

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – December 2016**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 5.15 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Mark Dearey

**Members:** Councillors: M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, J. Green, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, K. Meenan, P. Savage, E. Coffey & M. Yore

**Officials:** Frank Pentony, Director of Services  
Martina Sheeran, A/Senior Engineer  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Mary T. Daly, Senior Executive Officer  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Other:** Ms. Aibhlín McCrann, Communiqué International

### **Minute No.113/16**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Butler and seconded by Cllr. E. Coffey.

### **Minute No. 114/16**

#### **Matters Arising**

Members were informed that the tender for the work at Castletown heights in relation to closing off the walk through would be issued before Christmas. Members expressed frustration at the slow pace of progress.

It was pointed out that a visit by the members to the former landfill site at Newry Road had still not been arranged.

The Cathaoirleach and all involved were commended for the civic reception for Dundalk FC and all of the activities in the town around the turning on of the Christmas lights.

It was agreed to contact the EPA regarding the recent prosecution in relation to an Apple Green filling station.

The Cathaoirleach expressed frustration at reports and documents that were undertaken to be produced not being delivered at subsequent meetings.

## **Minute No. 115/16**

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

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

- Members were given a commitment that the application form for the Incremental Purchase Scheme would be put on the Council's website.
- Members were informed that the tenders for the new design team for Coxes redevelopment were being assessed.
- The Housing Department reported that they are trying to work with the one rough sleeper recorded during the count to resolve the situation.
- Concern at the recent dog biting incidents in the Muirhevnamor estate were raised and a publicity campaign by the Dog warden service about dangerous breeds of dog was suggested.
- An update was sought on the opening of the Sports Centre.

## **Minute No. 116/16**

### **Infrastructure, Operations & Marine Progress Report**

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

- A query was raised regarding additional money being available for new projects to be added to the 3 year programme if a project is completed ahead of schedule through additional funding being sourced.
- Concern at the lack of public lighting and the damage caused to pathways by the parking goods vehicles was raised in relation to Lisheen Park.
- Traffic calming measures were requested on the Armagh Road at the rear of the Lisdoon Arms and the junction with Lennon/Melia Terrace.
- A traffic survey was requested at the burial ground at Dowdalls Hill and at the Castletown Cross/Mill Road junction during school term.

## **Minute No. 117/16**

Mary T. Daly gave a presentation to the members in relation to the Louth Diaspora Strategy and encouraged the members to complete the on-line survey and share the link with as many people as possible. Mary and Aibhlin McCrann answered questions from the members and noted their comments.

A minutes silence was observed for the late Sean Bellew, followed by warm tributes from the members in which his informed and insightful contributions to debates were remembered.

**Minute No. 118/16**

**Appointment of Chairperson for Local Policing Forum**

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

**Proposed: Cllr A. Watters by Cllr. E. Corrigan  
Seconded by Cllr. J. Green**

There followed a roll call vote.

**For Cllr. J. McGahon:** Cllrs: M. Butler, E. Coffey, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. Savage, M. Yore

**For Cllr. A. Watters:** Cllr. E. Corrigan, J. Green, A. Watters, K. Meenan

Cllr. J. McGahon was deemed Elected as Chairperson.

**Minute No. 118/16**

**Election of a Replacement for Jim Loughran to the Cross Authority Committee under the Memorandum of Understanding between Louth County Council and Newry and Mourne District Council.**

Cllr. A. Watters was proposed by Cllr. E. Corrigan, seconded by J. Cassidy- Green and agreed by the meeting.

**Minute No. 119/16**

**Notice of Motion:**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Yore  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Doyle

"That Louth County Council install a footpath on Rock Road, Blackrock and reduce speed limit on same for safety of pedestrians".

**REPLY:**

**No provision has been made in the current capital budget to provide a footpath at this location. The provision of a footpath along Rock Road would require land acquisition, extensive drainage works and vertical realignment of the road at locations. The area between the R132 Sextons and R172 Coast Road is within a 30kph zone.**

Following a discussion, in which the use of development levies to fund this initiative was raised, members noted the reply.

### **Minute No. 120/16**

#### **Notice of Motion:**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. J. McGahon

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Keelan

#### **MOTION: J. McGahon**

"Given the high volume of mountain walkers and axle artic lorries using the Ballymakellet Road in Ravensdale, Louth County Council should overlook it's policy not to repair local tertiary (Class 3) roads and provide funding to repair this road given the unprecedented activity on the road."

#### **REPLY:**

**The level of funding available for the road maintenance budget is such that maintenance and renewal works must be prioritised and directed to roads upon which the greatest volume of traffic traverses. Local roads have in the past been maintained by way of local contribution schemes. There has been no funding for such works in the last two years. Subject to budget approval there is a proposal to reintroduce a local contribution scheme. The scheme will prioritise local roads and will be subject to a local contribution been available.**

The following amendment to the motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler, seconded by C. Keelan and agreed by the members

"With a minimum of 50% of the cost to be provided by Coillte in accordance with their Managing Timber Transport Good practice Guide"

Member agreed the amended motion.

### **Minute No. 121/16**

#### **Notices of Question**

The following Notice of Question were noted by the members:

"What are the results of contractor checking the co-efficient surface on Racecourse Road, Dundalk due to high volume of accidents occurring and will resurfacing occur".

#### **REPLY:**

**The Council will forward these results to the members.**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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