill (approx. 6ha) which are connected to an active gas collection and flaring system which burns off the landfill gas. To date infrastructure including an access road and car parking facilities, which will facilitate the use of the site as a parkland amenity has been constructed. However several factors need to be considered in determining the type of parkland amenity for the site including:

- **The type of parkland that would best suit the landfill location and setting.**
- **The landfill related issues e. g. settlement and gas management, that require to be considered.**

- The cost of developing the parkland and how will this development and maintenance be funded.
- The quantum of land available for development.

The next stage, having regard to the above is to develop a plan in collaboration with key stakeholders including the EPA. This is however contingent on funding being made available and there is no funding in this year's budget to progress this.

The members agreed the motion.

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: _____