

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – July 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk hosted in the Chamber of Dundalk Town Hall, on Tuesday 5th July at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Kevin Meenan,

Members: Councillors Emma Coffey, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, Andrea McKeivitt, Liam Reilly, John Reilly, Tomás Sharkey, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

Apologies: Councillor Marianne Butler, Edel Corrigan, Maria Doyle

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, A/Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Martin McCreesh, Senior Executive Engineer
Gerry McCormack, Assistant Engineer
Declan Conlon, Executive Planner
Terence Loane, Executive Planner
Rory Sheehan, Climate Action Officer

Minute No. 60/22

Daigniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes – Annual Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th June 2022 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt,

Seconded by Cllr. Seán Kelly

And approved.

Minute No. 61/22

Daigniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes – Ordinary Meeting

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th June 2022 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt,

Seconded by Cllr. Seán Kelly

And approved.

Minute No. 62/22

Matters Arising

The following updates were requested and advice given on Minutes from previous meeting:

Minute No. 53/22 Contact for CE scheme still awaited – will be sought

Minute No. 54/22 Public Toilets at Blackrock – Works completing this week

Minute No. 55/22 Update on any contact with NTA on moving bus stop at Fatima – Refer to Infrastructure

Minute No. 55/22 Request for no. of Councillors at public consultation on Greenway from Templetown to Carlingford – Refer to Infrastructure

Minute No. 55/22 Update on Active Travel from Crowne Plaza to Hill Street – Refer to Infrastructure

Minute No. 63/22

Taking an item for consideration out of sequence in accordance with Standing Order no. 13

The Cathaoirleach having established that there were no objectors to taking an item out of sequence of listing on the Agenda, agreed to move the items on Part 8 Reports forward.

Minute No. 64/22

Part 8 - Derryveigh Infill Housing Scheme - Hoey's Lane, Dundalk

Declan Conlon, Executive Planner advised Members on the proposed development as set before them, and in accordance with Section 179 (4)(c) of the Planning and Development act 2000 (as amended), it was

Proposed by: Cllr. Maeve Yore

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Meenan

And resolved that the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive report.

Minute No. 65/22

Part 8 – Roden Place

***Councillor Andrea McKevitt declared a possible conflict on this item and left the meeting while the item was discussed.**

Terence Loane, Executive Planner advised Members on the proposed development as set before them. Following discussion on this item where Members questioned parking provision and access for property owners surrounding the development, Members were advised that the action required from Members was to decide on the Part 8 as set before them.

In accordance with Section 179 (4)(c) of the Planning and Development act 2000 (as amended), it was then:

Proposed by: Cllr. Emma Coffey

Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Reilly

And resolved that the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive report.

Minute No. 66/22

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as issued and John Lawrence, Director of Services, advised on all Housing items raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Duiche Roden is to be delivered in 2 phases with 1st phase expected in 2023
- The Dept were approached for further funding for the 6 remaining units in Patrick Tierney Crescent who did not receive upgrade works, but no funding is forthcoming. The 6 units that did get works did so on foot of access issues
- Coulter Place vacant houses will be looked at to consider any options
- Halliday Mills properties were inspected by Louth County Council Fire Services and did receive a fire cert. Cooperation Ireland have sole responsibility for fire safety at the property
- Reported delay on Tenant Purchase Valuations will be checked
- A request for the number of Approved Housing Bodies active in the County was requested along with details on which have Tenancy Support officers for September meeting

Minute No. 67/22

Operations and Marine Progress Report

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

Road safety measures, footpath repair and maintenance, hedge and overgrowth cutting, were requested at various areas, and the following items were highlighted:

- Road Work Programme (RWP) Finalised – one road near Lordship pulled costing €175k to address inflation of costs at 10% over original estimate will be given first priority in 2023.
- Dangerous area on Greenway cited is privately owned, operations will check legality of site mitigation
- Queries regarding Dowdallshill letters to plot owners, works etc will be referred back to SEO and Area Engineer, however Members were advised that while the Council contribute towards the Blessings of the Grave, the running of the Blessings are a matter for the parish and not the Council. The Cathaoirleach advised he would raise with the committee / parish and seek meeting. Martin McCreesh advised he could ask a rep to attend from council.
- A request for a report on number of letters sent with a list of estates will be referred to the SEO in operations, along with breakdown of any cross directorate works
- On street Residential Disabled parking can be referred to Keith O'Dwyer on an individual basis
- Coastal Sand at Shilling Hill will be referred to the Area Engineer
- Vandalisation of Public Toilets in Carlingford have been referred to An Garda Síochána
- Ownership of the Reservoir at Ravensdale will be examined
- Shortfall on funding of Faughart Signage noted
- A request was made for informational Signage re Dogs on Beaches times at Templetown
- Improvements to embankment on N53 at Newtownbalregan which sees pedestrian use as there is no footpath was requested.

The following non operation items were raised and Members advised to refer to the following sections:

Active Travel queries on pedestrian crossings, works – Infrastructure Section

Age Friendly parking spaces – Community Section

St Nicholas Quarter Update – Infrastructure – however Thomas McEvoy, A/Director of Services also gave a brief update

Minute No. 68/22

Taking in Charge Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Gerry McCormack, Assistant Engineer advised he was there to answer any queries raised.

- The subject of cash bonds was raised with Director of Services Thomas McEvoy advising that in recent years only cash bonds were accepted. Gerry McCormack advised that where no bond existed these estates could be tackled through plebiscite.
- Gerry McCormack advised he had spoken to Irish Water and they have agreed to look at legacy estates and are going to create a framework of companies to carry out works and repairs. This will include old pumping stations.

Minute No. 69/22

Proposed Taking in Charge of Medebeag, Dundalk
Proposed Taking in Charge Commons Grove, Dromiskin
Proposed Taking in Charge Mounthamilton, Dundalk
Proposed Taking in Charge Mount Rath, Dundalk

Cllr. Liam Reilly said that he wished to **propose** approval of the taking in charge of all four estates together.

Cllr. Seán Kelly confirmed that he wished to **second** approval of the taking in charge of all four estates together.

And so in accordance with S180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993, Members approved the taking in charge of:

Medebeag, Dundalk
Commons Grove, Dromiskin
Mounthamilton, Dundalk
Mount Rath, Dundalk

As set out before them in the Agenda and the declaration of the roads within the development as Public Roads

Minute No. 70/22

Amenity Grants 2022

In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, approval of the Amenity Grants as presented to Members at this meeting were

Proposed by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Emma Coffey
And approved.

Minute No. 71/22

Member's Community Grants July 2022

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

Proposed by: Cllr. Seán Kelly
Seconded by: Cllr. Emma Coffey
And approved.

Minute No. 72/22

To receive a briefing on the Climate Action Plan

Dr. Rory Sheehan, introduced himself as the new Climate Action Officer for Louth County Council and briefed Members on the legislative requirements around preparation and adoption of a Climate Action Plan. The presentation as given to Members was well received and Members engaged in a lively discussion with Rory thereafter.

Minute No. 73/22

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Reilly
Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Kelly

"Asking Louth County Council to upgrade and widen the Tankardsrock, Road in Kilkierley, Dundalk"

Response from the Director of Services, Catherine Duff:

*The Tankardsrock, Road in Kilkierley , Dundalk is not part of the 2022 roads program
The area engineer will carry out a site inspection and examine the issues raised and will report back*

Speaking on this motion Cllr. Reilly advised that landowners were willing to work with Louth County Council and carry out some of the works themselves, such as taking out hedges. He considered that this represented a simple low-cost solution, and that the good will of owners should be taken advantage of.

Minute No. 74/22

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to the successful organisers of Rás Tailteann through Blackrock, which brought more tourism to the area.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: 6th Sept 2022

Cathaoirleach: [Signature]

Meeting Administrator: [Signature]