



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

County Council Monthly Meeting - Council Chamber, County Hall - Monday, 16th
September 2024 at 10:00am

Clár Oibre / Agenda

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Adoption

1.0 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2024

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Noting

2.0 Minutes of District Meetings - For Noting

- Municipal District of Ardee 2nd May 2024
- Municipal District of Dundalk 7th May 2024
- Municipal District of Dundalk 4th June 2024
- Municipal District of Ardee Annual Meeting 27th June 2024
- Borough District of Drogheda Annual Meeting 1st July 2024
- Borough District of Drogheda 1st July 2024
- Municipal District of Ardee 4th July 2024
- Borough District of Drogheda Special Meeting 6th August 2024

Miontuarairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings for Noting

3.0 Miontuarairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings - For Noting

- Corporate Policy Group 3rd July 2024
- Corporate Policy Group Special Meeting 2nd August 2024

Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beatais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group

4.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beartais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group

Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business

5.0 Freastal ar Chomhdhálacha a Cheadú / Approval of Attendance at Conferences

6.0 Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

7.0 To agree a variation to the basic rate of Local Property Tax 2025 - Local

Adjustment Factor

8.0 To agree a date for the 2025 Budget meeting and agree date and times for the meeting of the Municipal /Borough Districts to consider the Draft Budgetary Plans

9.0 Approval of €5 million overdraft facilities for 2025

10.0 Adoption of Draft SPC Scheme

11.0 Nomination to Drogheda BIDS

- To appoint 1 member to Drogheda BIDS

12.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of lands at site of Coláiste Chú Chulainn Post Primary School, Lower Marshes, Dundalk

13.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of property at 14 Donore Road, Drogheda

14.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of property at 3 Highfield, Drogheda

15.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of lands adjacent to Drogheda Landfill Site

16.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of lands located in the townlands of Commons, Greenbatter and Newtownstalaban

17.0 Approval of Nomination of New Member to LCDC

18.0 Implementation of National Speed Limits Review - Rural Local Roads

19.0 New Members of Audit Committee

20.0 Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Chomhréitigh ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations from Chief Executive

Monthly Management Report

- Support Services
- Strategic Economic Development
- Placemaking and Physical Development
- Organisational Development
- Social Development
- Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion

21.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Declan Power

"That Louth County Council provide all year round water testing at all our Blue Flag beaches in an effort to keep our all-year swimmers safe and healthy".

22.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Shane McGuinness

I am calling on this council to examine and report to the members on all possible avenues that can be initiated to provide the completion of the section of link road from the L3161 Marlbog Roundabout to the L7163 Chapel Road Roundabout at Haggardstown in front of the Wuxi entrance.

That the Council consider making provision in the annual budget for the project, liaise with the relevant government departments responsible for providing funding for such projects and also consider the large businesses in the area which provide substantial rates to the county on an annual basis.

This motion is advanced in the interests of the local community, in the interests of health and safety and the

realisation of the area's potential going forward.

23.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Kevin Callan

Seeking the consent and agreement of the elected members of Louth County Council for the Cathaoirleach to see to request to meet relevant Government Ministers and their respective departments which have responsibility for the national rail network and funding of same.

That the Cathaoirleach can seek to arrange such meetings which would facilitate cross party attendance by all elected groupings of the council to discuss and to advocate for the provision of a Drogheda North Train Station and the reopening of a Mid Louth Station with specific reference to Dunleer.

Such efforts would be to provide easier access to more sustainable public transport and to assist those living in the county and commuting to work.

24.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton

This Council expresses its deep concern over the repeated failure to secure critical funding opportunities, as evidenced by the recent announcement of over €16 million in community project funding from which Louth County received nothing. Given the significant contributions our communities have made in supporting those in need, it is unacceptable that Louth continues to miss out while neighbouring counties benefit. This Council resolves to take immediate action to ensure that funding opportunities are not overlooked and that our county secures the resources it deserves.

25.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. James Byrne

"That Louth County Council seeks to implement a more streamline process to the Road Works Programme for 2025 and beyond so that the schedule of works can commence in June and completed before the return of schools at the end of August, insofar as possible".

26.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton

This Council notes with concern the current state of the piece of land located behind Meadow View, opposite the Mill Hub. The land's proximity to a school and residential buildings raises significant safety concerns due to its potential to be used for illegal activities, including drug dealing anti-social behaviour.

This Council resolves to:

1. Conduct a risk assessment of the area.
2. Increase security measures, such as CCTV and patrols.
3. Secure the land with fencing.
4. Explore options to repurpose the land for community use.
5. Ensure regular maintenance of the site.

Rationale: Immediate action is needed to prevent this land from becoming a hotspot for criminal activity and to protect the safety of the community.

27.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Paula Butterly

I call on this Chamber to pass a motion whereby a review is conducted of all of the protected structures on the Record of Protected Structures in County Louth with immediate effect, focusing in equal measures on urban, rural buildings and their curtilages.

Said review is to be completed within twelve months of the passing of this motion and a list of protected structures, containing no less than one hundred structures, is to be brought before the Chamber on a quarterly basis for review and approval by the Members.

Fógraí Ceistanna / Notices of Question

28.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Pio Smith

'Asking that the local authority outline a list of government schemes that required match funding that was applied for in 2023 and 2024'

29.0 Chomhfhreagras / Correspondence

- Letter to and response from Minister Darragh O'Brien 26th June 2024
- Meath County Council - Laytown Bettystown Municipal District 31.07.2024
- Women For Election 07.08.2024
- Wexford County Council 9th August 2024