

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – April 2019**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 2nd April, 2019 at 5.15 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Conor Keelan

**Members:** Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, J. McGahon, R. O Murchu, P. Savage, A. Watters, M. Yore

**Officials:** Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Services  
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer  
Catherine Duff, Senior Engineer  
Emer O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner  
Frank Magee, Senior Executive Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Cllr. T. Sharkey

### **Minute No.31/19**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Yore and seconded by Cllr. A. Watters

### **Minute No. 32/19**

#### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

- It was agreed to seek an update from the approved housing body developing Cnoc na Mara
- The need to address anti-social behaviour by Council tenants and the importance of strategic design of housing schemes to minimise the potential for anti-social behaviour was raised. It was pointed out that the drugs and alcohol forum was an asset in addressing addiction issues with tenants

### **Minute No. 33/19**

#### **Operations, Marine, & Infrastructure Report**

- Disappointment was expressed at the lack of an event for national tree week in Dundalk.
- The need for a footpath to be put in place at Mullach Alainn was raised.
- The need for safety railings at the De La Salle school on the Castletown Road was highlighted.
- It was pointed out that the footpath in Kingswood is too narrow and needs to be widened.

- It was agreed to check if the provision of a footpath at Mount Hamilton was a condition of the planning permission.
- A number of dangerous junctions on the Greenore Road were highlighted and it was suggested that a field opposite the new school at Bush would be a good location for car parking.
- The need to cut the hedge at Sextons and the Fairways was raised.
- It was pointed out that the marking on the Carrick Road need to be repainted.
- It was pointed out that a pathway was needed to the post office in Omeath.
- The need for an integrated travel plan involving all stakeholders was emphasised.

### **Minute No. 34/19**

#### **Dundalk N53 Route Options & Public Consultation – Presentation to members**

Ursula O'Higgins of Atkins Consultants gave a presentation and she and Ambrose Clarke from Westmeath National Roads office responded to questions from the members.

### **Minute No. 35/19**

#### **Proposed Amenity Grants 2019**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Yore**  
**Seconded by Cllr. J. McGahon**  
**And resolved**

To approve the Amenity Grants for 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

### **Minute No. 36/19**

#### **Dundalk Allocation of Community Grants**

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Savage**  
**Seconded by Cllr. E. Coffey**  
**And resolved**

To approve the members Allocation of Community Grants (No.38) as circulated with the agenda.

### **Minute No. 37/19**

#### **Strategic Housing Development for 142 no. Apartments at Inner Relief Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth. - notification of Public Consultation Process**

Members were informed that an application for student accommodation was refused in relation to this location previously. Some members expressed dissatisfaction with the legislation in relation to strategic housing developments and with this proposal. It was agreed that members could make submissions to the planning Department by e-mail.

### **Minute No. 38/19**

#### **Notice of Motion:**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Coffey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. Savage  
**And resolved:**

That Louth County Council adopts "The Good Practice Guidelines on Accessibility of Streetscapes" as recommended in the above entitled report in 2009 as carried out by the Iris Guide Dogs for the Blind in all current upgrade street works and all future street work upgrades in the town of Dundalk".

#### **Reply:**

**The Good Practice Guidelines on Accessibility of Streetscapes was issued by LGMSB in 2009 references Traffic Management Guidelines, and it contains standardised details that overlap with TMG. The Design Manual for Urban Roads & Street (DMURS) which was published in 2013 is mandatory for local authorities, and sections 4.3.4-4.4.8 in particular outline the design provisions for mobility impaired users. These can be supplemented by Traffic Management Guidelines (TMG). DMURS contains provision for Quality Audits which are based largely around impaired users. The Council will take into account the The Good Practice Guidelines on Accessibility of Streetscapes.**

**Members agreed the motion**

**Minute No. 39/19**

**Notice of Question**

**Submitted by:** Cllr. A. Campbell

Has Louth County Council received a response to its appeal in relation to URDF / Project 2040 funding for Bridge Street works in Dundalk and what other avenues is the council pursuing, in the event that this appeal is unsuccessful?

**REPLY:**

**No response has been received to date, but a decision is expected by month end.**

**Members noted the response**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_