

Municipal District of Dundalk – May 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 1st May 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Leas Cathaoirleach: Councillor Emma Coffey

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

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

Apologies: Councillor J. McGahon

Minute No. 42/18

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd April 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. A. Watters and seconded by Cllr. P. Savage.

Minute No. 43/18

Matters arising

- There were no matters arising

Minute No. 44/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

Minute No. 45/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- It was agreed to revert back to the members with details of monies paid by Irish Water and Virgin Media in relation to the Dundalk Municipal District area.
- Members were informed that an update in relation to the Cu Chulainn project would be circulated in approximately 10 days.

- The need to replace the concrete bollards on the Newry Road with a safer option was highlighted
- It was agreed to update the members in relation to the proposed flood relief measures for the Flurry River.
- It was undertaken to examine the possibility of installing barriers to prevent dumping at Turf Mountain.
- Updates were requested in relation to the Southern Relief Route and the flood relief works.
- It was agreed to seek an update from TII in relation to the park and share proposal.
- It was agreed to examine whether or not repairs were carried out on the Armagh Road.
- An update was requested from Irish Water in relation to the Greenore/Omeath sewage treatment plant and the recent CPE emergency
- An update in relation to the speed survey on the Lower Point Road was requested.

Minute No. 46/18

Taking in Charge Report – Dundalk

In the course of the discussion clarity was sought in relation to the procedure for the holding of a plebiscite and it was suggested that the number of houses in each development should be included in the report. The need for the local authority to ensure there are no delays in progressing the taking in charge process was emphasised.

Members noted the report

Minute No. 47/18

Proposed Amenity Grants—Tidy Town Groups

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the revised scheme for the funding of capital projects being undertaken by tidy towns groups and it was agreed to provide a briefing for the members.

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

Minute No. 48/18

Notice of Motion:

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

“In view of the fact that LCC have advised they have inadequate funds to take over, maintain or renovate Faughart Graveyard/Hill of Faughart that we request OPW to immediately take over this hugely historical site.”

REPLY:

This is a matter for the members.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 49/18

Notices of Question- Cllr. T. Sharkey

“Does Louth County Council Roads Section have a set of criteria for the assessment of roads to be placed on the Road Works Programme that is it in use and why was it not circulated to members of Dundalk Municipal District Committee?”

REPLY:

The Louth County Council annual Roads programme is largely drafted based on Budget allocation and Pavement Condition.

The Pavement Condition is generally measured using PSCI rating which provides a useful input to decision-making on investment (in combination with considerations like traffic volume, maintenance history, etc.).

The PSCI rating system has survey values from 10 to 1, with a PSCI 10 to 9 indicating a good road surface, with 8 to 7 indicating moderate to extensive surface defects and 6 to 1 indicating from moderate pavement defects to extensive structural failure'

In addition, the GSS and Executive Engineer in each area have a good day to day knowledge of the condition of their road network and, it should be noted, sections of roads may deteriorate significantly, in a short period of time, since the last PSCI rating was carried out.

The nature of the investment involves balancing the need to protect and extend the life of good quality pavement and improve lower quality pavement.

The former is evident in DTTaS Restoration Maintenance (RM) Allocation whereby it may only be used on roads with a PSCI Rating of 7 or 8 which generally involves surface dressing.

Road restoration grants (RI) may be used on roads with a PSCI rating of 1 to 6.

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: _____