



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## **Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – July 2025**

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at 4:30 pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Dolores Minogue

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

**Apologies:** Bernie Conlon

**Officials:** David Conway, Chief Executive  
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance  
Susan Deery, Deputy Meeting Administrator  
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer  
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer  
Olivia Gaskin, Senior Staff Officer  
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer  
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

### **Minute No. 59/25**

#### **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Minutes adopted on the:

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Rachel Kerley  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. John Sheridan  
**And approved.**

### **Minute No. 60/25**

#### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Minutes adopted on the:

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Jim Tenanty  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. John Sheridan  
**And approved.**

## **Minute No. 61/25**

### **Matters Arising**

- Members sought an update on Minute No.18/25 in respect of signage on Ballyoran Road with Enda Murphy confirming that an update will issue to the members at a later date.
- A suitable date, time and venue for a Public Meeting/Forum on traffic issues within Ardee (Minute No. 32.25) is to be agreed with the Members.

## **Minute No. 62/25**

### **Taking in Charge Report**

Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Contractors are currently on site at Oriel Heights, Collon and Phase 1 & Phase 2 works will be completed together.
- A discussion regarding the Fosters Court project took place, during which it was noted that Councillor Jim Tenanty declared a conflict of interest and accordingly left the room for the duration of the item. Keith McArdle informed the members that relevant documentation and project details had been issued to Councillor Tenanty. The Planning Section is currently awaiting a response to the matters outlined in that correspondence.

## **Minute No. 63/25**

### **Housing Progress Report**

Olivia Gaskin, Senior Staff Officer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- The provision of 11 Affordable Houses at Quarry Court is currently with the Department for their approval/sanction.
- Clarification was sought on whether tenants of Approved Housing Bodies in another County can seek a transfer to a property in County Louth.
- Members praised the work of the Housing Section in respect to the delivery of social housing units as highlighted in the recent figures released by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

## **Minute No. 64/25**

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

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

- A review of speed limits on R167 are not included in the Low-Cost Safety Scheme this year, however, this road is being resurfaced at present.
- Members noted that Boat Trench & Tierney Street were closed recently with no notice of closure. This is to be investigated.
- Replacement of bollards at Ballapousta will be assessed in accordance with the Low-Cost Safety Scheme.
- Cutting of verges will commence shortly and private landowners will be reminded of their responsibilities.
- Burst watermains at John Street are to be replaced by Uisce Éireann by September which will allow resurfacing works to commence. However, agreement was reached by the Members that

if the watermain works were not completed by September, then Stoney Lane resurfacing will be done with John Street works to be completed in next year's programme.

- The tender process for the scraping works along the Railway Walk has been completed, and funding has been secured to carry out the project. It was also confirmed that stone will be laid in low-lying sections of the route to help alleviate flooding and improve overall drainage.
- The provision of "Minor Road" signage on the R166 Annagassan Road is to be assessed, as it was noted that signage previously in place has disappeared in recent times.
- The tender for low-cost safety measures for the installation of ramps at Annagassan has been awarded and it is hoped that works will be completed within the coming 6 weeks.

#### **Minute No. 65/25**

#### **Notice of Motion – Cllr Jim Tenanty**

**Seconded: Cllr Rachel Kerley**

*"That this council call for an urgent review of the parking bylaws in Ardee as a result of the delay and objections to Ardee bypass".*

#### **Reply from Bernie Woods, Director of Finance and System Support**

The Executive notes that the Ardee parking bylaws were reviewed in 2023 and are considered adequate at present. The implementation of these bylaws is reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure their effectiveness and suitability.

#### **Minute No. 66/25**

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to the Louth GAA Manager Ger Brennan upon his resignation from the Louth GAA Team. His achievements with the Louth GAA Team were commended.

Congratulations were extended to Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer, who celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### **Minute No. 67/25**

#### **Any Other Business**

Members welcomed the publishing of the Local Community Safety Partnerships Legislation.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

#### **The Minutes were confirmed on:**

**Date:**

4.09.2025

**Cathaoirleach:**

D. M. King

**Meeting Administrator:**

Joe Deery