

Municipal District of Dundalk – June 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 6th June, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Mark Dearey

Members: Councillors: E. Coffey, M. Butler, E. Corrigan, J. McGahon, M. Doyle, J. Cassidy-Green, C. Keelan, P. Savage, T. Sharkey, K. Meenan & 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: A. Watters

Minute No. 50/17

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd May 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. M. Butler.

Minute No. 51/17

Matters Arising

- Members were informed that when the report was completed members would be briefed in relation to the health check carried out for Dundalk.
- It was pointed out that while Irish Water had hosted a clinic for queries to be raised it was felt that they should attend the monthly meeting when requested.
- Members were informed that it was anticipated that the report in relation to previous motions and queries would be circulated within 2 weeks.
- Strong concern was raised around the depositing of dredging material in Carlingford Lough and the lack of proper consultation with the Council.

Minute No. 52/17

Housing and Communities Progress Report

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

- Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the concentration of social housing projects in the urban areas and the lack of construction in the north Louth area.
- Members were informed that Choice Based Letting was going very well but it had highlighted a significant number of applicants who had changed address but not informed the Council.

Minute No. 53/17

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

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

- Pat Finn, Senior Engineer gave a presentation in relation to the Haggardstown traffic calming measures and answered questions from the members.
- Significant concerns around safety and traffic congestion were raised in relation to the proposed access road at Mount Avenue being funded through LIHAF. It was pointed out that a Part VIII had been passed and could not be reversed. It was agreed to brief the members in relation to the project at a future meeting.
- Clarity was sought in relation to the areas of work being dealt with by CE schemes rather than the Council and it was agreed to revert back to the members.
- The need to revisit the Smarter Travel policy document was highlighted.
- The need to populate the vacant property register was also raised, it was pointed out that it relates only to residential-zoned property.
- An update was requested in relation to action taken in relation to the development at the rear of the Fairways for alleged breaches of planning permission around permitted working times.
- Members were informed that issues around noise pollution were addressed through the district court.
- An update was requested in relation the Marion Park Gateway.

Condolences:

Sympathies were extended to the family and friends of:

Dan Rooney, Former US Ambassador to Ireland

Willie Duffy, Dundalk Tidy Towns

Minute No. 54/17

Notice of Motion: Cllr. M. Yore

"That LCC install traffic calming measures, street lighting and footpath from Tuites Land to Rock Rd Junction on Old Golf Links Rd Blackrock."

REPLY:

Louth County Council have adopted a policy on traffic calming measures and areas to be considered for such works must meet the requirements as set out in the policy. This area will be assessed by staff as soon as is practical. In regard to public lights, the policy is not to add to our existing lighting asset base due to the excessive costs involved. There are currently no resources available for the construction of footpaths.

Members noted the reply. A number of members, including the proposer of the motion, left the meeting while the Senior Engineer was replying to queries, which the remaining members expressed their dissatisfaction with.

Minute No. 55/17

Notice of Motion: Cllr. A. Watters

"Call on Louth County Council to complete the footpath in Ravensdale along the R174 which was started around 10 years ago. Can funding be made available to finish this project?"

REPLY:

The Road Works Programme for 2017 as agreed by the members does not have provision for a footpath programme as there currently is no resources available for such. The matter will be kept under review and should a resource become available every effort will be made to secure such and complete the project within current policy parameters.

Motion was deferred.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____