

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2012 IN THE COUNCIL
OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Gildernew, Mayor

Councillors Ashton, F. Burton, R. Burton,
Cavanagh, Cuddy, Daly, Donnelly, Gillespie
Hamilton, McGonnell, McGuigan, Molloy,
Mulligan, Robinson
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors O'Neill, Quinn and Reid
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mr Frazer, Acting Chief Executive
Mrs McKernan (Secretariat)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Department of Regional Development Roads
Service
Mr Gerry Hackett, Section Engineer
Mr Gordon Noble, Assistant Section Engineer
Mr James Black, Dungannon Section Engineer

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

1. DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - ROADS SERVICE

The Mayor welcomed Mr Hackett, Mr Noble and Mr Black who were in attendance to update the Council on progress against the work plan and to present Local Transport and Safety Measures Draft Programme DSTBC Area 2013 – 2015.

Mr Noble informed the meeting that due to the legal challenge there could be no comments at the meeting on the proposed A5 dual carriageway.

Councillor R Burton arrived at 7.35 p.m.

1.1 Update on Progress in 2012/13

Mr Hackett updated the meeting on progress to date and said it was less than previous years due to financial constraints. A few extra local schemes had been added due to additional funding being allocated.

Due to Water Service carrying out work early in the New Year some Roads Service projects would be deferred or carried out in tandem e.g. Barrack Street and Granville Road past Murdoch's. Work will soon be completed on the short stretch at Lisnahull that was deferred until Building Contractor had completed their contract.

Mr Hackett said work at Moore's farm will have to be carried out due to delay in commencing the A5. Old Omagh Road has further work to be carried out prior to resurfacing commencing.

Member congratulated Roads Service on the work carried out in Caledon and on the road from Aughnacloy College to the town and asked if the scheme for the B35 from Carnteel would be completed this year. Mr Hackett stated that it would depend on additional funding being obtained. He said work is prioritised according to need.

Councillor R. Burton left at 8.07 p.m.

Member asked if work on the widening of Fardross Road will be completed in the near future due to the high volume of traffic to the caravan park and restaurant. Mr Hackett said this has not yet been included in plans due to constraints on land ownership, traffic volume and economics and it was not considered a high priority.

Councillor R. Burton returned at 8.10 p.m.

1.2 Roads Service Local Transport and Safety Measures Draft Programme DSTBC Area 2013 - 2015

Mr Noble presented above report which had been circulated with the agenda (appendix 1). He took members through the report page by page.

Members said there were a lot of local issues they would like more time to speak about. Mr Hackett said following the meeting tonight he would write to the Acting Chief Executive offering meetings between Roads Service and Councillors in each ward. Issues pertaining to their areas of concern could be discussed at these meetings.

Members views on carrying out smaller schemes opposed to larger ones were sought.

Following presentation of the report the undernoted questions/comments were made:

Question/Comment	Answer/Comment
It was felt priority should be given to safety barrier at Clogher Valley Primary School (page 29 in report). All approaches to schools very important.	
<p>It was felt Park and Ride at Tamnamore should be given priority.</p> <p>Was there an opportunity through European funding for some of these projects.</p> <p>Blackwater Area neglected compared to other parts of the borough.</p>	<p>There has been an announcement of packages for 3 projects (see copy Press Release appendix 2). The benefit of Park and Ride facilities has been demonstrated. If money became available it was hoped to progress Stangmore and Tamnamore projects. He said he did not expect any more money available for road realignments.</p>
Approach road from Granville into Dungannon should be given priority.	Financial constraints were the problem and the works on the Granville Road at Weirs Pig Farm would cost approx. £700,000. The budget is £2m annually and when divided between each area leaves around £500,000 per area.
Benburb Football Club – a lot of pedestrians in the areas and something more than 30 mph required.	
Site line improvement needed at Murdoch's due to increased traffic from A4 coming into Dungannon from Granville.	Will investigate.
Why was it necessary to close the Ballynakelly Road from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily as the A45 filling station would have lost a lot of trade during the closure. Was a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. closure not possible.	Shorter closure only happens for main arterial routes into towns. Contractors have to be compensated for shorter hours. Roads Service cannot compensate businesses.
Safer routes for schools were welcomed with ramps needed where schools were located on busy roads.	There was no legislation in Northern Ireland to put speed ramps outside schools. Speed ramps cannot be erected anywhere the speed limit exceeds 30 mph. These are used for traffic calming purposes and the two schools in the Borough in this

	category can be looked at again.
What criteria was needed to have street lights erected in non-residential areas e.g. metal bridge on approach to Coalisland.	This to be item on the agenda for local area meetings.
Councillor McGonnell left at 8.15 pm and Councillor McGuigan left at 8.17 pm.	
It was suggested that smaller projects spread around the Borough instead of larger projects in specific areas might be the best way forward.	
Ward meetings would be a good way forward provided members did not bring wish lists but concentrated on priorities.	
Councillors Daly and Cavanagh left at 8.40 pm and Councillor Donnelly left at 8.42 pm.	
Concern expressed that the noise issue on the A4 with the increase in traffic has not been addressed. Was there anything that can be done to negate the impact.	Was aware that six residents have concerns and they are being monitored. It was suggested a formal representation from Council could be sent to Roads Service and also Consultants will be asked to measure sound levels.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their presentation and wished them a Happy Christmas.

2. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 8.55 pm.

MAYOR _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____
(Acting)