



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## **Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – January 2024**

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 4:30pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Dolores Minogue

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

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

### **Minute No. 1/24**

#### **Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Proposed by:** Cllr John Sheridan

**Seconded by:** Cllr Bernie Conlon

**And approved**

### **Minute No. 2/24**

#### **Matters Arising**

Minute no. 108/23 – it was confirmed that Age Action Ardee was the recipient for all five approved allocations for Age Action groups and would bear responsibility for distribution of funding to all groups.

### **Minute No. 3/24**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer responded to queries raised.

The following items were clarified:

- The upcoming 6no. x 2bed units in Castlebellingham are all in one property

- Evictions are rarely successful for non-payment of rent with only one or two recent court orders having been made for non-payment
- Housing Maintenance requests will not be considered in properties with rent arrears, except in emergencies
- Successful applicants for Vacant Property Grants must first carry out works before receiving grant payment

### **Minute No. 4/24**

#### **Taking in Charge Report**

Members considered the report as presented to them and Keith McArdle Assistant Engineer responded to questions raised.

\*Cllr Jim Tenanty declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting for the duration of a discussion on Fosters Close

- Members were advised that rights of way were not public roads, but it might be possible for application to be made to take a right of way in charge subject to it being to good standard
- Application forms for a plebiscite will be sent out so residents of Willow Grove, Tinure can commence the application process

### **Minute No. 5/24**

#### **Roads and Local Services Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with potholes, footpath repair, flooding at junctions, 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:

- Lighting of Railway Walk was previously objected to by residents who experienced Anti-Social behaviour at backs of houses
- Toilets at library are still not complete
- It was agreed to get the litter wardens out to target dumping of domestic waste on streets
- Annagassan Harbour works are to main pier and wall
- Further appeal was made to light up junction at Stabannan / Dromin Cross
- Darver Cemetery Wall Design drawings are done, further departmental approval is needed to carry out works
- A budget of €25,000 over a 3 year period is available for line paint upgrades
- A reminder was made of a passed resolution to make the road from Ardee passing Castleguard Manor onto the N33 left turn only, and update requested. Members advised a left turn only would allow access to the roundabout allowing safer access onto the N33. Some discussion took place on whether this could be done during certain hours only
- A request was made for preservation works on the remaining historic Town Wall

**Minute No. 6/24**

**Condolences**

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of all those who had died in the area.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

**Date:**

Dalton King

**Cathaoirleach:**

1/2/2024

**Meeting Administrator:**

C. O'Sullivan