

Municipal District of Dundalk – July 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 4th July 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor J. McGahon

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, E. Corrigan, M. Doyle, J. Cassidy-Green, C. Keelan, T. Sharkey, M. Yore & A. Watters

Officials: Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer
Vincent Toner, Senior Executive Engineer
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillors: E. Coffey, M. Dearey, K. Meenan,

Minute No. 56/17

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th June 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. J. Green.

Minute No. 57/17

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Minute No. 58/17

Matters Arising

- A report in relation to the Dundalk Health Check was requested for the September meeting along with a briefing in relation to the LIHAF funded access Road at Mount Avenue.

Minute No. 59/17

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- It was suggested that information, in relation to available supports, should be provided to people who are refused homeless accommodation, if they are from outside the County or not HRC eligible.

Minute No. 60/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- The need to progress the taking in charge of Willow Grove was raised and it was agreed to continue to progress the issue.
- The need to progress the taking in charge of Coulter Place was also emphasised.
- The poor restoration of green spaces and pathways by contractors acting on behalf of Irish Water was highlighted.
- The need to remove the weeds from the pathway at Dowdallshill burial ground was raised.

Minute No. 61/17

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. J. McGahon
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler

"That Louth County Council install two protective railings on the Castle corner of Mill Street and Castle Road in order to eliminate cars mounting the kerb when turning left onto Mill Street".

REPLY:

Traffic movements at the junction will be reviewed and should remedial actions be required the Area team will arrange same subject to the necessary resources been available.

Members noted the reply.

Minute No. 62/17

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Dearey
Deferred

"That the 2nd parking space beside the ESB Networks E charging station in Carlingford be designated for electric vehicles."

Note these charging stations charge two cars at the same time but Louth CC have only one dedicated parking space at the station meaning that a second EV cannot charge up.

REPLY:

Dedicated parking spaces at charging stations are provided by agreement with ESB. In the instance of Carlingford the second space is available for vehicles wishing to avail of the charging facility it is however not dedicated to electric vehicles as there is currently significant pressure on parking areas and there is no evidence at present to suggest that a second dedicated space is necessary. The matter will be kept under review and when necessary the space will be marked at a dedicated charging space.

Motion was deferred.

Minute No. 63/17

Notices of Question- Cllr. J. McGahon

" Will Louth County Council provide an update on the works that have been scheduled to take place between Marian Park and Castle Heights in order to close off the through way."

REPLY:

LCC are currently examining the unauthorised access between the Castle Heights estate and Marian Park via No. 28 Marian Park (a LCC house). There is a gap made through the existing hedge line between the estates and there is a movement of people through this gap. The line of movement goes straight through the property of 28 Marian Park - see Google Map attached – the worn pathway is clear.

The simplest solution to stop this movement is to erect a suitable fence line at this gap blocking it off. This fence line would extend from the corner of the existing fencing up to and into the existing hedge line. However, the new section of fence line may be ineffective if it is subjected to targeted vandalism.

Another option would be to construct a solid boundary wall extending in full / in part along the property boundary at a height of say 2.0m. This would be a more costly solution.

At this juncture these options are being examined and an updated report will be provided on completion.

Minute No. 64/17

Notices of Question- Cllr. M. Doyle

"Can the Council please provide details of the assessments (including survey of water services) carried out at Willow Grove in respect to the taking of charge of the estate?"

REPLY:

Assessments that the Council carried out at Willow Grove in respect to the taking of charge of the estate include:

- A visual inspection of the development. This inspection identified significant works which are required to be completed to bring this development up to an appropriate standard. These works include repairs to footpaths and the provision of a surface course on the road.

- Irish Water have carried out their own assessment. This will facilitate the provision of a site resolution plan with the Council to progress the taking in charge application.

Members noted the replies and expressed frustration at the timeframe for the work in relation to the through way between Marian Park and Castle Heights

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____