



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

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

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 4:45 pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor John Sheridan

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

### **Apologies:**

**Officials:** Bernie Woods, Head of Finance  
David Jones, Director of Services  
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer  
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer  
Edel O'Neill, Executive Engineer  
Sinéad Dooley, Meeting Administrator  
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

### **Minute No. 50/25**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Minutes adopted on the:

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Bernie Conlon  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Rachel Kerley  
**And approved.**

### **Minute No. 51/25**

### **Matters Arising**

- With reference to Minute No.18/25, an update was sought in respect of the provision of signage, cautioning that Walkers are on the Road along the LS51380, Ballyoran Road. Commitment was given to raise the matter with relevant personnel.
- An update was sought in respect to the Community Safety Partnership. Commitment was given to raise the matter with relevant personnel.

### **Minute No. 52/25**

### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

Standing Orders were suspended on the

**Proposal of:** Cllr Jim Tenanty  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Pearse McGeough

To enable Cllr Tenanty to provide a statement on the victims of the Israel-Gaza war.

### **Minute No. 53/25**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. The following items were raised:

- The issue of increased homelessness in the Ardee/Mid Louth and those impacted by same being required to leave the area to find suitable accommodation.
- Speeding issues in certain estates, in addition to the risks posed, for both children and residents, by the number of cars parking at houses as a result of more and more people being forced to remain living at home.

### **Minute No. 54/25**

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

Members discussed the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer, addressed matters raised. The following items were noted:

- Potholes as reported into Sugar at the N52 Dundalk Roundabout and the requirement for hedge cutting at Lambs Terrace, Ardee. Mr Johnston advised that he would follow-up on the pothole issues and clarified that the Roads Section only cut hedges at junctions and roundabouts, not along all roads but would check what could be done at Lambs Terrace. The requirement for 'patching' at North Mosstown Lane as notified in a Sugar case was noted and will be investigated.
- Concerns were raised in respect to cars parked on footpaths blocking access for pedestrians generally but particularly people with prams/mobility aids. It was suggested that implementing parking restrictions and engaging with An Garda Síochána could be possible solutions to addressing the issue.
- The painting/repainting of yellow lines and boxes is usually done in batches, but commitment was provided to follow-up on identified locations yet to be completed.
- Maplestown Bridge on the old N52 and the bridge on the R172 over the Fane were identified as requiring repair. Mr Johnston advised that the Council is currently working on the repair of 10 bridges as per the Road Work Programme for 2025 and indicated that all 514 bridges across the County will be surveyed by year end and a maintenance schedule, ranking works in order of priority, developed.
- Tidy Towns Groups and Residents Associations require Public Liability Insurance and should liaise with IPB for guidance.
- An update was sought on the modification of traffic lights at Castle Street. Mr Johnston advised that there was a shortfall in funding required to complete the project, but indicated that LCC continues to work with TII and hopes to secure the required funding in 2025. Members expressed the view that the required shortfall (€6,000) was a small amount of money if it saved someone from being knocked down or from losing a life, and called upon LCC to do everything possible to address the issue.

## Minute No. 55/25

### Physical Development Report

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

- Flood Relief Project awaiting approval by the OPW Senior Management Team.
- The acquisition of land for the Fire Station is on hold for a minimum of 2 years as directed by the Department.

## Minute No. 56/25

### Congratulations

- Congratulations were extended to the Under-20s Louth GAA team.
- Best wishes were extended to all students embarking upon the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams 2025.

## Minute No. 57/25

### Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of the following people who had recently passed away:

- Thomas (Tommy) (Snr.) Commins, Ardee
- Enda Callaghan, Dunleer
- Collette Campbell, Dunleer

## Minute No. 58/25

### Any other Business

- Cllr Tenanty advised that he was part of a small delegation of Council Officials which recently visited the Italian town of Nettuno, which is twinned with Ardee, and provided a brief report on the cultural activities that formed part of the itinerary of the visit.
- It was noted that the AILG is providing a training module on “**Planning 2025 – The Councillor and the New Context for Development Plans**” scheduled to take place in Monaghan on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

3rd July 25

Cathaoirleach:

D. Munnag

Meeting Administrator:

John Dooney