



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Meeting

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Meeting held at Fair Street, Drogheda – Monday, 4th November 2024 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Mayor Cllr Paddy McQuillan

Members: Councillor(s) James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Eric Donovan, Michelle Hall, Declan Power, Ejiro O'Hare Stratton, Pío Smith

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Temporary Chief Executive
Bryan Coughlan, Meeting Administrator
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer

Minute No. 116/24

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by Cllr. Joanna Byrne
And approved

Minute No. 117/24

The minutes of the Special Budgetary meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr. Pío Smith
Seconded by Cllr. James Byrne
And approved

Minute No. 118/24

Matters Arising

None

Minute No. 119/24

Nomination of Members to the MOU with Newry, Mourne and Down

The nomination of the third Member to the Memorandum of Understanding with Newry, Mourne and Down was deferred at the previous meeting. Eric Donovan was nominated as the third member on the

Proposal of: Cllr. Joanna Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. James Byrne
And resolved

Minute No. 120/24

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

Members considered the Community Grants as presented to them, and approval was

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
And agreed by Members

Minute No. 121/24

Date for January 2025 meeting

4.15pm on 13th January 2025 was agreed by Members on the

Proposal of: Cllr. James Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne
And Resolved

Minute No. 122/24

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting.

Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, responded to a number of questions from the elected members present. Particular matters of note were:

- Cllr. Michell Hall expressed concern at the number of people homeless.
- In response to a query from Cllr. Pio Smith, Declan Grimes informed members that going forward figures in the report would be split out between vacant and void properties in order to distinguish between the two.
- Cllr. Paddy McQuillan commended the Council for launch of the new Social Housing scheme at Ferrard Park.

Minute No. 123/24

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting.

Mark Johnston attended the meeting and responded to a wide range of questions from the elected members. Matters discussed included road markings, gully cleaning and surface dressing.

- Emails have been send to Elected Reps to raise issues regarding potholes on the R166 in Termonfeckin
- Mark Johnston to examine the need for a ramp on the footpath at the entrance to Newtown Blues football pitch and who is responsible for same.
- Lights are out on West Street but a new contractor is now in place
- Parking issues for residents remain on Windmill Road. Mark Johnston to consider solutions.
- Extra shifts with vacuuming equipment may be required to clear fallen leaves.
- Ongoing issue regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles turning onto Marsh Road.
- There was damage caused to the beach in Clogherhead by a bonfire at Halloween. Cllr. Declan Power asked whether there were any other solutions to this.
- Cllr. Kevin Callan raised the issue of businesses carrying out works at the weekends without having the required section 254 licence and causing footpaths to be unusable by the public. Joe McGuinness stated he was happy to write to businesses and also to BIDS highlighting the legal requirements when such works are being undertaken.
- Over €500,000 funding received for bus stops which will provide for 8 to be designed and installed. Operations are working to identify the best locations but will liaise with HSE to examine matters raised by Cllr. Ejiro Hare-Stratton.

Minute No. 124/24

Any other Business

Cllr. McQuillan wished to highlight the following:

- Thanks to staff of the Council for working with the Moldovan Embassy during the recent elections which saw the new building in Fair Street being used as a polling station
- The recent Lú Festival
- Thanks to the Mayor of Derry for the invitation to visit
- He welcomed the €7.2m funding for the new basketball arena at St Oliver's Community College received through the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund.
- Best wishes to Drogheda United FC in the FAI Cup final next Sunday
- Congratulations to Wolfe Tones GAA on winning the Christy Bellew Cup.

Minute No. 125/24

Notice of Motion: Cllr. James Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith

That Louth County Council carries out a full risk assessment of the R168 from the junction with the M1 to Collon with the intention of identifying further actions required to improve safety along the route.

Reply from David Jones, Director of Services Place Making and Physical Development

Louth County Council's engineering team regularly monitors the R168, from the junction with the M1 to Collon, to ensure safety standards are met and maintained, subject to available budgets.

Monitoring includes the assessment of road conditions, including road surface, road markings and signage.

Based on this ongoing assessment, targeted safety interventions were carried out by the Council in 2023, informed by collision data provided by the Department of Transport.

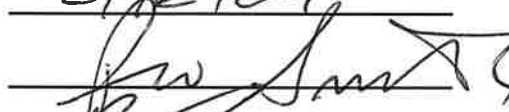
There are no additional low-cost safety projects planned for 2024/25 along the R168. However, the R168 will continue to be subject to ongoing assessment, and subject to funding, and within the context of competing priorities, the Council will continue to make incremental improvements to the route as part of our commitment to road safety.

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

Date:

21/12/24

Mayor:



Meeting Administrator:

