



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – February 2023

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Kilcurry Resource Centre, Balriggeran, Kilcurry, Dundalk - Tuesday, 7th February 2023 at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Kevin Meenan

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

Apologies: Councillor(s) Emma Coffey, Liam Reilly, Tomás Sharkey.

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer
Michael McGrath, Senior Engineer

Minute No. 9/23

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 were confirmed on the

Proposal of - Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

Seconded by - Cllr Seán Kelly

And approved.

Minute No. 10/23

Matters Arising

Updates were requested and given on the following Minute items

Minute No. 3/23 – Review of Housing Grants

Minute No. 4/23 - Tree cutting schedule

Pothole schedule

Reconsideration of provision of lighting on walkway was requested

Completion time of walkway to Ballymascanlon Roundabout

Ponding at taxi rank

Minute No. 5/23 Thanks were extended for correspondence issuing and it was noted that the burning exemption was reinstated

Minute No. 11/23

Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants as approval of same was

Proposed by: Cllr Antóin Watters

Seconded by: Cllr Seán Kelly

And resolved

Minute No. 12/23

Housing Progress Report

Paddy Donnelly Director of Services introduced staff member Michael McGrath Senior Engineer who is new to housing and will be attending future meetings. Members welcomed Michael to the meeting. Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and Paddy Donnelly addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- Maintenance request types are being tracked and resources allocated accordingly, e.g. due to an increase in plumbing issues, carpenter vacancies are now being replaced with plumbers
- Anti-social behaviour can be reported to An Garda Síochana confidential line where residents are afraid to come forward, but the Director reassured Members that Housing staff are happy to take anonymous reports where people are afraid to come forward, or investigate where raised by Members themselves
- Members complimented the social media campaign highlighting vandalism of new units at Coulter Place
- Coulter Place is not taken in charge, queries on unfinished access will be referred to planning TIC section
- A target of 250 units is set for retrofitting in 2023 in Louth
- Rent arrears have increased but so have collection rates – this is due to an increase in social housing stock
- A request was made for Edel O’Neill to give Members a presentation on Retrofitting
- Department payment towards legacy land loans sets out a framework for delivery of housing units. The CE will issue a report for the next plenary Council Meeting

Minute No. 13/23

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with potholes, footpath repair, traffic calming, road safety and signage requests, traffic light sequencing, road resurfacing, road lines painting, painting of parking, lighting of bus shelters, the following items were highlighted:

- It was acknowledged that communication about recent road works at Bellurgan was insufficient, works had previously been delayed due to weather, and the contractor was available at very short notice. However, every effort was made to accommodate school traffic times
- Consideration of a metered ESB supply to Carlingford Traders was requested

- The level of litter fine issued in comparison to the high level of illegal dumping at Edentubber was criticised
- There is no update available on repairs to vandalized toilets at Blackrock
- Traffic speed counts will only be carried out in areas of high accident clusters – a suggestion to hold off counts around school areas until after midterm break was made – a list of planned counts was requested
- Promised tree planting at Ice House Hill / Duiche Roden has not happened
- The Road Works Programme list was requested
- A request for a media campaign on control of dogs around lambing season was made
- A Tree pruning schedule request will be referred to the Parks Department
- Hoarding at Queens Hotel was described as dangerous
- Members may submit suggestions for accessibility works under Active Travel €60,000 allocation

Minute no. 14/22

Placemaking Report

Members discussed the report as issued and Olivia McCormack Senior Executive Officer, advised on all items raised. The following items were highlighted/discussed:

- St Nicholas Quarter
- Navy Bank Pitch & Putt
- Long Walk lead changed from Harcourt to Louth County Council

Minute No. 15/23

Condolences

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of:

- Jackie Connolly - former Chairman, Mentor, Player with Naomh Moninne Hurling Club who gave years of voluntary service to promote hurling in Louth
- Joe Martin - former Dundalk FC Player, Organiser of fundraising musical concerts and events for local charities over many years

Minute No. 16/23

Congratulations

Congratulations were given to Cllr Edel Corrigan who got married last week

Minute No. 17/23

AOB

Nominations for Civic Awards to be forwarded along with contact details to the Meetings Administrator

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date: 7th March 2023

Cathaoirleach: Ken Meenan

Meeting Administrator: Alice Quinlan