



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

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

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

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:**      **Councillor:** John Sheridan

**Members:**            **Councillor(s):** Paula Butterly, Pearse McGeough, Dolores Minogue, Jim Tenanty

**Apologies:**          **Councillor(s):** Bernie Conlon

**Officials:**            Bernie Woods, Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator  
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer  
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer  
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

### **Minute No. 52/24**

#### **Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 was

**Proposed by:**      Cllr Paula Butterly

**Seconded by:**     Cllr Dolores Minogue

**And agreed**

### **Minute No. 53/24**

#### **Matters Arising**

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Sheridan advised that Matters Arising would only feature where there was an inaccuracy with the minutes. Members welcomed Enda Murphy Senior Executive Engineer to the team who is replacing Declan McMahon to report on Roads and Local Services.

### **Minute No. 54/24**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised.

Items highlighted under this agenda item include:

- Grants – the grants team are working through a backlog of small grant fund applications from 2023 while assessing larger grants as they are received
- The 140 units allocated funding for Retrofitting are being worked on, with works onsite on 114 units including 42 in Ferdia Park Ardee
- The Affordable Housing Scheme is proving difficult to deliver, with ongoing engagement with Developers
- The Housing Team is interested in getting Part V units in every estate subject to price and suitability
- The Accelerated Delivery Scheme units including Mullavalley must be onsite by year end
- No Development Levies are required for Social Units
- Concerns were raised about the number of units going into Louth Village versus the number of amenities available to families
- Members advised that locals in Louth Village are unhappy that they cannot build while social units are going in, with Declan Grimes advising of private development in the village

### **Minute No. 55/24**

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

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

Along with requests for ramps at various locations, potholes and 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, overgrowth of foliage all the following items were highlighted:

- Members raised concerns about a blind exit at Supervalu onto the N52 Kells Ardee Road and stated a need to paint a yellow box so vehicles can safely exit where cars are queuing
- Updates were requested on safety works at Dorians Pub
- Ramps were requested at various locations
- Safety issues raised at Ballapousta exit from Railway Walk with bollards requested
- A request was made to see plans of Coopers Cross Castlebellingham
- An input into winter gritting routes was requested by Members with the Director of Finance advising that no changes can be made. Provision of salt boxes for local use was then requested
- Concern was raised about the LIS list with a road thought to be on it no longer listed
- Overgrowth on footpaths requested to be addressed for pedestrian safety
- An update on a requested health check for Castlebellingham
- An update was requested on the N52 Castleblayney road.
- Requested LCC contact Monaghan CoCo in relation to Road No L11511 in Killanny. This road is down as a CIS scheme but is 50% in Monaghan. Declan Toner in Monaghan is aware
- Additional works at Port Beach were requested, including a BBQ area, repair of toilets, relocation of signage and removal of enclosed fencing
- Traffic fines being issued at the loading bay in Ardee where no road lines exist to advise members of the public they should not park there was again raised

Enda Murphy SEE noting all queries raised advised that he would seek updates for Members. He also gave updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

The following items which do not fall under the Roads section were raised:

- Ownership of graveyards

- Updates were requested on the
- Playground in Collon
- Dunleer Library
- Ardee By Pass.

### Minute No. 56/24

#### Taking in Charge Report

Members noted the report as set out before them. Keith McArdle Assistant Engineer responded to all queries raised.

The following estates were mentioned:

- Heathergate Court – awaits review
- Knockfergus is progressing
- Mullary Manor – praise was given to new road surface with Keith McArdle advising of pursuing water issues
- Oriel Heights – snag list has been sent to the Developer
- Mullavalley Court – plebiscite application has been sent to residents but a response has not been received

### Minute No. 57/24

#### Condolences

Condolences were extended to:

- Cllr Dolores Minogue and family on the loss of her mother.

### Minute No. 58/24

#### AOB

Cllrs requested that the Chief Executive Joan Martin attends the next meeting of Ardee MD in order that they can acknowledge her service to Ardee and the Mid-Louth area.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

5/19/24

Cathaoirleach:

Seán Ó Siaradain

Meeting Administrator:

