

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – September 2018**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Carlingford Heritage Centre, Carlingford on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Conor Keelan

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

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

**Apologies:** Councillors E. Corrigan

### **Minute No. 71/18**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle.

### **Minute No. 72/18**

#### **Matters arising**

- There were no matters arising.
- Sympathies were expressed to the family and friends of Seamus McParland, and a minute of silence was observed.

### **Minute No. 73/18**

#### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

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

- Members expressed their deep concern at the lack of money available to carry out maintenance works on the Council's housing stock and were informed that efforts were being made to find additional funding.

### **Minute No. 74/18**

#### **Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

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

- Members expressed frustration with the poor communication from Irish Water to the residents and Councillors in relation to the works being carried out at Hazelwood Avenue, Bay estate. Members stated their dissatisfaction with

communication from Irish Water to the members generally, and it was agreed to write to Irish Water to highlight the issue.

- The need to repair the drain in Realt na Mara was raised.
- It was agreed to update members in relation to the speed limit review.
- It was pointed out that the cycle lanes on the Dublin Road have not been reinstated properly.
- It was agreed to provide the members with quarterly updates from the Steering Committee in relation to CFRAM.
- The need to repair the surface of the Old Golf Links Road was raised.
- It was agreed to review the traffic light sequence at the Marshes.
- It was requested that the putting in place of the gate at Carrick-Carnon be progressed urgently.
- It was suggested that a harbour master is needed for Carlingford Harbour.
- It was also suggested that the casual trading pitches at Carlingford could be moved to a better location.
- It was agreed to provide the members with details of the staff working in each directory.
- A briefing from the newly appointed public realms officers was requested.
- It was agreed to look into the possibility of a permanent power supply for the casual trading pitches in Carlingford
- It was agreed to look into possible breaches of planning regulations by service stations with large screen advertising, signs on footpaths and only having a single entrance/exit.
- Concern was expressed at the possibility of dredging material from Warren point being deposited in Carlingford Lough, and the Council was encouraged to make a submission in relation to the proposal.
- The pothole on the Mullaharlin Road was raised for immediate attention.
- It was pointed out that a traffic survey needs to be carried out in relation to the Lower Point Road before any further development takes place
- The need for traffic calming measures on Hoeyes Lane was raised.
- An update in relation to progress on the municipal running track was requested.
- A query was raised as to whether or not the CCTV pole beside the Clinton sculpture could be moved as it impacts negatively on pictures being taken.

#### **Minute No. 75/18**

#### **Coxs Demesne Regeneration Phase 2B Part 8**

This was proposed by Cllr. J. McGahon and seconded by Cllr. M. Butler and agreed by the members.

#### **Minute No. 76/18**

#### **Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads – The Breakers, Templetown**

This was proposed by Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. J. McGahon and agreed by the members.

**Minute No. 77/18**

**Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads – Cluain Na Taine, Jenkinstown**

This was proposed by Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. A. Watters and agreed by the members.

**Minute No. 78/18**

**Notice of Question:**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Keelan

"Recognising various motions passed calling for traffic calming on the Armagh Road in the Council chamber since 2014, what is the Council's plan to deal with the ever-increasing traffic problem in this area and when is the expected delivery date of a report re same?"

**REPLY:**

**A speed and traffic survey was conducted at this location during 2017 and a report reached the conclusion that no traffic calming was required. The survey was conducted in accordance with LCC's Traffic Calming Policy and found that motorist's actual speeds were not in excess of the limits prescribed in that document. A further survey will be undertaken in 2019 to ascertain if any change in motorist's speeds. There are already a number of speed reducing measures on the Armagh road in the form of traffic islands.**

Members noted the reply. It was requested that the traffic report be circulated to the members.

**Minute No. 79/18**

**Notice of Question:**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Keelan

"In light of the recent positive developments regarding a running track for the Muirhevnamor area in the near future what plans have the Council to either bring back the former Muirhevnamor pitch & putt course into public use or else to turn it over for use as another form of public amenity?"

**REPLY:**

**The former pitch and putt facility as only reverted to us in recent times, and no decision has been made in relation any future uses.**

Members noted the reply.

**Minute No. 80/18**

Vote of Sympathy:

Sympathies were expressed to the Cathaoirleach in relation to the death of his mother, Marie Keelan.

The Cathaoirleach circulated a report in relation to his recent visit to Catoria, Spain.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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