



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday, 4th December 2025 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Dolores Minogue

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

Apologies:

Officials: David Jones, Director of Services
Susan Deery, Deputy Meeting Administrator
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communication Officer
Christine Mullen, Administrative Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 101/25

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 6th November 2025

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Bernie Conlon

Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley

And approved.

Minute No. 102/25

Matters Arising

- Cllr. McGeough thanked the council for installing speed cushions in Annagassan and requested an update on digital signage. Mr. Enda Murphy confirmed that TII has been contacted for details on this matter and he gave assurances of his follow up to obtain a response.
- Cllr. Minogue acknowledged the work carried out on the Christmas lights installation on Ardee Castle.

Minute No. 103/25

Housing Progress Report

Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Cllr. McGeough highlighted the successful affordable housing scheme at Quarry Court and enquired about similar future schemes within the municipal area. Mr. Grimes confirmed that all 11 houses have been sold, but currently, there are no further affordable housing schemes in the Ardee area.

Minute No. 104/25

Roads and Local Services Report

Enda Murphy, Senior Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Cllr. Tenanty requested an update on Jervis Street regarding sunken manholes and gullies. Additionally, he sought a timeline for hedges and trees cutting in De La Salle Crescent along with other estates within the area. Mr. Murphy confirmed he would follow up on both matters.
- Cllr. Conlon enquired if the installation of a yellow box outside Dunleer Post Office could be considered, with Mr. Murphy confirming the installation of yellow boxes are not normally considered, however, he would assess the situation and request.
- Cllr. McGeough highlighted that footpaths in several estates in the area are in need of a complete upgrade rather than patchwork repairs. Mr. Murphy sought a list of the specific areas in question which he will investigate the works required.
- Cllr. Minogue highlighted the need for ramps to be installed at Darver Primary School as a speed reduction measure along with the installation of lights. Mr. Murphy agreed to review this matter and revert with an update.
- Mr. Murphy confirmed that the Greenway project has been completed, and there are plans to add 4 inches of recycled road materials to improve accessibility for everyone. He also confirmed there is a plan to incorporate a pedestrian crossing at the Red Bridge junction, which will join up the two greenways in the area.

Minute No. 105/25

Physical Development Report

John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Cllr. Tenanty sought an update on proposed relocation of the traffic lights at Castle Street with Mr. Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer confirming he would revert with an update in due course.
- Mr. David Jones, Director of Services informed the members that funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme was to be secured before year end in relation to the provision of Collon Playground.

- Mr. O'Hagan confirmed that site investigation works are underway at Ardee Castle. He advised that insurance will be put in place before year end, following which the contract for the works will be signed.

Minute No. 106/25

Public Meeting on Ardee Bypass

Members discussed a proposed meeting of all stakeholders with a view to establishing a forum to explore solutions to the on-going traffic gridlock, with particular reference to Minute No. 32.25.

Cllr. Minogue expressed reluctance to hold such a meeting due to the risk of jeopardising ongoing Supreme Court legal proceedings.

An in-committee meeting was **proposed by Cllr. John Sheridan** and **seconded by Cllr. Pearse McGeough** to discuss further options regarding this matter.

Minute No. 107/25

Notice of Motion: Cllr. Jim Tenanty – Dropped

"That this Council writes to the HSE and ask them to explain the reasons for the delay in opening the new 'Ferdia Lodge Community Nursing Unit' and the withholding of information to works being corrected and amount being overspent.

Reply from Joanna Kelly, HR, Corporate & Community Delivery

This is a matter for the members.

Minute No. 108/25

Condolences

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of:

- Dylan Commins, Coole, Ardee
- Chloe McGee, Barna Donagh, Carrickmacross
- Shay Duffy, Mullyore, Carrickmacross
- Alan McCluskey, Corstown, Drumconrath,
- Chloe Hipson, North Lanarkshire, Scotland

Minutes No. 109/25

Any Other Business

- Members commended the strong sense of community shown following the recent road tragedies and emphasised the need for continued support for those affected during the Christmas period. They also underscored the importance of road safety, particularly at this time of year, and cautioned against substance use, urging all road users to remain vigilant and responsible.
- Members agreed that an in-committee discretionary fund meeting will occur after the January Ardee Municipal District meeting on Thursday 8th January 2026.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

8th January 2026

Cathaoirleach:

D. O'Leary

Meeting Administrator:

Joe Dooney