



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – December 2024

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 5th December 2024 at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John Sheridan

Members: Councillor(s) Bernie Conlon, Dolores Minogue, Pearse McGeough, Jim Tenanty,

Officials: Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Susan Deery, Meeting Administrator
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer

Minute No. 93/24

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
Seconded by: Cllr. Dolores Minogue
And approved

Minute No. 94/24

Housing Progress Report

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

The following items were highlighted:

- Snagging taking place in new housing development on Stoney Lane in coming weeks. It is hoped that these houses will be occupied in early January 2025.
- Contractors currently being vetted and insurance checked for developments at Ravel Grange & Mullavalley. Commencement notice to be submitted before year end.

- Confirmation received that it is planned to retrofit circa 90 units in Mid Louth during 2025. It is noted that retrofitting is dependent on Department funding and older units can cost more than the funding received.
- Cllr Minogue enquired about a back door replacement for a constituent and Declan Grimes confirmed that the housing department is currently engaging in this matter.

Minute No. 95/24

Roads and Local Services Report

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

The following items were highlighted:

- Confirmation received that the Council do not own the basketball court at the playground in Castlebellingham.
- Street lighting in Ashbrook will be fixed in the coming week or so
- Works at Ardee playground are now complete
- Enda Murphy will revert with further details on the works on the yellow box in Dunleer
- Traffic calming works in Tinure will be completed before Christmas
- The winter gritting routes are now included on www.louthcoco.ie
- Cllr Minogue enquired if the steep hill outside Clonmore Estate could be included in the Gritting routes going forward.
- Cllr Conlon sought clarification on when the digital signs in Dunleer would be fixed and Enda Murphy confirmed these works would be completed before Christmas
- Cllr McGeough discussed possible illumination at Dorians Pub on the R132 which was supported by Cllr Minogue & Cllr Conlon.
- Cllr Sheridan highlighted that a wall is collapsing and issues with steel bridges in Riverside Walk
- Works which took place on R132 between Dromiskin and Lurgangreen took place without warning.
- Cllr McGeough enquired as to traffic calming at Dillonstown school. Enda Murphy confirmed that surveys were carried out resulting in works required at Tinure National School first.
- Cllr Sheridan noted the reduction of speed limits on the Charleville Road as it is classed as a local road, however, he questioned regional v's local road classification.
- Cllr Minogue requested that road improvement works on John Street be investigated as they were promised in May.

Minute No. 96/24

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:

- John O'Hagan explained that the 3rd phase of Safe Routes to Schools is currently rolling out where An Taisce take the lead to identify works and actions for the Local Authority to carry out. Schools currently in this programme are Philipstown & Kilcurry National Schools.
- John O'Hagan confirmed that a letter was recently received confirming that Friends of Ardee Bog v's LCC have until 23rd December to make an appeal to the Supreme Court.

- It is expected that a decision will be made in early 2025 on the Castleblayney to Adee upgrade.
- Cllr Tenanty noted that average speed cameras are currently being installed on the N2 between Slane and Balrath and reiterated that they are required between Ardee and Castleblayney.

Minute No. 97/24

Correspondence

Letter to Garda Commissioner Drew Harris on 27th November 2024 and Susan Deery confirmed that this letter has been passed to the Area Superintendent.

Letter to Bishop Michael Router on 27th November 2024, however, no response has been received to date. The members voiced their disappointment.

Minute No. 98/24

Any Other Business

- Cllr Minogue thanked the council who have ensured the Christmas lights are erected and ready for the annual switch on event.
- Cllr Minogue congratulated the members of St Mary's GAA Club, Ardee on their recent Senior Championship campaign.
- Cllr Minogue congratulated Deputy Paula Butterly on her recent election to Dail Eireann which was supported by Cllr John Sheridan.
- Cllr John Sheridan confirmed that funding for the Mid Louth Youth Service will cease next year. They are presenting to members at the Council meeting on 20th January at 9.30am.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

Sean J Storer

Cathaoirleach:

07/01/2025

Meeting Administrator:

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