



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

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

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 6th June 2023 immediately following the Annual meeting at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Seán Kelly

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Edel Corrigan, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, Andrea McKeivitt, Kevin Meenan, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Liam Reilly, Tomás Sharkey, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

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

Minute No. 47/23

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 were confirmed on the
Proposal of - Cllr Maeve Yore
Seconded by - Cllr Seán Kelly
And approved.

Minute No. 48/23

Matters Arising

Updates were requested and given on the following items
Minutes Numbered:

40/23 In response to a query on whether a proposed letter to the DHLG on increasing grant funding had issued, John Lawrence SEO advised of an upcoming face to face meeting with Department Officials to discuss items including this, however he cautioned on the requirement for match funding for grants.

41/23 The current location of the JCB Pro pothole machine was confirmed.

Cllr John Reilly suggested that Louth County Council do have a role to play on Commonage issues and he had confirmation of this.

A request that made that accessibility issues be considered for Blessing of the Graves at Dowdallshill

42/23 - A query on the number of submissions for the Living in Carlingford will be passed to the Public Realm team.

Minute No. 49/23

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 Andrea McKevitt

Seconded by: Cllr Marianne Butler

And resolved

Minute No. 50/23

Louth County Council Control of On Street Bike Hire Draft Bye Laws 2023 for Adoption

Following some discussion, Members agreed to approve the Bye Laws as presented before them with addition of a clause allowing for 'A review within 18 months'.

Proposed by: Cllr Emma Coffey

Seconded by: Cllr Marianne Butler

and confirmed by resolution.

Minute No. 51/23

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence A/Director of Services addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- Cllr Coffey advised that following a newspaper article on a proposed Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) she had been sought to see the LRD opinion but had been advised that it was not in the Public Domain. Cllr Coffey raised concerns as it would be available under FOI and thought that Elected Members should not have to go down this route to obtain information. She has reviewed the legislation which is currently silent on whether this is public or private. Thomas McEvoy Director of Services advised that 1st opinion under the new LRD legislation confirms reasonable basis, but he would check the public exposure element.
- It was confirmed that Housing can intercede on reports from Councillors of anti-social behaviour of tenants as this can be a breach of their tenancy agreement, but anti-social behaviour of private residents should be referred to An Garda Siochana or the Residential Tenancies Board. Litter fines cannot be brought to court on hearsay and would require the witness to attend, but dumping can be checked for evidence by Wardens.

Minute No. 52/23

Roads and Local Services Report

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

Along with requests for increased bin emptying during the summer season, public toilet cleaning, maintenance & upkeep, resurfacing and ramp repair, road safety and crash barrier requests, and footpath repair the following items were highlighted:

- Concern about increased parking at beach areas and emergency access
- Vandalism of Ring Buoys – a suggestion that they be locked like AED devices was made, and the query on tagging them was again raised. Paddy Connolly advised that he would pass all this onto the Water Safety Officer but thought that maybe locking them might delay lifesaving efforts.
- It was suggested that upgrade works at St Helena's Park should be fully accessible and provide something for all ages old, young & teenagers included.
- A request for showers at Gyle's Quay
- A request was made for the public realm to present on Bridge Street and St. Nicolas Quarter.
- The Draft Casual Trading Bye laws are currently on public display.
- Compliments were expressed on the assistance of Louth County Council on the Angels Plot.
- The tap to wash sand from feet at Blackrock is missing.
- Disappointment was expressed at a family member of the Naughtons having had to write to papers about the state of Ice House Hill Park as they had been generous benefactors of the park

Minute no. 53/23

Physical Development Report

John O'Hagan Senior Engineer, welcomed queries on the report as issued and the following items were highlighted/discussed:

- The NTA do not fund single one-off crossing points, they are referred to the Dept of Transport for consideration under Safety Measures
- Updates were given on the Greenway tender process and Newry Mourne Down Council side of greenway.
- The Zero Emission Vehicle Ireland (ZEVI) project oversees all electrical vehicle charging infrastructure.
- ORIS (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme) is funding accessibility works on 3 beaches in Louth, Templetown, Port and Clogherhead – Clogherhead is funding for planning only. Works include a disability path to beach and viewing areas.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

4th July 2023

Cathaoirleach:



Meeting Administrator:

