



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Meeting

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Special Meeting held at Fair Street, Drogheda -
Tuesday, 6th August 2024 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Mayor Cllr Paddy McQuillan

Members: Councillor(s) James Byrne, Anne-Marie Ford, Michelle Hall, Declan Power, Pío Smith

Apologies, Councillors: Kevin Callan, Ejiro O'Hare Stratton

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Deputy Chief Executive
Mark Johnston, Acting Director of Services
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator

Minute No. 78/24

Road Works Programme 2024

Mark Johnston presented an overview of the changes in the Road Works Programme 2024 in South Louth which have resulted from a higher-than-expected tender price being returned for the original proposal. Mr. Johnston informed the meeting that €1.5 million in cost reductions had to be found and as a result 10 roads had been removed from the Programme for 2024. The roads removed were chosen due to their condition being better than those remaining in the programme or because patching works could be undertaken to maintain them to the end of the year. Mr. Johnston gave a detailed overview of the complexities associated with delivering a Road Works Programme and committed that the 10 roads removed would be included in the Programme for 2025.

Significant discussion took place which focused on how the matter was communicated to members, the level of information being provided regarding the decision-making process and the possibility of additional funding being provided by the Department. The various roads removed from the Programme were also discussed in detail.

It was proposed by Cllr. James Byrne that the Council would seek permission from the Department of Transport to use a portion of the 2025 financial allocation to include some of the removed roads in the 2024 programme. This was seconded by Pío Smyth.

Following discussion regarding how Louth's allocation of national funding was arrived at, it was proposed by Cllr. Anne-Marie Ford that the Borough District members would write to the Department of Transport, through the Meetings Administrator, stating that the local authority's allocation of

funding for road improvements was not sufficient to deliver the volume of works required. This was seconded by Cllr. Paddy McQuillan.

It was also agreed that a 'Reserve List' of works would be included in future Road Works Programme proposals when it was doubtful that all works could be delivered within the budget available.

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

Date: 2 September '24

Mayor: 

Meeting Administrator: 