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Municipal District of Dundalk – September 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 6th September, 2016 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Mark Dearey

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

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Martina Sheeran, A/Senior Engineer
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator
Fiona Downes, Administrative Officer

Apologies: Councillors M. Butler & J. Loughran

Absent: Councillors P. Savage & T. Sharkey

Minute No.88/16

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th July 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. J. McGahon and seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle.

Minute No. 89/16

Matters Arising

- Members were informed that prices are being sought in relation to the works to be carried out to the railings at St. Patricks Cemetry.
- It was agreed that traffic surveys would be carried out at Castletown Cross/Mill Road and Nicholas Street.
- A review of the adherence to the no right turn at Rampart Lane and Stapleton Drive will be undertaken before the end of the year.

- A strategic assessment in relation to Brexit will be undertaken by Newry and Mourne District Council and Louth County Council. The members will be kept informed of progress in relation to this matter.

Minute No. 90/16

Irish Water Presentation: (Louth Water Conservation Project Stage 3) is Watermains Rehabilitation Works - Contract 4, Dundalk.

A presentation was given to the members in relation to the proposed works to be carried out by Irish water, followed by a questions and answers session. It was agreed that the project Engineer would give the members a fortnightly update informing them of the schedule and progress of works.

Minute No. 91/16

Report on Proposed Extinguishment of Right of Way at public open space located to the rear of 27 Drive II, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

The report was proposed by Cllr. M. Yore, seconded by Cllr. E. Corrigan and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 92/16

Housing and Communities Progress Report

Members discussed the report as circulated with the Agenda

- Members were informed that a survey of the Council's housing stock is underway that will feed into future windows and doors programme.
- The members were informed that the Council was awaiting approval from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government in relation to the full cost of cleaning up and refurbishing Woodlands Park which they would inform members of at the next meeting.
- A design is being developed to tackle the issue of people crossing between Castle Heights and Marion Park but no funding has been identified for the work at this stage.
- Applications for the tenant purchase scheme should be on the Council's website week beginning 12th September.

Minute No. 93/16

Infrastructure, Operations & Marine Progress Report

Members briefly discussed the report as circulated with the Agenda

- It was agreed that a traffic survey would be carried out at Nicholas Street.

Minute No. 94/16

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Keelan
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Yore

"In respect of the former landfill site on the Newry Road

a) that this Municipal District re-affirm the commitment previously given at Dundalk Town Council to develop the landfill site on the Newry Road as a public recreation and amenity facility and prioritise the development of three playing pitches, one for each code.

b) that a representative of the EPA is invited to a Municipal District meeting or to meet Council members for a site visit to discuss the transition of the site from a landfill site to a public recreation and amenity facility and to discuss timeframe and ancillary issues."

REPLY:

The EPA have advised that they will examine any proposals put forward by the Council in respect of future use for the closed landfill site. However it is considered premature at this stage to invite the EPA to a meeting ahead of submitting detailed proposals to them for their consideration. To date an access road and car parking facilities has been constructed. However no funding has been provided to progress further. The Council will examine the scheme and come back to the members with budget costs for the possible phased development of the site.

Following a brief discussion the report was noted.

Notices of Question

The following Notice of Question was noted by the members:

Minute No. 95/16

Cllr. C. Keelan

"When can we expect a report into the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing at Quinn's Corner and further along the Castletown Town as per my amended motion adopted last year? "

REPLY:

The report into the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing at Quinn's Corner and further along the Castletown Town is ongoing at present and it is hoped to have a completed report for the next council meeting

Any Other Business:

- The members wished Gerry Kelly all the best in his retirement.

- They also the best of luck to Dundalk Football Club.
- Cllr. Yore highlighted the launch of the Dementia Elevator Programme on the 27th September in the Marshes Shopping Centre
- A traffic speed survey will be arranged for the Nicholas Street area and a report of the findings made available in due course.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____