

Municipal District of Dundalk – June 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2015 following the Annual General Meeting.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. M. Doyle
Members:	Councillors: D. Breathnach, M Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, K. Meenan, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, M. Yore
Officials:	Frank Pentony, Director of Services Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer David Storey, Senior Executive Officer Pat Finn, Senior Engineer Paddy Donnelly, Meetings Administrator
Apologies:	Cllr. Jim Loughran

Minute No. 62/15

Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May, 2015.

Proposed by: Cllr Butler

Seconded by: Cllr McGahon

Minute No. 63/15

Matters Arising

Cllr. T. Sharkey sought clarity in regard to the proposed works on the N53 and the road closing proposals. He also sought an update in regard to Customer Services.

Cllr. M. Butler referenced Minute No. 51/15 regarding exiting Springfield Manor.

Cllr. M. Dearey sought clarification whether Irish Water had responded in relation to the local service connection.

Mr. Pat Finn, Senior Engineer confirmed that the works on the N53 will take approximately five months, with road closures lasting approximately three months. There were proposals to carry out some works on routes that would accommodate re-directed traffic..

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, advised in relation to Springfield Manor, Red Barns Road that the matter had been examined and a number of options are currently being considered.

In regard to service connections, Mr. Frank Pentony, Director of Services advised that no response had been received from Irish Water at this time.

Minute No. 64/15

Housing & Communities Progress Report

Mr. David Storey, Senior Executive Officer presented the report dated 25th May, 2015 and addressed the members queries in regard to same.

Mr. Storey also circulated to the members a report on the Community Amenity Support Grants, and having considered the report the grants were approved on the proposal of Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. M. Butler.

Minute No. 65/15

Operations, Marine & Infrastructure Report

Mr. Gerry Kelly, Senior Engineer, presented the report dated 25th May, 2015 and addressed the members queries in regard to same.

Mr. Kelly confirmed that a report in regard to the condition of St. Patricks Cemetery would be tabled at a future meeting.

Cllr. M. Yore sought clarification in regard to the provision of a disabled bay outside the 23 Seats restaurant.

Mr. Frank Pentony will revert with regard to an opening date for the Greenway.

Cllr. Breathnach and Cllr. Dearey requested that details in relation to broadband access be included in future reports. This matter is currently being considered by the Louth Economic Forum and details on same will be brought to the members at a future meeting.

Minute No. 66/15

Notice of Motion

Proposed by: Cllr Mark Dearey

Seconded by: Cllr. Conor Keelan

"That this Municipal District calls on Government to extend the list of towns eligible for the Living City Initiative introduced in the 2013 Finance Bill to include Dundalk"

This matter is to be forwarded to all Oireachtas Members, and the Council will write to the Minister of Finance in regard to this proposal.

Minute No. 67/15

Notice of Motion

**Proposed by: Cllr Mark Dearey
Seconded by: Cllr. Peter Savage**

"That signage is provided at the junction of Castletown Road and Bridge Street directing left turning traffic to the town centre."

REPLY:

Additional signage is required at this junction and at the island on Bridge Street to direct traffic to the Town Centre and Newry/Belfast. Proposals will be drawn up and consultations held with shop keepers to agree a location for a sign facing Castletown Road.

Minute No. 68/15

Notice of Motion

**Proposed by: Cllr John McGahon
Seconded by: Cllr. Edel Corrigan**

"That Louth County Council reduces the threat of anti-social behaviour by securing the through way between Marian Park and Castle Heights"

REPLY:

LCC Housing Section are currently drawing up a proposal for works at location. LCC have been in contact with developer who owns the adjacent lands to discuss what can be done on their property to assist the design process. All works for this project are based on the availability of funding.

Some clarity in this matter is required and the matter will be referred to Mr. Stephen Cull who is the co-ordinator for this project.

Minute No. 69/15

Notice of Question

Cllr. Jennifer Green

"Have the Council collected the annual Derelict Site Levy for Ard Dealgan under the Derelict Sites Act 1990?"

REPLY:

No derelict site levy has been imposed on this site yet and accordingly no money has been collected.

There was a supplementary question as to why the Council had not issued correspondence to the owner. The Director of Service advised they are currently unable to get a value for the property.

Minute No. 70/15

Notice of Question

Cllr. Jennifer Green

"Who have the Council issued the bill to from the recent call outs from the Fire Services to Ard Dealgan?"

REPLY:

Louth County Fire Service attended a fire in Ard Dealgan, Dundalk on the 13th May 2015. The Fire Bill will be issued to all parties with an interest in the building, shortly.

Minute No. 71/15

Municipal Budget Allocation

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Maria Doyle, suggested that the matter be considered in committee in accordance with Standing Order No. 50. This was proposed by Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Dearey.

The matter was considered in committee. Mr. P. Donnelly had circulated to the members a report outlining a number of proposals that had been received from four elected members. There followed a lengthy discussion on the matter and it was noted that there was some common trends running through the proposals and that these should be considered as the overall expenditure for the allocation. Following further discussion on the matter, a conclusion was not reached in regard to the expenditure and it was agreed that the matter would be tabled for the July meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on:-

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____