

Municipal District of Dundalk – May 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 7th May, 2019 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Conor Keelan

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

Officials: Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Martin McCreesh, Executive Engineer
Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer
Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 40/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd April 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Yore and seconded by Cllr. A. Watters

Minute No.41/19

Housing and Communities Progress Report

- It was agreed to check the rent arrears figures as they appeared to be the same as the previous report.
- Concerns around eligibility for HAP were raised and members were asked to provide details of any specific cases they are aware of.

Minute No. 42/19

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

- Concern was raised at the new sign at Dundalk race course and it was agreed to check if it was compliant with the planning permission issued.
- It was suggested that an unbroken white line is required as a safety measure at Bellurgan Straights.
- Members requested details of footpaths scheduled to be repaired in the coming months.
- It was pointed out that the roots of the trees on Tom Bellew Avenue were damaging properties.
- It was agreed to review the situation with cars parking at Scoil Eoin Baiste at the weekends when matches are being played.

- It was agreed to review the timing of the pedestrian crossing at the Home Bakery and the need to repaint the road markings was also highlighted.
- The need for the Council to assist community groups undertaking grass cutting with insurance costs was raised.

Minute No. 43/19

Dundalk Allocation of Community Grants

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Butler
Seconded by Cllr. M. Yore
And resolved**

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

Minute No. 44/19

Notice of Motion:

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

“That a Public Transport Forum be established and a Public and active transport strategy be developed without delay”.

Reply:

The establishment of a Local Public Transport Partnership (LPTP) was one of the recommendations of the Dundalk Town Council's bid to the Dept of Transports National Sustainable Travel Areas Competition in 2010.

The initial role of the LPTP was to commission an independent service review of local bus operations.

Unfortunately, the Council were unsuccessful in its bid and there is no provision in this year's Budget to finance the proposal.

Members agreed the motion.

Minute No. 45/19

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Campbell
Seconded by: Cllr. A Watters

“That this Municipal District Council rescind the twinning arrangements with Pikeville”.

Reply: The members should consider whether this should be placed on the agenda of a future Municipal District meeting as a standalone item for decision, as this matter was originally agreed by Dundalk Municipal District under Section 75 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

A roll call vote was then called.

For (6): Cllrs. A. Campbell, E. Corrigan, R. O’Murchu, T. Sharkey, A. Watters, M. Yore

Against (6): Cllrs. M. Butler, E. Coffey, M. Dearey, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. Savage

Abstained (1): M. Doyle

The Cathaoirleach had the casting vote, he voted against the motion and the motion was defeated.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the press, the members and the staff of the Council and was commended for his chairing of the meetings.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____