



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – November 2023

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 7th November 2023 at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Seán Kelly

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Edel Corrigan, Conor Keelan, Seán Kelly, Andrea McKeivitt, Kevin Meenan, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Liam Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

Apologies: Councillor(s) Emma Coffey, Tomás Sharkey

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Joe McGuinness, Direct of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
David Jones, Director of Services
Ger Murphy, Director of Services
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer
Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer
Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer

Minute No. 93/23

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr Maeve Yore
Seconded by Cllr Andrea McKeivitt
And approved.

Minute No. 94/23

Minutes of Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

The minutes of the draft Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr Andrea McKeivitt
Seconded by Cllr Antóin Watters
And approved.

Minute No. 95/23

Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants as approval of same was

Proposed by: Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

Seconded by: Cllr John Reilly

And resolved

Minute No. 96/23

Consideration of the draft Louth Local Economic & Community Plan

Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer briefed Members on the draft Louth Local Economic & Community Plan. Members were requested to consider the draft Louth Local Economic & Community Plan as set before them in relation to:

- Consistency with the Core Strategy and objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027
- Consistency with the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Eastern & Midland Region
- Consistency between the economic and community elements of the draft Local Economic & Community Plan.

Following consideration, approval of the draft was

Proposed by: Cllr Marianne Butler

Seconded by: Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

And Agreed by Members, who were advised that the draft Plan would now go before the Regional Assembly before submission to the Plenary Meeting of Louth County Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 66C (2)(b) and 66C (3)(b) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

Minute No. 97/23

Road Safety Presentation

Deferral of this item until the next meeting was

Proposed by: Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

Seconded by: Cllr Antóin Watters

And agreed by Members. Cllr Keelan advised that he wished the presentation to focus on safety on the Armagh Road, and Cllr Butler requested that statistics be provided.

Minute No. 98/23

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, Cllr Seán Kelly **proposed** that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss recent response to flooding in the north Louth Area.

This was **Seconded by** Cllr Antóin Watters.

In accordance with Standing Order no. 69 it was established that over 2/3 of Members present were in agreement of the Suspension as on questioning there were no objections to the suspension. Members present at the time of motion were as follows:

Name	In Favour	Against	Abstain	Absent
Marianne Butler	1			
Emma Coffey				1
Edel Corrigan	1			
Conor Keelan	1			
Sean Kelly	1			
Andrea McKevitt	1			
Kevin Meenan	1			
Robert Nash				1
John Reilly	1			
Liam Reilly				1
Tomás Sharkey				1
Antóin Watters	1			
Maeve Yore	1			
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Minute No. 99/23

Discussion on Recent Flooding Event in North Louth Area

An Cathaoirleach advised of several headings for discussion and called Cllrs to ask questions under each of the following:

- Initial Response
- External Assistance
- Communications/Media Plan
- Infrastructure (post flood event)

A lengthy Q&A took place. Matters raised during the course of the discussion included overall preparedness including prior alerts/warnings, the availability of sand bags, role of Civil Defence and the Army, pace of feedback to elected members and communities affected, outdoor staff numbers and deployment of same, available equipment, clearance of gullies/culverts, road closures and communication of same, causes of flood waters in a number of housing estates in Dundalk, supports available to the households/businesses affected by flooding, plans for road restoration programme in the short term, future flood mitigation measures including reference to role of OPW and CFRAM projects and other state agencies.

Directory of Services David Jones responded to the majority of matters raised by Members, with Directors Thomas McEvoy and Ger Murphy also responding, along with Paddy Connolly Senior Executive Engineer and John Lawrence Senior Executive Officer.

The efforts and commitment of the staff members of Louth County Council involved in the response to the north Louth flooding was commended by the executive and elected members present, as well as the tremendous response that was witnessed from the local community.

Minute No. 100/23

Suspension of Standing Order no. 5

As the time of the meeting was approaching 7.15p.m. suspension of Standing Order no. 5, which states that the Municipal District Members shall rise no later than 7.15p.m., was

Proposed by: Cllr Seán Kelly

Seconded by: Cllr Maeve Yore

To allow for a 15 minute extension to the meeting to hear the Statutory Business of Housing and Roads, while deferring all other items on the agenda including Notices of Motion. All present were in agreement:

Name	In Favour	Against	Abstain	Absent
Marianne Butler	1			
Emma Coffey				1
Edel Corrigan	1			
Conor Keelan	1			
Sean Kelly	1			
Andrea McKevitt	1			
Kevin Meenan	1			
Robert Nash	1			
John Reilly	1			
Liam Reilly				1
Tomás Sharkey				1
Antóin Watters	1			
Maeve Yore	1			
	10	0	0	3

Minute No. 101/23

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and Ger Murphy Director of Services and John Lawrence Senior Executive Officer were available to address matters raised.

The following items were briefly discussed:

- The age profile of Social Units in Market Street and whether these can be retrofit
- Infill works at Muirhevnamore

Minute No. 102/23

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. Members were advised that road surfacing had taken place that day on the R173.

As the time had reached 7.30p.m. the meeting concluded

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Municipal District held on:

Date:

5 Dec 2023

Cathaoirleach:



Meeting Administrator:

