

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the Town Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 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, 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

### **Minute No. 21/17**

#### **Urgent Business**

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Dearey**

**Seconded by: Cllr. M. Butler**

That a special committee be established to report to the Municipal District in relation to Brexit.

*Members unanimously agreed the motion.*

The following members were proposed and agreed by the meeting to become members of the Brexit committee:

#### **M Dearey,**

Proposed: M. Butler

Seconded: M. Doyle

#### **C. Keelan**

Proposed: E. Coffey

Seconded: M. Yore

#### **J McGahon**

Proposed: M. Doyle

Seconded: C. Keelan

**E. Corrigan**

Proposed: J. Green

Seconded :M. Yore

**M. Yore**

Proposed: C. Keelan

Seconded: E. Coffey

**Minute No. 22/17****Minutes**

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

**Minute No. 23/17****Matters Arising**

- An update in relation to Balmers Bog was requested.
- An update in relation to the maintenance of lighted bollards was sought.
- Information in relation to the Village Renewal Scheme was requested

**Minute No. 24/17****Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

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

- The need to carry out works on the Holy Trinity Wall, Carlingford was raised.
- The need to upgrade the burial ground at Faughart, particularly in light of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Faughart in 2018 was also raised.
- Members highlighted their concerns around the quality of reinstatement work and traffic management plans with regard to works being carried out by utility companies. Members were informed that a new clerk of works had been appointed with specific responsibility for the monitoring of road opening licences. A report was sought in relation to the matter.

**Minute No. 25/17****Housing and Communities Progress Report**

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

- An update was requested in relation to the Coxes Demesne redevelopment project.
- Members expressed their concerns with housing applicants being removed from the housing list for failure to supply the Council with up to date information.

### **Minute No. 26/17**

#### **Consideration of Discretionary Budget 2017.**

**That the Discretionary Budget be divided equally between the members.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. J. McGahon**

**Seconded by: Cllr. C. Keelan**

**For:** Cllr. M. Butler, Cllr. E. Coffey, Cllr. M. Doyle, Cllr. C. Keelan, Cllr. J. McGahon

**Against:** Cllr. E. Corrigan, Cllr. M. Dearey, Cllr. J. Green, Cllr. K. Meenan

**Absent:** Cllr. P. Savage, Cllr. T. Sharkey, Cllr. A. Watters

**Abstain:** Cllr. M. Yore

**That Discretionary Budget be spent on accessibility works**

**Proposed by: Cllr. E. Corrigan**

**Seconded by: Cllr. J. Green**

**For:** Cllr. E. Corrigan, Cllr. M. Dearey, Cllr. J. Green, Cllr. K. Meenan

**Against:** Cllr. E. Corrigan, Cllr. M. Dearey, Cllr. J. Green, Cllr. K. Meenan

**Absent:** Cllr. P. Savage, Cllr. T. Sharkey, Cllr. A. Watters

**Abstain:** Cllr. M. Yore

### **Minute No. 27/17**

#### **Road Works Programme 2017**

**Proposed by: Cllr. M. Yore**

**Seconded by: Cllr. J. McGahon**

The members expressed their dissatisfaction at the report not being made available to them prior to the meeting and at the lack of a multi-annual plan. It was agreed to provide members with details of projects planned for 2018 at a future meeting.

*Members approved the programme.*

#### **Minute No. 28/17**

#### **Update on Taking in Charge of Housing Developments**

Concern was expressed at the length of time involved in a housing estate being taken in charge. It was agreed to provide a further update in 3 months time.

#### **Minute No. 29/17**

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

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **Minute No. 30/17**

#### **Notices of Question**

"What is the current status of the clean up at the illegal dump found on a farm outside Knockbridge in October 2016, with particular reference to the threat of pollution of the River Fane?"

#### **REPLY:**

**Enforcement action by Louth County Council, under the Waste Management Acts is ongoing. Because of this the Council is not in a position to make further comment except to confirm that water monitoring is taking place and that results of testing of samples from the Fane River showed nothing to suggest any contamination.**

*Members noted the reply.*

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

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

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

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