



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## **Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk**

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk -  
Tuesday, 8th October 2024 at 5:15pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Séan Kelly

**Members:** Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Sionnain McCann, Shane McGuinness, Andrea McKevitt, Kevin Meenan, Fiona MhicConchoille, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore.

**Apologies:** Councillor Emma Coffey

**Officials:** Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services  
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer  
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer  
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer  
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

### **Minute No. 100/24**

#### **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were adopted on the

**Proposal of:** Cllr Maeve Yore  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Antoin Waters  
**And resolved**

### **Minute No. 101/24**

#### **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 McKevitt  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Maeve Yore  
**And resolved**

## Minute No. 102/24

### Nominations for Civic Awards 2024

The following list of awardees was put forward to the meeting:

- The late, Owen Gray
- The late, Rory Kennedy
- Paula Gorham
- Conor Hughes
- Sonya Van Kalkern
- Mary Curran
- Ann Larkin
- Niall Gallagher RIP
- Lucy Rafferty
- Joe McLoughlin & Tess Colman
- Omeath Tidy Towns
- Dundalk Tidy Towns
- Dundalk Dog Rescue

This list was approved on the

**Proposal of:** Cllr Andrea McKeivitt

**Seconded by:** Cllr Maeve Yore

**And resolved**

## Minute No. 103/24

### Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer, addressed all matters raised at the meeting.

The following items were highlighted:

- The maintenance of solar panels in Louth County Council units is a matter for the tenant rather than the local authority.
- In response to a query from Cllr. Maeve Yore regarding the Council's strategy for dealing with anti-social behaviour, Mr. Lawrence informed the meeting that all allocations receive a check from An Garda Síochána. This is not the case for Housing Assistance Payment applications as these are not an allocation of a property.
- The Social Housing Assessment 2024 survey is currently being undertaken. Approximately 170 of the 660 people on the housing list have not yet responded.

## Minute No. 104/24

### Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with potholes, cycling infrastructure, road safety and signage requests and illegal dumping, the following items were highlighted:

- In response to a number of queries regarding gully clearing, Paddy Connolly highlighted that in many cases the issue is that the stormwater system does not have the capacity to deal with the volume of rainfall that is happening in short periods of time. A pilot project reference by Cllr. Maeve Yore will be explored by Mr. Connolly.
- Streetlight maintenance and replacement has recommenced.
- Members will be meeting separately to discuss graveyard matters with a view to forming a committee.
- In response to a query from Cllr. Kevin Meenan, works needed Mount Rath are not suitable for routine patching but the Community Involvement Scheme should be considered.
- Cllr. Sean Kelly issues regarding overflowing bins in the area of Bridge Street/Linenhall Street/ Church Street.
- Issues raised regarding tree heights will be passed onto Elias Mlimbila, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.
- Consideration needs to be given to the movement of Heavy Goods Vehicles on the Cooley peninsula when the R173/R175 is closed. The alternative road network may not be suitable to carrying such vehicles.

## Minute No. 105/24

### Physical Development Report

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

The following were matters of particular note:

- Part 8 consultation for Active Travel Scheme to Xerox is closing on 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Gateway 3 approval has been received for Xerox to Greengates project
- National Transport Authority's *Cycleconnects* project is on public display
- Good engagement from staff on the Mount Avenue works was welcomed by Cllr. Sean Kelly.
- Councillors to send on suggested areas for accessibility works ahead of a funding application being made.

## Minute No. 106/24

### Taking in Charge Update

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting.

Councillors thanked Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer, for his work on this.

**Minute No. 107/24**

**Placemaking Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer, addressed matters raised. These included parking enforcement matters and school warden deployments. Cllr. Marianne Butler suggested that it would be welcome were the Vacant Homes Officer to attend a meeting.

**Minute No. 108/24**

**Condolences**

Condolences were offered to the families of the following people who had recently passed away:

- Mark "Maxi" Kavanagh, Church St, Dundalk
- Briege Quigley, Ravensdale, Dundalk
- Sharon Durnin, Manydown Close
- Rosie McGee, Cedarwood Park
- Breege Quigley, Ravensdale
- Mickey Dooley, Ravensdale

**Minute No. 109/24**

**Congratulations**

Congratulations were offered to the following:

- Michael Dawe on his retirement from the Louth County Council Fire and Rescue Service
- St. Pat's Ladies Team
- Dundalk FC Futsal Team

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

**The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:**

**Date:**

12/11/24

**Cathaoirleach:**



**Meeting Administrator:**

