

## **Municipal District of Dundalk – April 2017**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Mark Dearey

**Members:** Councillors: E. Coffey, M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, J. Cassidy-Green, C. Keelan, J. McGahon, P. Savage, A. Watters & M. Yore

**Officials:** Frank Pentony, Director of Services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
Vincent Toner, Senior Executive Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Councillors: K. Meenan and T. Sharkey

### **Minute No. 31/17**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Butler and seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle.

### **Minute No. 32/17**

#### **Matters Arising**

- It was pointed out that historian; Don Johnston's advice should be sought in relation to upgrading Faughart burial ground.
- It was requested that a further presentation from Irish Water to update members should be made at a future meeting.
- Frustration was expressed at the traffic lights for Medebawn not being included in the 2017 Roads Works programme. It was agreed to update members in relation to what preparation work has been carried out.
- It was agreed to report back to the members in relation to difficulties being experienced by members of the public with the FixMyStreet application.

## **Minute No. 33/17**

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

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

- It was agreed to update the members in relation to what land was available for the development of social housing and numbers of housing units being delivered for the north Louth area.
- It was agreed to circulate the cost of providing homeless emergency accommodation at the next meeting.
- Members were advised that it was hoped to subdivide the rent arrears figures in the Housing report into arrears where a payment plan is in place and arrears where there is none.
- It was agreed to provide a report in relation to the walk through at Castle Heights as soon as possible.

## **Minute No. 34/17**

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

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

- It was agreed to report back to the members in relation to the possibility of cycle lanes being provided on the footpath on St. Mary's Road.
- It was agreed to contact St. Mary's College about the school bus not adhering to the agreed traffic management plan.
- It was agreed to look into the problem of the overgrown verges on the Carrickmacross Road.
- The need to maintain culverts on mountain roads to prevent water damage was highlighted.
- It was agreed to circulate a report in relation to Planning enforcement in the County to the members.
- Members were asked to inform officials of locations where they felt bus shelters were needed.
- It was agreed to provide the average cost of the provision of a bus shelter to the members.
- It was agreed to include coastal flooding caused by the Flurry River in future monthly reports.
- Concern was raised at the effectiveness of the path and road sweeping equipment used by the Council.

**Minute No. 35/17**

**Condolences**

Sympathies were extended to the family & Friends of:

Tom Savage  
Mark Duffy  
Andy Califf  
Maurice Brown

**Minute No. 36/17**

**Dundalk Town Centre Health Check Presentation**

Members were informed that they would receive a detailed presentation in relation to the Dundalk Health Check carried out by Dundalk Institute of Technology at the next meeting after the management team had been presented with the findings.

**Minute No. 37/17**

**Holding of Municipal District of Dundalk meetings in an alternative venue**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Dearey, seconded by M. Yore and agreed by the members that there should be one municipal meeting per annum hosted in the Dundalk/Carlingford and Dundalk/Blackrock areas respectively.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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