



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – December 2023

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Dolores Minogue

Members: Councillor(s) Paula Butterly, Bernie Conlon, Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Jim Tenanty

Officials: Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Rachel Hamilton, Senior Executive Architect
Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer

Minute No. 105/23

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd November 2023

Proposed by: Cllr Bernie Conlon

Seconded by: Cllr Pearse McGeough

And approved

Minute No. 106/23

Matters Arising

Cllr McGeough advised that he had raised an item on uncaring and unscrupulous landlords and had hoped to see it referred to in the minutes, and had sought an update on sensory equipment in playgrounds.

Minute No. 107/23

Agree Date for January Municipal District Meeting

It was unanimously agreed by Members to hold the January Ardee MD Meeting on 11th January 2024

Minute No. 108/23

Municipal District Allocation 2023

Allocation of funding for the following items under the 2023 Municipal District Allocation were

Proposed by Cllr Jim Tenanty

Seconded by Cllr Paula Butterly

And unanimously approved by Members

List	€75,000
Cameras, thumblocks, lightbulbs or other safety items project	€20,000
Deehub/Youth Services	€12,500
Monasterboice/Tidy Towns	€1,000
Stabannon Tidy Towns	€1,000
Ardee and District Cancer Support Group (Peregrine House, old health centre)	€5,000
SAFE (for a specific project)	€1,000
Santa Ardee	€2,000
Santa Dunleer	€1,500
St Patricks Day parade - Ardee	€2,500
St Patricks Day Parade - Louth Village	€1,000
St Vincent de Paul	€10,000
Age Action - Ardee	€3,000
Age Action - Dunleer	€3,000
Age Action - Togher	€3,000
Age Action - Castlebellingham	€3,000
Age Action - Louth/Aclint	€3,000
Specific anti-addiction programme in Mid-Louth - Scoil Mhuire Dunleer	€1,250
Specific anti-addiction programme in Mid-Louth -Ardee Community School	€1,250

Minute No. 109/23

Proposed Development for Social Housing at Ravel, Dunleer & Mullavalley, Louth Village - 179A Planning Route

Declan Grimes Senior Engineer and Rachel Hamilton, Senior Executive Architect presented Members with proposed plans for 2 Housing Developments on Legacy Loan Lands; one at Ravel, Dunleer and one at Mullavalley, Louth Village. Members were advised that these were two out of five sites where the Department had agreed to fund legacy loans in exchange for building of social units to commence before the end of 2024. Members were informed that the proposals were before them for noting only as S179 is not a reserved function.

Some items of concern were raised on the site at Ravel by Members who asked that the design be reconsidered to allow for a green area in front of the National School.

Members were advised that funding was for social units and conditional on breaking ground by year end 2024 with expected completion within 2 years of commencement.

While construction was welcomed, concerns were raised on sustainable development, lack of public transport linkages, the social/private unit balance in Dunleer, school capacity, and lack of affordable housing for persons above the threshold for social housing yet unable to get mortgages.

Serviced sites were suggested as a viable alternative, and it was remarked that it was disappointing that Members did not get a vote on this item.

Minute No. 110/23

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and the only question raised was on the upcoming allocation of units at Patrick Tierney Street which Members were advised was imminent.

Minute No. 111/23

Roads and Local Services Report

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

Cllr McGeough advised that at the previous meeting he had been referring to access issues for a private resident in Castlebellingham.

Along with potholes, footpath repair, traffic calming, road safety and signage requests, traffic light sequencing and traffic light repair, road resurfacing, road lines painting, painting of parking bays, road subsidence, bridge works, the following items were highlighted:

- Ongoing concerns about road safety at crossroads near Togher
- Louth County Council does not salt footpaths
- Low Cost Safety Works are based on accident data but the query was raised as to how to capture all accidents or near misses when they may not always be reported
- Accessibility Works will commence next week at 6 locations with €40k being allocated to install drop kerbs etc. The list of works and locations will be forwarded to Members

Minute No. 112/23

Physical Development Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

Ardee ByPass High Court Dates are set from the 9th to the 11th of April 2024. Louth County Council is a notice party

Ardee Castleblayne Road – the Department funding list has not been released yet for 2024 so it is not known if Monaghan lodged a successful application for funds

There has been no reply to the funding request to move the pedestrian crossing in Ardee Main St

Minute No. 113/23

Ardee Municipal District Civic Awards

In accordance with Chapter 2 Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and as given power to the Municipal District under the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, Section 131 A(1)(b) Ardee Municipal District agreed the following recipients for the 2023 Civic Awards:

Recipients
Noel Rooney
Bernie and Paddy Sherry
Leah Shevlin
Peter Murphy
Alan and Mags Murphy
Energy Team Dunleer

Recipients
Seamus Farrelly
Peter McKenna
Sandra Rogers
Anmarie Forde
Order of Malta
Tallanstown GAA Brian Lynch

Minute No. 114/23

Congratulations

Congratulations were offered to Tallanstown GAA on their recent achievement in getting to the Leinster final

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

11 Jan 2024

Cathaoirleach:

D. Wines

Meeting Administrator:

Ara Spence