

Municipal District of Dundalk – December 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the County Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 4th December, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Conor Keelan

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, M. Doyle, J. McGahon, R. O'Murchu, T. Sharkey, A. Watters, M. Yore

Officials: Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillor E. Corrigan

Minute No. 95/18

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 6th November 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. A. Watters and seconded by Cllr. J. McGahon.

Minute No. 96/18

Matters arising

- Members were asked to inform officials of any trees affecting sight lines for attention.
- Members were informed that all tenants with arrears in excess of 12 weeks were paying by household budget.
- Members were informed that the letter of acceptance in relation to the redevelopment of Clanbrassil Street had been issued to the contractor.

Minute No. 97/18

Housing and Communities Progress Report

- Members were informed that the rough sleeper count was postponed due to safety concerns in Drogheda.
- A list of all vacant social housing stock was requested.
- It was agreed to check the allocations figures for Dundalk.

Minute No. 98/18

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

- Dissatisfaction was expressed at the manner of the removal of the Young Irelanders good luck sign from a roundabout.
- The need to repair or replace the public benches on Beechmount Drive was raised.
- The accumulation of water on the R173/175 was noted.

- It was agreed to check if a submission had been made by the Council in relation to dredging at Warrenpoint.
- An update was requested in relation to the upgrading of the Council's swimming pools.
- It was agreed to circulate the members with details of the Regional Enterprise Development Scheme.
- The need for incentives to get vacant retails occupied on Clanbrassil Street was raised.
- The BIDS Company was commended for the Frostival event and the Christmas lights in Dundalk.
- Members were informed by the poor level of communication from Irish Water was raised by some members at a meeting with the company recently.
- An update was requested in relation to the road markings and traffic survey for lower Point Road.
- It was pointed out that the 2019 road works programme should be circulated to the members in advance of the meeting it will be discussed at and that it should be multi-annual. A copy of the RI works programme was requested for all members.
- The members requested an update in relation to the funding applications for small flood defence schemes.
- The danger posed by trucks entering and leaving the Wall Limited premises was raised and it was requested that an Garda Siochana be written to, to assess the situation and a traffic count be conducted.

Minute No. 99/18

Proposed Traffic Calming & Low Cost Safety for Drogheda and SLA

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by M. Doyle and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 100/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doyle

"That Eir and other Telecom companies are requested to immediately remove obsolete phone boxes in the district."

REPLY:

This is a matter for the members.

It was suggested that unused phone boxes be put to use rather than removed, such as book swaps or public information kiosks. Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 101/18

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey

Seconded by: Cllr. A. Watters

"That Louth County Council conducts a safety review at Maghereagh Cross to explore future safety measures."

REPLY:

This junction will be assessed with a view to determining whether further measures are warranted. Works, if warranted, will be scheduled for 2019, subject to sufficient funding being available.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 102/18

Notice of Question:

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Sharkey

"In relation to the N53 Annavacky: What plans are there to address the risks associated with the blind hollows on this national route?"

REPLY:

See Infrastructure Report enclosed-item 3- proposed realigned route on this section of N53 by TII; selection of preferred route by Q1, 2019.

Members noted the question.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____