



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 April 2025 at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Séan Kelly

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Ciarán Fisher, Sionnain McCann, Shane McGuinness, Andrea McKevitt, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan, Robert Nash, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore

Apologies: Councillor John Reilly

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer

Minute No. 26/25

Minutes of monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025

Proposal of: Cllr. Emma Coffey
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrea McKevitt
And resolved

Minute No. 27/25

Matters arising

None

Minute No. 28/25

Provision of Assistance for the promotion of interests of local community groups or projects provided under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants as presented to them and approval was

Proposed by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Robert Nash

Minute No. 29/25

Establishment of St Patrick's (Dowdallshill) Graveyard Committee

Membership of St Patrick's Graveyard Committee was agreed and includes Councillors Séan Kelly (Chair), Marianne Butler, Sionnain McCann, Robert Nash and Maeve Yore.

It is also proposed that relevant Executive staff will attend meetings to provide information and assistance and that representatives of the Church, local Undertakers and An Garda Síochána may be invited to attend meetings if their presence is considered necessary for the proper functioning of the Committee.

Minute No. 30/25

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer addressed matters raised at the meeting. The following items were noted:

- The Tenant In-Situ Scheme is vastly changed for 2025. Registration for the Tenant In-Situ Scheme is now conditional on having been on the Rental Accommodation Scheme or Housing Assistance Payment Scheme for minimum of two years.
- 75% of the 2025 allocation available for Housing Aid for Older People (HOPs) has been offered to grant applicants. The grant is no longer payable towards the cost of purchasing new oil or gas boilers. However, it can be used for the repair of existing oil or gas boilers or can also be payable towards the purchase and installation of a second-hand fossil fuel boiler.
- Going forward, and on the advice from the Department, the processing of applications for Housing Adaptation Grants will be prioritised.
- A request has been made for facilitation of a site visit to MacNeill View for Members.
- Director of Services, Thomas McEvoy undertook to raise at Management Team the feasibility of Louth County Council providing letters of indemnity to assist mortgage applicants purchasing within zones adjacent to flood plains.

Minute No. 31/25

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Paddy Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, responded to issues raised by Elected Members. The following was noted:

- Matters raised, including traffic calming measures, Place Naming, dumping, policy on private CCTV capturing dog fouling, requirement for Traffic Warden at Anne Street and bollards at Earl Street, to be brought to the attention of relevant personnel for appropriate attention.
- Enhancement of road markings and signage is ongoing and Members were invited to advise the Council of areas requiring attention.
- The CLAR Programme, under which the Cooley Peninsula had previously received funding, will not be extended.
- It was requested that the Report on Road Sweeping provide more detail.
- Improvements in the cleanliness of the public toilets at Omeath were noted and compliments paid to the newly appointed Caretaker.

Minute No. 32/25

Taking in Charge Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting and Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer addressed queries raised by Members. The following items were noted:

- Taking in Charge of estates/sites can include circumstances whereby there is (i) both a developer and a bond, (ii) a bond but no developer and (iii) no bond and no developer.
- Taking in Charge requests are ranked in accordance with The Office of the Planning Regulator Policy Guidance.
- Legacy sites are being addressed on a phased basis and while the current work programme includes 52 ranked sites Members were advised that the number continually grows.
- A process is in place whereby Louth County Council carries out work for which reimbursement is received from Uisce Éireann.

Minute No. 33/25

Notice of Motion – Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt

Seconder: Cllr. Séan Kelly

“Calling on Louth County Council to extend the bin emptying at weekends in the Cooley peninsula to the month of April, effective from this coming weekend”

Reply from David Jones, Director of Place Making and Physical Development

The weekend bin collection service in north Louth during the summer season was extended in recent years to incorporate the period May - August.

There are no plans to extend this period for the 2025 season.

However, consideration will be given to facilitating a bin collection service over the forthcoming Easter bank holiday weekend which falls during the month of April.

Minute No. 34/25

Congratulations

Congratulations were offered to Sean and Sheila O'Reilly on their recent retirements from Louth County Council.

Any Other Business

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

Date:

13/05/25

Cathaoirleach:

[Signature]

Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Doolan