



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## **Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – January 2024**

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting - Town Hall, Dundalk - Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
at 5:15pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Seán Kelly

**Members:** Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Edel Corrigan, Andrea McKevitt, Kevin Meenan, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Tomás Sharkey, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

**Apologies:** Conor Keelan, Liam Reilly

**Officials:** Eamonn Woulfe, A/Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer  
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

### **Minute No. 1/24**

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

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were confirmed on the

**Proposal of -** Cllr Maeve Yore

**Seconded by -** Cllr Antóin Watters

**And approved.**

### **Minute No. 2/24**

#### **Matters Arising**

Min no. 110/23 was seconded by Cllr Seán Kelly and not by Cllr Antóin Watters

It was stated by Cllr Yore that Cllr Keelan (who was not present) had complained about the minutes to the whips meeting, and it was confirmed by Cllr Meenan that Cllr Keelan was not happy with the minutes. No specific further amendments were proposed by Members present.

### Minute No. 3/24

#### 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 Maeve Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr Antóin Watters

**And resolved**

### Minute No. 4/24

#### Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer addressed all other matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- Illegal dumping by HAP tenants and/or any other persons should be reported to the litter wardens and can be prosecuted by Environment on foot of evidence and/or witness report
- Funding for Retrofitting units is not yet known but it is hoped to be able to fund similar high numbers as the previous year
- While generally grant recipients cannot reapply within 5 years, where the maximum grant was not received, consideration can be given to allow further application to bring to the full amount within the 5 year moratorium period
- A request to inform Members who log maintenance cases on sugar when works have been completed would be almost impossible to process due to the volume of works carried out
- No update was available on CCTV legislation

On foot of a request for a letter the Meetings Administrator again reminded Members that a request for letters should be lodged as a Notice of Motion in accordance with the Standing Orders procedure. However Cllr Maeve Yore **proposed** that a letter to the Minister as requested at a JPC be forwarded with the same wording from the Dundalk Municipal District, this was **seconded** by Cllr Edel Corrigan and agreed by the Cathaoirleach.

### Minute No. 5/24

#### 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, sign relocation & sign cleaning, road resurfacing, road lines and yellow box repair & painting, painting of parking, lighting of bus shelters, the following items were highlighted:

- Extra funding request to Dept., to carry out permanent repairs following flood damage has not been granted as yet
- Dundalk's standing at 39 out of 40 on a recent IBAL report was discussed, with a request made for removal of Clothes Banks at the Castletown Road
- The Dundalk Tidy Towns were requested to attend the next Municipal District Meeting
- Concern raised about H&S at road works on Castletown Road Junction and Patrick Street
- Follow up on Section 254 licensing compliance requested

- Brigid 1500 schedule was noted; the Cathaoirleach is to request meeting between MD and Brigid 1500 team
- A request to make Union Street one way should be referred to the Active Travel team
- A request was made for Darius Messayeh to attend the next meeting regarding Winter Gritting
- The Astroturf pitch at Marian Park is in bad repair and subject to Anti-Social Behaviour

**Minute no. 6/24**

**Taking in Charge Report**

Members considered the report as presented to them and Keith McArdle Assistant Engineer responded to questions raised. There are numerous applications for Taking in Charge, circa 50 in Dundalk, 20 in Drogheda and 20 in Ardee.

**Minute No. 7/24**

**Notice of Question - Cllr Conor Keelan**

Response to two Notices of Question raised by Cllr Keelan as set out on the agenda were noted in his absence.

As there was no other business the meeting was concluded.

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

**Date:**

6 Feb 2024

**Cathaoirleach:**

[Signature]

**Meeting Administrator:**

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