



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Séan Kelly

Members: Councillor(s) Emma Coffey, Sionnain McCann, Shane McGuinness, Kevin Meenan, Fiona MhicConchoille, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore, Ciaran Fisher,

Apologies: Councillor Marianne Butler, Andrea McKevitt

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

Minute No. 111/24

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2024

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2024 were adopted on the

Proposal of – Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by – Cllr. Ciaran Fisher
And resolved

Minute No. 112/24

Matters Arising

Cllr. Maeve Yore enquired as to whether additional resources had been allocated to support Taking-in-Charge. Thomas McEvoy advised that staffing is a matter for the Chief Executive but that a Clerk of Works would be taking up duty shortly.

Minute No. 113/24

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 were adopted on the

Proposal of – Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Seconded by – Cllr. Maeve Yore
And resolved

Minute No. 114/24

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. Antóin Watters
Seconded by: Cllr. Emma Coffey
And resolved.

Minute No. 115/24

Taking-in-Charge

The Taking-In-Charge of Dowdall Crescent, Dundalk was approved on the

Proposal of: Cllr. Emma Coffey
Seconded by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
And resolved.

Minute No. 116/24

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, addressed all matters raised at the meeting.

The following items were highlighted:

- In response to a query from Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille, Declan Grimes stated that allocations for houses on Ecco Road would not be occurring until after Christmas.
- Cars travelling through green area at Pearse Park due to absence of bollards. Cllr. Ciaran Fisher queried whether the issue related to planning permission not allowing bollards.
- Cllr. Sean Kelly requested a briefing on the plans for the Retrofit Scheme. Cllr. Maeve Yore thanked the Council for the work done to date and highlighted the impact it is having.

Minute No. 117/24

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, trees, road safety and signage requests and illegal dumping, the following items were highlighted:

- Cllr. Antoin Watters highlighted the problems being caused by manhole covers being stolen and also that the incidence of same are increasing.
- An update was sought by Cllr. Maeve Yore on the timing of the Roadworks programme and in particular whether a response had been received from the Minister following the correspondence issued by the MD.
- The Council applied for funding for pedestrian works at Tulip Grove, Mullaharlin Road but were unsuccessful. Another application will be made next year.
- The request for works to protect the newly planted area at Omeath Pier will be examined in light of the recent storm.
- On foot of a query from Cllr. John Reilly, there is no problem with HGVs at the junction at the Lisdoon. Paddy Connolly informed the meeting that in any regard the junction is due to be upgraded next year.
- The new pedestrian crossing at the Castletown Pharmacy was welcomed.
- Cllrs Sean Kelly and Kevin Meenan met with David Jones to discuss speed calming measures in Dundalk.

Minute 118/24

Notice of Question: Cllr Shane McGuinness – Noted

The Members noted response made to Notice of Question as it appeared on the agenda before them and as raised by Cllr Shane McGuinness.

Minute No. 119/24

AOB

- In response to a query from Cllr. Robert Nash, Thomas McEvoy informed the members that only businesses that had previously availed of the Increased Cost of Business grant can apply for the Power-Up grant. The criteria for this are set by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.
- Cllr. Antoin Watters and Cllr. Marianne Butler were wished well in their upcoming general election campaigns.

Congratulations

Congratulations were offered to the Tidy Towns groups in the District on the recent success at the national awards, with special mention to Blackrock.

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

Date: 10/12/24

Cathaoirleach: 

Meeting Administrator: 