



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

County Council Monthly Meeting - Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk -
Monday, 21st July 2025 at 10:00am

Clár Oibre / Agenda

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Adoption

1.0 Miontuairiscí/Minutes - For Adoption

- Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 16th June 2025
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 16th June 2025

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Noting

2.0 Miontuairiscí/Minutes of District Meetings - For Noting

- Municipal District of Ardee 5th June 2025 Annual & Monthly Meeting
- Borough District of Drogheda 9th June 2025 Annual & Monthly Meeting
- Municipal District of Dundalk 10th June 2025 Annual & Monthly Meeting

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

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

- Corporate Policy Group Meeting 4th June 2025 - Not approved due to insufficient members in attendance.

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

Tuarascáil Chathaoirligh an Choiste um Beartas Straitéiseach / Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report

5.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirligh an Choise an Beartais Straitéiseach /Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report

Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business

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

- None for noting

7.0 Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66

of the Local Government Act 2001

8.0 To agree a variation to the basic rate of Local Property Tax 2026 - Local Adjustment Factor

9.0 Section 141 Reports 2024 - Compliance with Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended

Elected Members are required to report on the activities and operations of Bodies, Boards and Committees to which they are elected, appointed or nominated to represent Louth County Council, annually or if so requested by resolution or Cathaoirleach.

Members shall, within 15 working days of the end of each 3 monthly period to 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December in each year notify the local authority concerned of all attendances by the Member at meetings of the body concerned.

10.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple interest in the property at Duleek Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 XNH1

11.0 Community Safety Partnership Update

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

Monthly Management Report

- Finance and System Support
- Economic Delivery
- Operations and Environment Delivery
- HR, Corporate and Community Delivery
- Housing and Culture Delivery
- Major Capital Projects and Infrastructure Delivery

Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion

13.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Fiona Mhic Conchoille

That Louth County Council is concerned that the Central Bank of Ireland is facilitating the selling of Israeli War Bonds which are funding the genocide in Gaza.

Louth County Council notes that in January 2024 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) confirmed the plausibility of the charge of genocide against Israel and in June of that year, the UN's International Commission of Inquiry on Palestine found that Israel's actions in Gaza 'constitute the war crimes of wilful killing and mistreatment, and the crime against humanity of extermination'.

The following month, in July, an ICJ ruling declared that Israel is committing the crim of apartheid and its entire regime of military occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal and must end immediately.

All institutions are under a moral and legal obligation under the Genocide Convention, International Human Rights and CFT legislation, under Irish Human Rights Law and Ireland as a neutral country must not act in any way to facilitate these bonds.

This Council therefore calls on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the regulation of the Israeli Bond Issuance Programme.

14.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Reilly

That Louth County Council provide any assistance at its disposal to support the sourcing of funding for a navigation vessel for the Carlingford Lough Commission, to facilitate the safe navigation of both commercial shipping and recreational sailing on Carlingford Lough.

15.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Kevin Callan

On behalf of concerned residents of County Louth, the elected members of Louth County Council should

write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently request the publication of updated Wind Energy Development Guidelines, in light of the fact that the current guidelines, dating from 2006, remain in effect despite being widely acknowledged as outdated and no longer fit for purpose and noting the prolonged delay since the draft guidelines were issued in 2019.

Furthermore, in recognition of the uncertainty caused by the absence of an up-to-date national policy/regulation, this Council calls on the Minister to introduce a temporary pause on all large-scale onshore wind farm developments, pending the finalisation and adoption of revised Wind Energy guidelines/regulation.

This motion reflects this Council's commitment to ensuring that renewable energy development proceeds in a manner that is appropriately planned, environmentally sustainable, respects people's rights and protects health and wellbeing of local communities and recognises the need for robust regulation is urgently required.

16.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Shane McGuinness

That Louth County Council consider this motion in respect of the dire situation we have in Dundalk Bay with our sea and water quality.

That we no longer consider any high-density housing model of any kind in the Dundalk South Area of Haggardstown, Dromiskin, Knockbridge, Blackrock or Castlebellingham for the foreseeable future. The County Council should be satisfied first that our 2 no. WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plants) can facilitate any further large scale housing before any lands are zoned high density in any form.

17.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Debbie McCole

Noting the recent deaths from drowning and calls from the Water Safety Ireland for heightened vigilance around water, especially coastal waters, that this Council set up a data base by geographical area to list volunteer water search and rescue groups detailing their skill sets and specialities (including diving skills) that complement the Coast Guard and other Marine rescue services.

Further that a protocol be implemented that mandates that the appropriate volunteer group in the geographical area be called in the event of an emergency where their skill sets would be required.

That this motion be passed to other Councils.

Correspondence

18.0 Chomhfhreagras / Correspondence

- Galway County Council 12th June 2025
- Donegal County Council 13th June 2025
- Waterford City & County Council 1st July 2025