

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – November 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 5.15 p.m.

**In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Kevin Meenan

**Members:** Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Edel Corrigan, Maria Doyle, Seán Kelly, Andrea McKevitt, John Reilly, Liam Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

**Apologies:** Councillor(s) Emma Coffey, Conor Keelan, Tomás Sharkey

**Officials:** Colette Moss, A/Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer  
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer

### **Minute no. 95/22**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes – Ordinary Meeting**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed on the Proposal of Cllr Maeve Yore  
**Seconded by Cllr Marianne Butler**  
And approved.

### **Minute no. 96/22**

#### **Matters Arising**

The following update was requested on Minutes from previous meeting:  
Minute 91/22 change the wording to Championship  
“Congratulations were offered to Cooley Kickhams Mens who won the Championship final for the first time in 32 years, ...”

### **Minute no. 97/22**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes – Draft Budget Meeting**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed on the

**Proposal of Cllr Antóin Watters  
Seconded by Cllr Maeve Yore  
And approved.**

#### **Minute no. 98/22**

##### **Housing Progress Report**

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

The following items were highlighted:

- Cathedral View – an issue has arisen between the developer and landowner which Louth County Council has no influence over as it is an AHB scheme. Similarly, in another AHB scheme issues around ownership and way leaves await resolutions before progressing.
- Coxes 2B – The Minister is yet to agree an official opening date.

#### **Minute no. 99/22**

##### **Roads and Local Services Report**

Members discussed the report as issued and Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer, advised on all items raised.

Along with requests for yellow lines, junction box reviews, road signage & lines, footpath repairs and overgrowth action, bridge repair, road subsidence repairs at various locations, the following items were highlighted:

- Flooding mitigation measures at various location such as Omeath are being examined under Climate Action funding – data based evidence required
- Drug Paraphernalia and Anti-Social Behaviour at St. Patricks Public Toilets preventing use
- Bush School meeting with stakeholders is considered premature in advance of works being done by School/Dept of Ed. to improve drop off area
- Beach Shower requests could be considered under Town & Village or Clár funding mechanisms, no other obvious funding streams currently
- Joint firework display with Omeath and Warrenpoint praised but a request was made for each side to be able to view both displays. A suggestion was made around the idea of a festival next year
- Traffic speed count requests noted but will not commence until teams available
- Special speed limits are not enforceable until bye-laws are adopted
- JCB Pro Pothole machine is working well

- Gritting routes are set and season commenced
- Over 3000 gullies cleared since September, removal of leaves will require increased resources to be allocated to ensure gullies don't block again
- Traffic congestion at De La Salle School due to illegal parking for drop off and collection a matter for An Garda Síochána in first instance but area will be examined to see if measures required by Council
- Proposed Traffic Island installations causing concern with business owners who allegedly were advised may have to cease commercial business as trucks will not be able to access
- Low Cost Safety measures list is priority based on collision data – list will be printed on next News on a Page
- Bringbanks cannot be easily moved to other locations

### **Minute No. 100/22**

#### **Placemaking Report**

The Cathaoirleach introduced Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer to Members and welcomed her to the meeting.

Members expressed confusion on the new Directorate breakdown.

Updates were given on St. Nicolas Quarter.

A request for confirmation of grant fund spend on Earl St Dundalk was made.

### **Minute No. 101/22**

#### **Members Community Grants November 2022**

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

**Proposed by:** Cllr Andrea McKevitt

**Seconded by:** Cllr John Reilly

And approved.

### **Minute No. 102/22**

**Notice of Motion – Cllr Maeve Yore**

**Seconded by: Cllr Antóin Watters**

*"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**

*Neither Seafield Lawns or Cluan Enda are listed on the current 3yr Roads Works Programme, RWP, (2022-2024) which was submitted to the Dept. of Transport. An inspection of the road pavement condition will be carried out and if works are deemed necessary to raise either road prioritisation over those roads already listed on the RWP a request to the Department to alter the 2023/2024 programme will be made. The footpaths will also be inspected at each location and placed on the list for repairs if deemed necessary. The list of footpath repairs around each Municipal Area will be reviewed and prioritized for proposed works in 2023.*

**Minute No. 103/22**

**Notice of Question – Cllr Marianne Butler – Noted**

*"How many Active Travel Park 'n' Stride parking permits has been issued so far in 2022?"*

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

*We have received 33 applications to date in 2022 for Park 'n' Stride permits. A total of 32 permits have been issued as one person failed to provide a postal address.*

**Minute No. 104/22**

**AOB**

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Meenan advised members of a request from Cllr John Reilly to hold the February meeting in Kilcurry Community Centre, with Cllr Reilly advising that this was to coincide with the new Bank Holiday recognising St. Bridget's homeplace of Faughart. Cllr Maria Doyle advised that she would support this if a meeting could be held in Blackrock also. Members expressed general agreement on both locations, and on questioning of the Meeting Administrator no objectors came forward, with the Cathaoirleach advising that the Meeting Administrator and Executive might check the feasibility of same.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

Cathaoirleach: Ken Meenan

Meeting Administrator: Arla Quinlan