

Municipal District of Dundalk – December 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk hosted in the Chamber of Dundalk Town Hall, on Tuesday 6th December at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Kevin Meenan

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Edel Corrigan, Maria Doyle, Conor Keelan, Andrea McKeivitt, John Reilly, Tomás Sharkey, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

Apologies: Councillor(s) Emma Coffey, Seán Kelly, Liam Reilly

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer

Minute No. 105/22

Daigniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 were confirmed on the:

Proposed of: Cllr Maeve Yore

Seconded by: Cllr Antóin Watters

And approved.

Minute No. 106/22

Members Community Grants December 2022

In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, approval of the Member's Community Grants December 2022 as presented by Members were:

Proposed by: Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

Seconded by: Cllr Marianne Butler

And approved.

Minute No. 107/22

The Municipal District of Dundalk Parking Control (Pay Parking) (Parking Fee Amendment) Bye-Laws 2022 - For adoption under Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

Following a call from the Cathaoirleach for a vote on this item a roll call vote was held as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Marianne Butler	1			
Emma Coffey				1
Edel Corrigan				1
Maria Doyle	1			
Conor Keelan	1			
Sean Kelly				1
Andrea McKeivitt	1			
Kevin Meenan		1		
Liam Reilly				1
John Reilly	1			
Tomás Sharkey				1
Antóin Watters		1		
Maeve Yore		1		
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And in accordance with Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 the Bye-laws were adopted.

Minute No. 108/22

Agree Date for January Municipal District Meeting

It was agreed to hold the January Meeting on 10th January 2023 as

Proposed by: Cllr Antóin Watters

Seconded by: Cllr Marianne Butler

And approved

Minute No. 109/22

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as issued and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer, advised on all Housing items raised.

The following item was queried:

- Responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of septic tanks in social houses

Minute No. 110/22

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as issued and Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, advised on all items raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Traffic speed counts will commence when road work program is complete
- Adverse weather is prohibiting ramp installation works
- A request was made for the JCB pothole pro schedule to be put on decision time
- Funding query on piers/slipway condition works
- Anti-slippage Bridge works request Ravensdale
- Bridge at Mount Avenue/Headfort Road broken surface damaging tyres
- Ponding at taxi stand noted
- Taxi stand bye-laws update request made
- Notification received from An Bord Pleanála of Oral Hearing on N53 on 10th Jan

Minute No. 111/22

Physical Development Report

Members discussed the report as issued and John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer, advised on all items raised.

- Criteria for bus stop location collaboration with NTA / Bus Eireann and Louth County Council
- Active Travel upcoming public consultation on all preferred options
- Flood Relief Schemes, await update from the OPW who may split the Carlingford Greenore schemes, hope for news early in 2023

- Castleblayney Road to Greenfield roundabout works – letter of intent has issued to preferred contractor, project is estimated to run for 18mths, roads will be in place before new Mount Avenue Development houses are occupied.

Minute No. 112/22

Notice of Motion – Cllr Tomás Sharkey

Seconded by: Cllr Antóin Watters

"That Louth County Council install dished curbs at the footpath on Dublin Road adjacent to Chapel Rd and fairways. This will allow pedestrians with pushchairs utilise the dished traffic island as indicated in the attached photograph"

"That LCC carry out inspection/assessment of Seafield Lawns and Cluan Enda Dundalk on footpaths and roads and include on Road Works Programme 2023"

Reply from Catherine Duff, Director of Place Making and Physical Development

The Active Travel Section have received funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to advance a Scheme which will provide a segregated cycle path of 2.64km in length on both sides of the R132 from Xerox Junction to Greengates. This proposed scheme incorporating cycle path and upgraded footpaths will connect into other proposed Active Travel Schemes on the Inner Relief Rd & Dublin Rd (o/s DKIT) and provide connectivity to Blackrock & Environs.

As part of our design process, we will be incorporating a number of pedestrian and cyclist crossing points to allow vulnerable road users to cross this road from East – West in a safe manner.

The anticipated timeline of commencing delivery of this infrastructure is estimated to be late 2024.

In the interim, Louth County Council (LCC) will discuss with the NTA if they can provide finance in order to construct this stand-alone crossing point.

An integral part of the design philosophy is to reduce the speed limit from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr which is more applicable for pedestrian and cyclist movements in this environment.

Speaking on the Motion, Cllr Sharkey suggested that an interim provision was needed for families with buggies tricycles etc. and would appreciate if a simple fix could be put in place for adjoining estates.

This sentiment was echoed by other members.

Minute No. 113/22

Notice of Motion – Cllr Seán Kelly – Deferred as Cllr Kelly was absent

Seconded by:

'That Louth Council look at the possibility of installing two new pedestrian crossings at the following locations:

- 1. Outside of Castletown Pharmacy on the Castletown Road, Dundalk.*
- 2. At the entrance of Aisling Park playground at Marian Park, Dundalk.*

The rationale behind this is the fact that there is no other means for pedestrians to cross in close vicinity and there are a lot of children and elderly people using both roads on a frequent basis, therefore the lack of a pedestrian crossing is a significant safety concern.'

Reply from Catherine Duff, Director of Place Making and Physical Development

The locations identified are not part of the proposed roads program for 2023

The two locations proposed for crossings will be assessed by the area engineer and should they warrant same they will be considered for future funding based on prioritisation.

Minute No. 114/22

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

Bridie Molloy, Coopers Cross, Castlebellingham, Co Louth. Mother of John, Dunleer Fire Service, Martin, Denis and her 15 other children.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

10 Jan 2023

Cathaoirleach:

Ken Meenan

Meeting Administrator:

Aileen Quinlan