

Municipal District of Dundalk – December 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 3rd December, 2019 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John McGahon

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, C Keelan, E. McGreehan, S. Kelly, R. Ó Murchu, L. Reilly, T. Sharkey, A. Watters, M. Yore

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

Minute No. 113/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 5th November 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Yore and seconded by Cllr. M. Butler

Minute No. 114/19

Matters Arising

It was agreed to give a presentation to the members in relation to the Part VIII approved for the road through Lis na Dara housing estate.

Minute No. 115/19

Housing Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were addressed:

- It was agreed to revert back to the members with the exact cost of the provision of homeless services this year.
- The need to consider the potential for permeability between housing estates facilitating anti-social behaviour was raised.

Minute No. 116/19

Operations and Marine Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were addressed:

- It was agreed to look into the removal of the pay parking machine at McGeough's pub.
- The need to address the beginning of the deterioration of the surface on the main Street in Blackrock was raised.
- Details of the "School Streets" initiative in Malahide were requested.
- The exact location of the low cost safety work to be carried out in Omeath was requested.
- A query was raised in relation to returning the bottle banks in Carlingford that were temporarily removed 3 years ago.
- A question was raised in relation to whether or not traffic wardens had the legal powers to enforce electric cars being parked too long at charging points.
- It was suggested that Ice House Hill Park should be closed at night to prevent the potential for people walking through it at night being assaulted.
- The need to address signage and road makings at Gyles Quay and Bush school was raised.
- It was suggested that the Council should accept election posters from candidates free of charge for a specific period to be reused for Council safety signs.
- It was agreed to look into additional signage required throughout the north Louth area.

Minute No. 117/19

Part 8 The Carlingford Lough Greenway

Carlingford Town to Omeath Pier

Adoption of the Part VIII proposal in relation to the route for the Carlingford Lough Greenway from Carlingford town to Omeath Pier was proposed by Cllr. E. McGreehan and seconded by Cllr. S. Kelly and agreed by the members.

Omeath Pier to National Border

Cllr. E. Coffey declared her interest in relation to this proposal and absented herself from the meeting. Following a discussion of the proposal it was proposed by Cllr. E. McGreehan, seconded by Cllr. C. Keelan and agreed by the members to defer a decision until the January Municipal District meeting. It was agreed to have a workshop on the matter with the Dundalk MD members prior to the Council meeting on Monday 16th December in County Hall.

Minute No. 118/19

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. S Kelly

“That Louth County Council carry out traffic audit at Seafield Rd/Dublin Rd exit and provide solutions to increasing delays exiting same.”

Reply :

A survey of the delay times at peak periods will be carried out and an assessment as to what action is required will be completed.

The members noted the reply.

Minute No. 119/19

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. R. Ó Murchu
Seconded by: Cllr. A. Watters

"Dundalk Municipal District calls on Louth County Council to look at ways of improving the means of signposting groups to grants / funding streams."

Reply:

A weekly communiqué is issued to all PPN groups and highlights upcoming funding opportunities. We also have a very well established network with good practice communications strategy whereby tidy town and community groups registered with the Community Section are advised of all funding opportunities. We would welcome any suggestion that would help improve the current practices.

The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 120/19

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. R. Ó Murchú
Seconded by: Cllr. A. Watters

“Dundalk Municipal District calls on Louth County Council to examine potential supports to Cooley Uplands Project.”

Reply:

It is understood that the EU funding application for this project was unsuccessful, but Louth County Council officials will meet with organisers of the Project to explore any possible assistance.

The members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 121/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. C. Keelan

"Does the local authority have a plan to improve the condition of the playing pitch on the Oldbridge Estate?"

Reply:

There is no budget provision in regard to the playing pitch at Oldbridge Estate and there are no grant schemes that we are currently aware of to fund the upkeep of such facilities. We will continue to explore all options for funding in the New Year.

The members noted the reply.

Minute No. 122/19

Notice of Question

Submitted by: Cllr. C. Keelan

"What works, if any, have been done or are planned this calendar year or next in Ladywell Shrine in the interest of improvements to public safety?"

Reply:

This area is not maintained by the Council , however should the Council receive a request from the organisers to give some assistance this will be considered.

The members noted the reply.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____