



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bardasach Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on 6th April 2023 at 4.30 p.m.

In attendance:

Leas Chathaoirleach: Councillor: Dolores Minogue

Members: Councillors: Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Jim Tenanty

Apologies: Councillor(s): Paula Butterly, Bernie Conlon

Officials: Joe McGuinness Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Declan MacMahon, Senior Executive Engineer
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

Minute No. 30/23

Leas Cathaoirleach chairing Meeting in accordance with Standing Order no. 10

In accordance with Standing Order 10, as the Cathaoirleach Cllr Butterly had given apologies, the Leas-Chathaoirleach Cllr Minogue chaired the meeting.

Minute No. 31/23

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2022 were confirmed on the

Proposed by Cllr Pearse McGeough
Seconded by Cllr John Sheridan

And approved.

Minute No. 32/23

Matters Arising

Members requested updates on various items including:

- Road safety measures at Mullins Cross form part of the Road Works Programme
- Footpath at Tallanstown is scheduled.
- Variable message signs on N2 being replaced with 2 permanent signs.

- Pedestrian Crossing at Bank of Ireland near misses have been reported to An Garda Síochána
- Pole is still in middle of footpath between Aldi and St. Brigids forcing pedestrians onto N52.

Minute No. 33/23

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- Praise was given following Stoney Lane unit allocations – all tenants reportedly are very happy.
- A suggestion was made for consideration of purchase of zoned lands for future build. Members were advised there is sufficient lands to satisfy 5 year target under Housing for All, but all methods of housing are under consideration at all times.
- Provision of homeless accommodation in the Ardee area is being considered.

Minute No. 34/23

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with items raised under Matters Arising the following items were highlighted:

- Google maps directing lorries down an unsuitable lane at Sillogue Lane to Fieldstown will be looked at.
- Visibility issues exiting Hale Court onto R170 Hale Street will be examined.
- No update was available on the motion proposing a health check of Castlebellingham, dereliction issues are being dealt with by Planning Enforcement

Minute No. 35/23

Taking in Charge

Keith McArdle Assistant Engineer invited questions from Members on the report as presented to them and in response to queries raised updates were given on the following locations:

- Cloghan Bridge
- Chapel View
- Mayne Way
- Knockfergus
- Glyde View

Minute No. 36/23

Notice of Motion: Cllr. Jim Tenanty

Seconded by: Cllr Dolores Minogue

That this Council ask Louth County Council to reverse its decision not to install stop signs on Glack Cross L209 and Townspark, Mullenstown Road. It has been highlighted as very dangerous junction and was the scene of a serious accident and the residents in the area are concerned.

Reply from C. Duff, Director of Services, Placemaking and Physical Development

The following improvements have been added in 2022 on both minor road L1209 approaches to the priority road L1233 Townsparks road:

- New Advance Warning STOP signs have been installed on both approaches*
- Additional STOP signs have been installed at the junction so that there is now a STOP sign on both the right and left hand sign at the Junction on both approaches (see photographs below)*
- The Stop Line markings have been refreshed on both approaches.*
- Signs have been repositioned to making them more visible from further in advance on both approaches.*
- There is also crossroads signs previously installed on both approaches*

Any driver failing to stop at this junction is simply not obeying rules of the road as clearly laid out by advance signage and this is a matter for Garda enforcement.

An additional advance crossroads ahead sign will be added on the L1233 southern approach from Ardee.

Accident data at this junction will be monitored and this will determine whether any further action is required.

Speaking on the motion Cllr Tenanty referred to a recent serious accident with 2 people still in hospital, other members advised of having raised concerns on this crossroads previously, and a request was made for a 4 stop crossroads.

Minute No. 37/23

AOB

Cllr Jim Tenanty told members that a recent AILG meeting indicated that a dedicated line for councillors is to be set up with Uisce Éireann, and UE are to meet at the AILG conference in person.

Director of Services Joe McGuinness advised that the CPG had agreed for UE to hold a face to face meeting after the May council meeting at 2pm with a newly appointed LA relationship manager for Councillor. The meeting will be held in committee and he advised that they all come to the meeting as Louth are only the third authority to be offered this after Cork City and County.

Minute No. 38/23

Congratulations

Members offered a Happy Easter and a safe weekend to all.

Minute No. 39/23

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the families and friends of all who passed away in the vicinity.

Following this discussion as there was no further business the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

4/5/2023

Cathaoirleach:

Paula Butler

Meeting Administrator:

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