

Municipal District of Dundalk – February 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the County Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday, 5th February, 2019 at 5.15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Conor Keelan

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Coffey, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, J. McGahon, T. Sharkey, A. Watters, M. Yore

Officials: Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Catherine Duff, Senior Engineer
Emer O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Planner
Patrick O’Rourke, Executive Technician
Adrian Kerley, Acting Executive Engineer
Sinéad McVerry, Senior Staff Officer
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillor R. O’Murchu

Minute No. 9/19

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 8th January 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Yore and seconded by Cllr. A. Campbell.

Minute No. 10/19

Matters arising

- It was agreed to circulate the members with an update in relation to the taxi rank on Park Street by e-mail.

Minute No. 11/19

Housing and Communities Progress Report

- Queries raised by the members were answered at the meeting.

Minute No. 12/19

Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report

- It was agreed to investigate why the grass verges on both sides of the Grey Acre Road were not cut.
- The corrosion of the metal bins on Market Square was raised for investigation.
- The need to repaint a number of yellow boxes around Dundalk was raised along with the need for one on the Dublin Road at the entrance to DKIT.
- The need to address the litter/fly tipping in the Ramparts River was raised.
- Members expressed their opposition to the idea of the Mourne Mountains being used as a nuclear waste dump.

- A query was raised in relation to who was responsible for meeting the cost of removing illegally dumped asbestos.
- Flooding on Mount Avenue was raised.
- It was agreed to look into leaving stocks of salt for local people to grit minor roads.
- The need to address the road markings in Jenkinstown was raised.
- The need for the Council to reply to snags raised by staff of Colaiste Cu Chulainn was raised.
- It was suggested that the road speed signs on the Armagh Road may be incorrect and should be checked.
- Flooding on the R173 was raised.
- The previous concerns around road safety at Annavackey and Mahareagh Cross were raised.
- Concern was raised at the impact of development associated traffic on the Armagh Road.
- The need for traffic calming at Faughart School was highlighted.
- The need to repair the traffic lights at McSwiney Street was raised.
- The need to put in place a traffic flow system in St. Patricks burial ground was raised, along with a traffic count.
- A presentation was requested in relation to the Long Walk.

Minute No. 13/19

Dundalk Allocation of Members Community Grants

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler and seconded by Cllr. A. Campbell and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 14/19

Part 8 – Blackrock Park, Sandy Lane, Blackrock

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. T. Sharkey and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 15/19

Part 8 – 16 Point Road, Dundalk

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Butler and seconded by Cllr. M. Yore and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 16/19

Strategic Housing Development

Stage 3 – SHD- 181024 – McCaughey's 166 units at Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock Dundalk Co Louth

Members raised a number of concerns in relation to this proposal which were noted by the Planning Section and it was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, seconded by M. Dearey and agreed by the members agreed to have a special meeting on Monday, 18 February at 2.00 pm.

Minute No. 17/19

Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads – Willow Grove, Carrick Road Dundalk

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. M. Butler and agreed by the members.

Minute No. 18/19

Carlingford Lough Greenway Presentation - Doran Consulting Engineers

Doran Consultants gave a presentation and answered questions and queries from the members.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Yore, seconded by E. Corrigan and agreed by the members to suspend standing order to allow the meeting to continue for 10 minutes.

Minute No. 19/19

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. R. A. Campbell
Seconded by: Cllr. E. Corrigan

"That Dundalk Municipal District sends solidarity and support to our Nurses and Midwives who have balloted for and engaged in strike action to demand a safe, fully-staffed, functioning health service that values and pays them as essential skilled workers. This strike began on 30th January and is set to continue at various stages throughout February."

REPLY:

This is a matter for the members.

Members agreed the motion.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____