



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

### **Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – October 2023**

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 5:15pm

**In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Seán Kelly

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

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

**Officials:** Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer  
David Jones, Director of Services  
Noel Treanor, Senior Executive Engineer  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

#### **Minute No. 79/23**

#### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were confirmed on the

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

#### **Minute No. 80/23**

#### **Matters Arising**

None raised

## Minute No. 81/23

### 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 Marianne Butler

**Seconded by:** Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

And resolved

## Minute No. 82/23

### 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:

- Rent arrears and non-declaration of household income. A further 213 letters issued to tenants in September
- Maintenance request data will be examined to see if further detail can be given on categories
- VAT registered contractors must be used to draw down grant funding.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Edel Corrigan and **seconded** by Cllr John Reilly to write to the Department of Revenue as a municipal district – wording to be forwarded to the Meeting Administrator.

## Minute No. 83/23

### Roads and Local Services Report

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

- Dangerous trees and Structures on roadside on private lands are the responsibility of the land/property owner but should be reported to the Council who can issue enforcement notices
- Bus Stops are funded by the NTA
- The moratorium on new Public Lighting remains in place
- The 3 year Road Works Programme is indicative and subject to change annually based on state of roads
- A Gully Cleaning Contract has gone to tender, for 3000 gullies around Dundalk Town
- Reportedly misleading signage on Clanbrassil Street loading bay will be examined
- Accident data will be examined in areas where traffic calming measures are sought

On foot of a further request for a letter to issue, the Meeting Administrator reminded Members that all motions should be submitted in line with Standing Orders and in line with the timeframe set out by standing orders.

The Cathaoirleach suggested that the letter to Revenue would issue but any future letters should adhere to Standing Orders.

## **Minute No. 84/23**

### **Taking in Charge Report**

Members considered the report as presented to them and Keith McArdle Assistant Engineer responded to questions raised.

Along with some questions around plebiscites in various estates, the following items were highlighted:

- Graffiti is not a consideration under the Taking in Charge Process

## **Minute No. 85/23**

### **SOSAD**

Following on from the resolution of Members in accordance with standing order No. 20 at the September meeting, a deputation was received from SOSAD, who presented Members on services offered by their charity.

Members praised the works of SOSAD and some spoke of their own struggles with Mental Health.

## **Minute No. 86/23**

### **Active Travel Presentation**

Noel Treanor, Senior Engineer, gave members a presentation on 4 approved Active Travel Projects for Safe Routes to School in Louth, which was well received.  
A Q&A session followed.

## **Minute No. 87/23**

### **Standing Order no. 69 – Suspension of Standing Order no. 5 – Hour of meeting**

During the Active Travel presentation, as the time was approaching 7.15p.m., the Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a 15 minute time frame to deal with remaining agenda items. On the request for a show of hands from the Meeting Administrator to establish a two-third agreement of those Members present, all Members present agreed with the extension.

### **Standing Order no. 69 – Suspension of Standing Order no. 5 – Hour of meeting**

After the Active Travel presentation, as the time was approaching 7.30p.m., Cllr Keelan proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a further 10 minute time frame to deal with remaining agenda items which was supported by Cllr Yore. On the request for a show of hands from the Meeting Administrator to establish a two-third agreement of those Members present, all 7 Members present agreed with the extension.

## **Minute No. 88/23**

**Notice of Motion:** Cllr Tomás Sharkey  
Deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Sharkey was absent.

### **Minute No. 89/23**

**Notice of Motion:** Cllr Conor Keelan  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Antóin Watters

*"That this Council examine the feasibility of introducing traffic calming including ramps in Marian Park and the approach into Barton Park."*

#### **Reply from D. Jones, Director of Services, Placemaking & Physical Development**

*Consideration of road safety interventions are primarily based on collision data clustering of incidents and subsequent traffic analysis/counts, in order to justify an intervention in the context of available budget. Accordingly, interventions outside of the above process cannot be considered at this time.*

Speaking on the motion it was suggested that Cllr Kelly had raised a similar motion a couple of months previously and received a different answer.

### **Minute No. 90/23**

**Notice of Motion:** Cllr Conor Keelan  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Sean Kelly

*"Given the expansion of traffic arising from the Duiche Roden estate, together with the growth in population from Legion Avenue through the Demesne, that LCC initiative a traffic calming plan for this entire area given that the only measure thus far is at the junction of Culhane Street with Legion Avenue."*

#### **Reply from D. Jones, Director of Services, Placemaking & Physical Development**

*The location with increasing traffic will be monitored by engineers to determine if intervention is justified based on collision data or traffic volumes in the area.*

Cllr Kelly advised that both he and Cllr Corrigan had raised concerns previously on this location and suggested that issues with Duiche Roden should have been foreseen at time of construction.

### **Minute No. 91/23**

#### **Condolences**


Condolences were extended to the family and friends of

Alvaro Lucchesi Snr, late of Aghameen Park, Muirhevnamore  
Áine Lawless, Willow Grove Carrick Rd Dlk & Copenhagen  
Tom Cartwright, Chapel Pass Blackrock  
Frank Carney, Loughantarve, Knockbridge

As there was no other business the meeting concluded

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

**Date:** 7 Nov 2023

**Cathaoirleach:** 

**Meeting Administrator:** 