

Municipal District of Dundalk – September 2014

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 2nd September 2014

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. D. Breathnach
Members:	Councillors:, M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, J. McGahon, K. Meenan, P. Savage, M. Yore
Officials:	P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator F. Pentony, Director of Services G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
Apologies:	Cllr. T. Sharkey

Minute No. 12/14

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 1st July 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Dearey and seconded by Cllr. P. Savage.

Minute No. 13/14

Allocation for Cathaoirleach – Section 143 Local Government Act, 2001

The members considered the payment of an allowance for the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, as provided for under Section 143 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 37, of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in accordance with Circular LG 12/14, Part IV, Part B.

There followed a discussion in relation to the matter.

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Meenan
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Corrigan

That the Cathaoirleach for the next five years not avail of the allowance as provided for in the legislation.

Amendment

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Dearey

That the allowance be confirmed as €12,000 per annum as per the Circular.

There followed a vote in relation to the matter.

For: Cllrs. Breathnach, Butler, Dearey, Doyle, Keelan, McGahon, Savage (7)
Against: Cllrs. Corrigan, Green, Loughran, Meenan, Yore (5)
Abstain: None (0)
Absent: Cllr. Sharkey (1)

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the amendment had been carried, and the allowance would be as per the circular referred.

Minute No. 14/14

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL)

Members noted the correspondence in relation to the IBAL litter survey.

Minute No. 15/14

Operations, Infrastructure & Marine Progress Report

The members noted the report for September 2014, and the issues raised in relation to same which included Hill Street junction, future development of Greenway, and circular Greenway at Dundalk were addressed by the Senior Engineer.

Minute No. 16/14

Housing Progress Report

The Housing Progress Report dated 24th August was noted by the members and queries in relation to same were addressed by the Director of Services. These included issues around Cluid Housing Scheme, rent arrears and the format of the Housing Report.

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Savage
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler

To set up a sub-committee of the Municipal District to look at the housing challenges and to come up with innovative ways to address these challenges. This was agreed by all.

Notices of Motion

Minute No. 17/14

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

“That this Municipal District construct speed ramps on St. Alphonsus Road (East) and consider restricting the use of this road by heavy goods vehicles”

Reply

At the moment there is no specific funding available for the installation of ramps. LCC can carry a speed survey in this area and see if ramps are required. The restriction on HGV’s requires careful examination and a report will be provided when this examination is complete.

Minute No. 18/14

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Doyle
Seconded by: Cllr. J. McGahon**

“That this Municipal District carry out a traffic survey at Old Muirhevna, Dublin Road and consider ways to curtail the speed of cars in this residential area”

Reply

LCC can carry a speed survey in this area to ascertain if speeding is occurring. At the moment there is no specific funding available for the installation of ramps.

Minute No. 19/14

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

“That the site notice and newspaper notice are placed immediately, in order to progress the extinguishment of the right of way at St. Josephs Park, Dundalk.”

Reply

The notice will be published before the end of September.

Notices of Question

Minute No. 20/14

Cllr. Mark Dearey

“Can the Manager comment on the apparent failure of the Local Authority to deliver on its objective of upgrading the roads and footpaths of Omeath and installing traffic calming measures, pending the installation of water and sewage infrastructure? (see the Settlement Plan, Section 11.6 of the County Development Plan 2009-2015)”

Reply

Development Plans always contain many objectives and a lesser number of strategic objectives. Their inclusion in a plan does not any way guarantee that any or all of these objectives will actually be delivered during the life of a particular plan and in some cases objectives, particularly strategic objectives, can appear in plans for many decades. The fact that a particular objective

might not yet be delivered is often more a factor of availability of funding and does not mean that the objective is not considered highly desirable or important.

Minute No. 21/14

Correspondence

Correspondence was noted by the members.

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____