



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,
13th January 2025 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr Paddy McQuillan

Members: Councillor(s) James Byrne, Debbie McCole, Eric Donovan, Pio Smith, Michelle Hall, Anne-Marie Ford, Ejiro O'Hare Straton, Declan Power, Kevin Callan,

Apologies, Cllrs:

Officials: David Hanratty, Acting Director of Services
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator
Sinéad Dooley, Senior Executive Officer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

Minute 1/25

In opening the meeting, the Mayor welcomed Cllr. Debbie McCole, who had been co-opted at the December monthly meeting of Louth County Council, to the Municipal meeting. The members spoke to welcome Cllr. McCole and it was noted the members work well together for the betterment of Drogheda. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Callan, seconded by Cllr. Paddy McQuillan, that the District would also write to Cllr. Joanna Byrne and congratulate her on her recent election to Dáil Eireann.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by Cllr. Pio Smith
And approved

Minute No. 2/25

Matters Arising

Cllr Smith sought an update on traffic calming measures at Riverbank Estate, Rathmullen Road.

Mark Johnson indicated that speed test analysis would be completed in the coming weeks.

Minute No. 3/25

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting.

Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, responded to questions from the elected members present. The following matters were highlighted:

- At present, no direction has been received from the Department in respect of the future of HAP but it is hoped that the scheme will commence again in the coming months.
- Cllr Hall highlighted the significant increase in the number of homeless children which Declan Grimes undertook to review.
- A Commencement Notice issued before Christmas in respect of Ballymakenny West and it is anticipated that contract signing will be completed by end January.
- Greenhills is at a similar position with contract signing expected by February.
- The 72 Units at Boice Court are expected to be finished by July.
- 50 units at Friary Place are being allocated currently and this includes a number of units specifically adapted for people with disabilities.

Minute No. 4/25

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting.

Mark Johnston attended the meeting and responded to a wide range of questions from the elected members. The following matters were highlighted:

- It remains the intention to prioritise the repair of potholes throughout the months of January and February.
- Mark Johnson is to revert with an update on conducting a speed test at John Kirk Park.
- Deviations from the established gritting routes, addressing 460km per night, cannot be made unless under exceptional/extenuating circumstances.
- Public Lighting repairs behind schedule. Officials addressing the matter directly with the Contractor.
- Mark Johnson to ask Meath County Council for updates in respect of road closures likely to impact road users from Drogheda/Louth.
- Concerns were raised in respect of the appearance of CCTV type cameras on Crowell Lane and St. Mary's Villas. David Hanratty undertook to investigate further and provide a report for the next meeting.
- Cllr McQuillan highlighted the necessity for speed cushions at Ballsgrove which Mark Johnson committed to examining.

Minute No. 5/25

Taking in Charge Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting.

Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the elected members. The following matters were highlighted:

- All physical works now completed at Townley Manor.
- Strandhill to be examined and snag list developed.
- Consideration to be given to how the Taking in Charge of Bully Acres could be progressed recognising that the historic famine graveyard is in HSE ownership.

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

Date:

10th FEB '25

Mayor:

[Signature]

Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Doolan