

## Municipal District of Dundalk – May 2022

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk hosted in the Chamber of Dundalk Town Hall, on Tuesday 3rd May at 5.15 p.m.

### In attendance:

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Maria Doyle

**Members:** Councillors Marianne Butler, John Reilly, Emma Coffey, Maeve Yore, Andrea McKeivitt, Antóin Watters, Kevin Meenan, Conor Keelan, Sean Kelly

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Thomas McEvoy, A/Director of Services  
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer  
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer  
Bernadette McArdle, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Kevin Cullen, Bellurgan Deputation  
Sean O'Connor, Bellurgan Deputation  
Dermot McCoy, Bellurgan Deputaton

**Apologies:** Councillor Liam Reilly  
Councillor Edel Corrigan  
Councillor Tomás Sharkey  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

### Minute No. 38/22

#### Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were confirmed on the:-

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Emma Coffey and resolved

### Minute No. 39/22

#### Matters Arising

- Start date of Athletics Track
- Update on Casual Trading – will be quite close

## Minute No. 40/22

### Housing Progress Report

- Councillor Kevin Meenan raised the matter of HAP arrears and the issue of a policy change with regard to, no new payment plans
- Concerns on DPG Schemes

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services responded to matters and advised also of a future request for Municipal District Representatives on the PEACEPLUS Partnership Board.

## Minute No. 41/22

### Operations and Marine Progress Report

The Members raised a number of issues including:-

- Traffic count on Point Road
- Traffic lights at Crowne Plaza
- Deterioration of road joints on the old Dublin Road at Lurgangreen
- Footpath works at St. Vincents and the length of same
- Plans for Electrical Chargers
- Concerns on safety matters of Dungooley Cross and Carnbeg footpath and request for site visit
- Traffic lights Sequencing at Hill Street
- Contractors parking on Council green spaces
- Damage to Market Square Public Realm by skateboarders
- Lighting at Taxi Ranks
- Condition of the Mounthamilton Estate Roads
- Concern over the non-progression of Rock Road footpaths which was to be funded by Town and Village Funding
- Assessment of the LIS Projects
- Ownership of Carlingford Tennis Grounds

Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer responded to the matters raised and matters were also confirmed by Thomas McEvoy, A/Director of Services and Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services.

## Minute No. 42/22

### Litter and Bring Banks

Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer gave an update based on circulated figures. A number of matters were raised, including:-

- Supply a map of all sites in case a site is full
- Concerns on number of dog fines

## Minute No. 43/22

### Dundalk Allocation of Members Community Grants

In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, approval of Allocation of Members Community Grants as notified to the Elected Members was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Marianne Butler

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Emma Coffey and resolved.

## Minute No. 44/22

### Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:-

- Ann McMahon (RIP), Knockbridge, Co. Louth.
- Joan Brady (RIP), Bay Estate, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
- Barbara Duffy (RIP), Blackrock, Co. Louth.
- Rose McEneaney (RIP), Muirhevnamore, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Antoin Watters

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:-

- Chief Superintendent Jim Sheridan

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Sean Kelly

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Andrea McKevitt

It was agreed also that the Condolence Protocol would be re-circulated to members in order that they can ensure compliance.

## Minute No. 45/22

### Congratulations

- Mel O'Loan, An Táin March Committee
- Paul Hayes, Marie Crowley, An Táin Arts Centre
- Fiona Lennon, Aoife Carr, Ann Thompson, Mary Gilsenan, Sophie Coyle and all the local talented stitchers and leads for The Fabulous 5 piece tapestry of Táin Bó Cúailnge is from the 5 counties that the Táin March visits (Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Longford and Roscommon)
- Glenmore AC, Louth Meath FS Branch, Athletics Ireland, Tsenya and all involved in the inaugural Come and Try day for athletes of all ages who have Down Syndrome who focused on ability.
- Dundalk Ravens Basketball Club All Ireland Champs in several age categories.

**Minute No. 46/22**

**Deputation from Bellurgan Residents**

The meeting was joined by Kevin Cullen, Sean O'Connor and Dermot McCoy of the Bellurgan Delegation who gave a presentation on their concerns. A number of questions were subsequently raised including:-

- Recording of incidents
- Particular times of days
- School pupil numbers

Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer gave a brief response on the mitigations already put in place

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Cathaoirleach:

Ken Mc...

Meeting Administrator:

A. Sp...