

Municipal District of Dundalk – November 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 1st November, 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, T. Sharkey & M. Yore

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Martina Sheeran, A/Senior Engineer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillor E. Coffey

Minute No.105/16

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th October 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore.

Minute No. 106/16

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on the Monday, 17th October 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Savage and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore.

Minute No. 107/16

Matters Arising

Members were informed that each municipal district would need to host their own civic award event as there would not be a county-wide one taking place.

It was agreed that a date should be set for the visiting of Councillors to the former landfill site at Newry Road.

Members requested that the design for addressing the access between Castle Heights and Marion Park be presented at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Council would examine the conviction secured by a crèche in Lusk, Co. Dublin against an Apple Green station for breaches of their EPA licence.

It was also agreed to circulate the members with a schedule for all of the Council's strategic policy committee meetings.

Minute No. 108/16

Proposed Scheduled Meetings 2017

The Meetings Administrator circulated the Meeting Schedule for 2017 and brought to the members' attention a request to hold the January Municipal District of Dundalk meeting on Tuesday 10th January, 2017 at 5.15 pm in order to facilitate the issuing of the agenda and replies to the members following the Christmas leave. This was proposed by the Cllr. P. Savage, seconded by Cllr. M. Yore and agreed by all.

Minute No. 109/16

Part 8- Housing Development (2 No. Dwellings) at Bishop's Court, Dundalk.

The report was proposed by Cllr. M. Dearey, seconded by Cllr. M. Butler and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 110/16

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- The Director informed the members that funding would be sought in 2017 for further CPOs of derelict houses to be taken into housing stock.
- Members were informed that the sports centre should be open within a month

Minute No. 111/16

Infrastructure, Operations & Marine Progress Report

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

- It was agreed to investigate Japanese knot weed along the Green Way as part of the Council's eradication programme.
- The need to turn on the lights on the pedestrian crossing at St. Francis school was highlighted.
- The need to ensure the trench at Balmers Bog is draining was also highlighted.
- A request was made for an update in regard to plans for traffic calming at Lis na Dara, Carrick Road
- It was agreed to report back to the members in relation to the adhesion coefficient on the Racecourse Road.

- It was agreed to report back to the members in relation to the railings at Dowdall's Hill burial ground.
- It was agreed to look at the list of defective manholes to be supplied by Cllr. Keelan to address any in the ownership of the Council.
- The Cathaoirleach informed the members that he had requested a briefing from the Chief Executive in relation to the enforcement action under the Waste Management Acts that has been initiated by the Council in respect of a premises located in the River Fane catchment. It was suggested that a protocol be put in place for informing the public about incidents of this nature.
- A more detailed report was requested in relation to phase 4 of the N53

Minute No. 112/16

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore

"That this Council, while recognising the present proposals to develop a pontoon/marina infrastructure in Drogheda, support the construction of a weir on the Castletown River to retain sufficient water to promote water-sport infrastructure and the feasibility of other river amenities. This will harness the river as an asset and improve its marketability as a tourism resource".

REPLY:

A concept study was completed in 2005 into the construction of a control structure in the Castletown River. Further investigations recommended included detailed assessment of planning, riverbed siltation, water quality issues, hydraulic modelling, an Environmental Impact Assessment and an economic appraisal.

The estimated cost of construction was €43 million with a construction period of 3-4 years.

The project was now pursued based on the estimated cost.

Following a discussion it was agreed to circulate the executive summary of the engineers report to the members. Members noted the reply.

Any Other Business:

- Members extended congratulations to the gold medal winners in the Tidy towns competition and to the organisers of the Improve Our town event
- Congratulations were also extended to Dundalk FC for their recent achievements

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____