

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – February 2021**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk hosted in The Council Chamber County Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 5.15 p.m. and attended remotely over MS Teams

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Emma Coffey (Present in Chamber)

**Members:** Remote Attendees: Councillors M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, S. Kelly, A. McKevitt, K. Meenan, L. Reilly, J. Reilly, T. Sharkey, A. Watters, M. Yore.

**Officials:** Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator - Present in Chamber  
Frank Pentony, A/Director of Services - Present in Chamber  
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services - Remote  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer - Remote  
Martin McCreesh, Senior Executive Engineer - Remote

### **Minute No. 14/21**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Sean Kelly and seconded by Cllr. John Reilly.

### **Minute No. 15/21**

#### **Matters Arising**

Correction to road name from January minutes from 'Coillte tree logging causing damage to Ballymascanlan Rd, Ravensdale.' to 'Ballymakellet'.

Updates were requested on:

- Balmer's Bog Tender
- Any response from NTA on October motion regarding extension to bus routes and any associated safety audits.

Requests were made for:

- Active Travel Funding applications to be circulated to members
- Timeframe of 2<sup>nd</sup> audit on urban development received, citing a lack of clarity and collective summary.
- A special meeting on Clanbrassil Street and urban development. Frank Pentony, Director of Services advised that this was an executive function and officials would not be participating in same.

## **Minute No. 16/21**

### **Housing Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as issued and Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services advised on all Housing items raised.

The following items were highlighted by the members:

- A request was made to write to the Minister for advance notice of any Windows and Doors funding scheme due to the rush at the end of year
- Potential of lack of Maintenance now creating unsafe housing and possible future litigation.

## **Minute No. 17/21**

### **Operations and Marine Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as issued Martin McCreesh, Senior Executive Engineer advised on all Operations items raised.

- Several members expressed dissatisfaction at the proposed removal of licence for the Pitch and Putt course at the Navy Bank. Members advised communication was ongoing between Corporate Services and Committee. Frank Pentony Director of Services agreed to confer with Joe McGuinness, Director of Services and provide clarification to members.
- It was agreed to supply the criteria for gritting to members.
- Louth County Council was requested to engage with Coillte on provision of a carpark at Ballymakellett for hill walkers.

## **Minute No. 18/21**

### **Notice of Motion**

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

“That Louth County Council undertake a programme of works including improvements to footpaths, enhanced public lightening and road surface and markings to Anne Street, Dundalk.”

### **Reply from Ms. C. Duff, Director of Services, Operations:**

Operations are proposing to carry out minor repairs to sections of footpaths on Anne Street in the coming year. These repairs will be included in the new framework. It is also planned to install a Pedestrian Crossing on Anne Street under the Low Cost Safety Scheme (funding dependent).

Anne Street is not on this year’s RWP for any major overlay works in regards to road resurfacing, however street lighting will be enhanced when SOX bulbs are switched to bright white LEDs under the National SL retrofit programme, which should commence in Louth in next 1-2 years.

Members noted the reply.

## **Minute No. 19/21**

### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. S. Kelly**  
**Seconded by: Cllr. C. Keelan**

“That Louth County Council undertake maintenance works at the AstroTurf pitch in the Oldbridge Estate, Toberona, Dundalk as a matter of urgency and furthermore secure this site for use by the local community and in particular young people.”

### **Reply from Mr. P. Donnelly, Director of Services, Housing and Quality of Life:**

There is no budgetary provision for the maintenance of the Astro Turf / MUGA pitches in the county. In regard to the facility at Oldbridge it is intended to inspect the site when restrictions allow. We will look to avail of any funding opportunities to maintain these facilities in the future.

Cllr. S. Kelly expressed dissatisfaction with response and cited a need to repair pitch as Louth County Council had built same.

Cllr. T. Sharkey requested a list of all amenities be compiled for the next budget meeting to demonstrate that Dundalk MD contains more than 50% and allocations should be so distributed.

## **Minute No. 20/21**

### **Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr's. K. Meenan & M. Yore**  
**Seconded by: Cllr. S. Kelly**

“That the council look at a way of marking and recognising Dundalk’s late Liam Reilly and his contribution to music.”

### **Reply from Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Corporate and Emergency Services:**

The council are currently considering options in this regard.

Cllr. S. Kelly suggested that murals could be put up opposite Market Square and that the Municipal District write to the Centre Manager on this.

Cllr. Liam Reilly suggested that the Civic Awards Committee should be reconvened and asked to look at a suitable method of honouring Liam Reilly’s contribution to the town, county and country.

As time was up and there being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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