

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – March 2018**

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

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor John McGahon

**Members:** Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, 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  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator  
Frank Pentony, Director of Services

### **Minute No. 25/18**

#### **Minutes**

It was pointed out that minute 22/18 of the minutes for the February, 2018 meeting should read Cllr. J. McGahon and not Cllr. M. Doyle.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. C. Keelan.

### **Minute No. 26/18**

#### **Matters arising**

- It was agreed to provide the members with an update in relation to the taking in charge of Willow Grove estate.
- Members raised the outstanding updates in relation to schools seeking traffic calming measures and asked that roads and estates be included.
- The report requested at the previous meeting in relation to the fees and deposits paid by Irish Water and Virgin Media was raised.

### **Minute No. 27/18**

#### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

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

- Queries raised were answered and members were informed that where a tenant has kept up a payment plan for a minimum of 8 weeks their maintenance queries are dealt with.

### **Minute No. 28/18**

#### **Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

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

- The members emphasised the need to pursue every possible avenue to secure funding for the upgrade of Bridge Street.
- The need to remove junk from the Jenkinstown road was raised again.
- The need to ensure litter is picked along the route of the Dune Half Marathon before the event next year was raised.
- The need to fix the gate on lands in Carrick Arnon to prevent fly tipping was raised.
- It was suggested that an audit of safety equipment on the beaches should be carried out.
- Frustration was expressed at the failure to provide members with details of the criteria for prioritising road repairs as previously requested.
- Concern was expressed at the possible impact on the County Council budget of the suspension of pay parking in Drogheda.

### **Minute No. 29/18**

#### **Proposed Traffic Calming Schemes for NLA and SLA report**

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

### **Minute No. 30/18**

#### **Draft Roads Works Programme 2018**

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by Cllr. M. Yore and agreed by the members. The benefit of having a 3 year programme in place in order to provide clarity was highlighted.

### **Minute No. 31/18**

#### **Allocation of Members Community Grants**

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

**Minute No. 32/18**

**Notice of Motion:**

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

"That Dundalk Municipal District install traffic calming measures on main roads entering Village at Southend/The Ferns Blackrock and Harrisons/Centra end of Blackrock village in the interest of public safety."

**REPLY:**

**Operations have carried out a speed survey within this last 6 months on the R172 main road entering Village at Southend/The Ferns Blackrock, between the end of the Main St and Seaford. The 85th percentile speeds were of the order of 56km/hr, which indicates that traffic calming measures are not warranted at this time based on speed.**

**The location at Harrison's, just north of Main St/Sandy Lane junction will be added to our list for assessment and the traffic counter will be placed in this vicinity in turn.**

**Operations will review these locations in particular the approach bends and carry out an assessment.**

Members noted the reply.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_