



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, 7th May 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Dolores Minogue

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

Apologies: Councillor(s)

Officials: Bernadette Woods, Director of Finance
Susan Deery, Deputy Meeting Administrator
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
Olivia Gaskin, Acting Administrative Officer
Aine Roddy, Assistant Communications Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 33/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd April 2026

The minutes from the 2nd April 2026 meeting were:

Proposed by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley

Seconded by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon

And Approved.

Minute No. 34/26

Matters Arising

- The recent installation of signage at the Castle in conjunction with the ongoing refurbishment was welcomed, and it was noted that there is considerable public interest in the project. It was suggested that a public plan outlining the proposed works be published in order to enhance transparency.
- It was noted that a review of parking guidelines is expected to take place in mid to late summer.

Minute No. 35/26

Taking in Charge Report – deferred to the June Meeting.

Minute No. 36/26

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Acting Administrative Officer, Ms. Olivia Gaskin, responded to queries raised by Members. It was noted that:

- Supporting housing transfer cases is of particular importance, with members emphasising the need for compassionate and timely action.

Minute No. 37/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Enda Murphy, responded to queries raised by Members. It was noted that:

- The position regarding digital signage on the N2, North of Collon, remains under consideration and that a follow-up will be made with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).
- In the interests of residents safety, Members identified the need for urgent weight restrictions and traffic calming measures on Seán O'Carroll Street.
- The condition of pedestrian crossing in Louth Village, including the fading of road markings, requires attention and will be addressed.
- Maintenance works at the Ardee MUGA pitch, including fencing and nets, are required. It was further noted that tenders have been sought for the replacement of the fencing and pitch, and that an will issue in due course.

Minute No. 38/26

Notice of Motion: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by: Cllr. Dolores Minogue

That this council write to the minister for education asking that Ardee be considered for a Gaelscoil maybe in replacement of the premises occupied by Educate together.

Reply from Thomas McEvoy, Economic Delivery

This is a matter for the Members.

Minute No. 39/26

Notice of Motion: Cllr. John Sheridan
Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley

That Louth County Council would organise a specific meeting with TII with regard to the junction of the N2 and LP1201 in Edmonstown, Co. Louth. Traffic turning from Reaghstown towards Ardee must merge with the N2 and there is no dedicated merging lane. This is exasperated by the fact that motorists do not have full visibility of oncoming traffic from Carrickmacross due to the curvature of the road behind the embankment. That Louth County Council would report back to the Ardee Municipal District the outcome of the meeting.

Reply from David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) no longer feature acceleration (merging lanes) and deceleration lanes on National roads as they don't consider them a safe alternative. Oncoming traffic in the Southbound lane in this case, must drive accordingly to accommodate merging traffic from Reaghstown, from where motorists must proceed with due care and attention when joining onto N2. Louth County Council operations engineers will inspect the operation of this junction and

if road design issues are apparent, they will liaise with TII to work towards an improvement. As requested, the MD representatives will be informed of the outcome of this process.

Minute No. 40/26

Any Other Business

- Concerns were raised regarding derelict properties and the perceived slow pace of enforcement actions, particularly in relation to the impact on the town's appearance. It was confirmed that efforts are ongoing to compel property owners to carryout remedial works.
- It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will take place at 4.15pm on 4th June 2026.

Minute No. 41/26

Congratulations

- Tributes were paid to the long-serving business owners of Sizzlers Café and Sarah Curran's Fabric Shop, who recently announced their closure following many years in business.
- Best wishes were extended to Reaghstown postman, Mr. Tony Boyle, on the occasion of his retirement.
- Acknowledgement was given to the Louth GAA teams following their recent Leinster Championship defeats, with particular recognition of the continued support, loyalty, and dedication shown by supporters in recent years.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

4th June 2026

Cathaoirleach:

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Meeting Administrator:

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