

Municipal District of Dundalk – January 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 10th January, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Mark Dearey

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

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

Apologies: Cllr. J. McGahon, A. Watters

Other: Ms. Gretta McCarron & Ms. Bernie O' Flaherty, LAWCO.

Minute No.01/17

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th December 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Yore and seconded by Cllr. E. Coffey.

Minute No. 02/17

Matters Arising

- Members were informed that the bulbs in the public lighting in Lisheen Park will be replaced and the pathways inspected.
- It was agreed that a site visit to the Dundalk landfill site will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, 19th January.
- It was agreed to look into the possibility of conditioning the developer of Cois Ferraige to put a footpath in place on the adjacent road.
- Members were updated in relation to the provision of new chains of office for the Municipal District. While some members felt they were unnecessary or that the chains of Dundalk Town Council should continue to be used the proposal was generally welcomed. It was agreed to keep the members informed of progress.

Housing and Communities Progress 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 number of social houses that will be provided in the Mount Hamilton development.

Minute No. 04/17

Infrastructure, Operations & Marine Progress Report

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

- Members were informed that the tender for the design work in relation to Clanbrassil Street was taking place. It was suggested that the businesses on the street should be updated by the Council.
- It was agreed to look into the legality of “naming and shaming” litter offenders.
- The need to address pot holes in Stapleton Place, Red Barn Road and the junction of Market Street and Clanbrassil Street was raised, along with the deterioration of the manhole on St. Alphonsus Close.
- It was agreed to list the areas where leaves have been cleared and gullies cleaned in next month’s report.
- It was agreed to examine the sequencing of the traffic lights at the Lisdoon junction to vary the programmes during peak and off peak periods in order to improve circulation.

Minute No. 05/17

Garrett Shine, County Veterinary Officer gave a presentation to the members in relation to the control of dogs and then responded to questions and comments from the members.

Minute No. 06/17

Bernie O’Flaherty and Gretta McCarron of the Local Authority Waters & Communities Office gave a presentation to the members in relation to the activities of the Office including the preparation of the River Basin Management Plan. They then answered questions from the members.

Minute No. 07/17

Cllr. E. Coffey was proposed by Cllr. Savage, seconded by Cllr. C. Keelan and agreed by the meeting to be the representative of the Dundalk Municipal District on the Road Safety Working Together Group.

Minute No. 08/17

Members were briefed on the updated procedure for the tracking of representations from the Councillors. Some concerns were raised regarding the new procedures and assurance was given that every effort would be made to ensure it provided the Councillors with an efficient service.

Condolences:

The Cathaoirleach paid tribute to the recently deceased T. K. Whittaker for his outstanding contribution to Irish public life.

Sympathies were also extended to the family and friends of Fr. Thomas Shevlin.

Congratulations:

Congratulations and tributes were paid to the recently retired journalist, Gene Yore.

Invitation to next Meeting:

It was agreed to invite the North East Region Family Support Network to make a presentation to the Municipal District at the February meeting.

Minute No. 09/17

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cassidy-Green

" Louth Co Council carry out speed survey on Avenue Rd Dundalk to ascertain if speed calming measures need to be introduced."

REPLY:

Traffic management options in regard to the Avenue Road are proposed to form part of the Road works programme for 2017.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 10/17

Notices of Question

The following Notice of Question were noted by the members:

"What are results /findings of speed survey carried out at Haggardstown Primary School and when are traffic calming measures going to be introduced?"

REPLY:

Reports on a number of speed surveys are due to be completed and reviewed by senior staff. Details of same will be available as soon as is practical.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____