



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – March 2025

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Leas Cathaoirleach: Councillor Jim Tenanty

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

Officials: Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Susan Deery, Meetings Administrator
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
Mary G Reilly, Administrative Officer
Donna Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer

Minute No. 16/25

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2025

Minutes adopted.

Proposed by: Cllr Rachel Kerley

Seconded by: Cllr Pearse McGeough

And approved

Matters Arising

Reference minute No. 11.25 where Cllr McGeough welcomed the cutting of the hedges in Kilsaran, however, highlighted the hedges on the road to Mosstown which are in need of attention.

Minute No. 17/25

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and Mary G Reilly addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following matters were noted:

- Units in John Street will become available within a month to six weeks
- Members sought confirmation on the contractors at Ravel Grange & Mullavalley. Mary G Reilly will revert.
- Members queried why maintenance requests for 67 social housing units were refused. Mary G Reilly will revert.
- Confirmation was received that the ground floor apartments in the John Street development will not be on CBL as they are allocated to disabled applicants. Confirmation also received that they have not yet been allocated, nor tenants written to.

Minute No. 18/25

Roads and Local Services Report

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

The following items were highlighted:

- Confirmation that Ardee Bog is not part of this years work programme. Mark Johnston added that this was 7km of road which would require €200k per km. Agreement to organise patching of this stretch of road in the meantime.
- Cllr McGeough acknowledged the allocation for the Glack section of road to the Meath boundary, however, highlighted an area where the road is collapsing. This was noted.
- A request for signage highlighting walkers on road outside Louth Village was requested and noted.
- The digital sign in Dunleer was queried and confirmation received that it should be up by Monday.
- Additional speed limit signs were requested for Duffys Cross to Tallanstown. This was noted.
- Traffic issues in Ardee were highlighted and the additional use of side roads which is contributing to their deterioration.
- Issues relating to cleaning of gullies was highlighted and noted.
- Yellow boxes in Dunleer and Ardee were requested and noted.
- Lights out of order across Mid Louth was discussed and clarification received that there is a large backlog of open cases with the contractor. Mark Johnston is working closely with the contractor and will continue to seek an improvement in this service.
- A request for a sign "lights out of order" to warn motorists at the roundabout entering Ardee was requested, however, this is a TII issue. Mark Johnston will report.

Minute No. 19/25

Physical Development Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Update received that funding is not yet released for the Ardee-Castleblayney upgrade.
- Confirmation received that the Ardee Educate Together school is programmed to be handed over to the Department in July.
- A suggestion for a temporary road to relieve traffic congestion in Ardee was discussed, however, it was highlighted that the lands are HSE owned and would require planning permission.
- It was highlighted that the TII advise motorists to use the M1 & N33 which would alleviate traffic congestion in Ardee
- It was suggested and agreed that the members could propose to include a temporary relief road in the Development Plan.
- A Forum with all stakeholders to discuss the traffic congestion was suggested and agreed that a proposal should be taken to the next MD meeting for the Cathaoirleach's attention.

Minute No. 20/25

Tidy Town Project Scheme 2025

Members were presented with the Tidy Town Project Scheme for 2025 outlining six projects totalling €30,833.

Proposed by Cllr Jim Tenanty

Seconded by Cllr Bernie Conlon

Minute No. 21/25

Road Works Programme 2025

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

The following items were highlighted:

- John Street, Ardee, was not completed last year, however, it is now included in this year's programme. It was agreed this road was a priority.
- Mark Johnston explained this plan is yet to be tendered, and therefore, the list may need to be altered should the tendering not be favourable.
- It was clarified that this plan was for road works only and that lighting was not included in this plan.
- Annagassan Low-Cost Safety Measures were welcomed along with CIS funding in the sum of €240,000, which was noted as less than previous years.
- Patching on local roads was also discussed, however, it was noted that only roads listed on the Local Improvement Scheme will be included.

The programme was noted and:
Proposed by Cllr Jim Tenanty
Seconded by Cllr Dolore Minogue

Minute No. 22/25

Motion for Cllr John Sheridan

The Notice of Motion from Cllr John Sheridan was postponed due to his absence from the meeting.

Minute No. 23/25

Motion for Cllr Jim Tenanty

Proposed by Cllr Dolores Minogue
Seconded by Cllr Bernie Conlon

And resolved.

Minute No. 24/25

Condolences

Condolences were expressed to the family of:

- Niall Taaffe
- Paddy Ward

Minute No. 25/25

Any other business

Members were advised by the Meetings Administrator that a workshop for Greenway options would be taking place in the near future.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

April 3, 2025

Cathaoirleach:

Seán Ó Súiradain

Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Dorley