



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk– Online,
Wednesday 13th August 2024 at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Robert Nash

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Sionnain McCann, Shane McGuinness, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore

Apologies: Councillor(s) Ciarán Fisher, Emma Coffey, Séan Kelly, Andrea McKevitt, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
William Walsh, Acting Director of Services
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer

Minute No. 70/25

To agree the inclusion of additional works under the Road Works Programme 2025

Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer advised Members that due to Louth County Council's tender process for the 2025 Road Works Programme, which was agreed in March, yielded extremely competitive rates, resulting in a significant cost saving. He advised that the total value of the successful tenders was approximately €1 million below the annual allocation, resulting in the local authority being in a position to include additional roads in its 2025 Road Works programme.

Mr Johnston advised that to ensure full utilization of the 2025 budget, as governed by the Memorandum of Grants 2024 issued by the Department of Transport, the engineering team identified an additional suite of roads estimated to match the €1 million shortfall. These roads were subsequently readvertised and competitively tendered resulting in the proposal before Members to include an additional **8 roads** in the Road Works Programme 2025.

Among the additional roads included in the programme as presented to Members was Coes Road East, a 900metre stretch of road. However, the Executive indicated to Members that it was proposing to take Coes Road East off the list and to replace it with Tom Bellew Avenue. Members were advised that Louth County Council had been informed in recent days of Uisce Éireann's plans for the installation of a new wastewater rising main between Coes Rd Wastewater Pump Station and Dundalk Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is anticipated that works in the area are planned to

commence in mid-2027, with completion scheduled for 2029. To maximise public funds and given the nature of Uisce Eireann's works the Executive shared the view that it would not be prudent to progress road resurfacing at this time and therefore recommended deferring the proposed resurfacing of the Coes Road until 2029 in line with the expected completion date for Uisce Eireann's works.

Members were agreeable to the proposal to remove Coes Road East from the 2025 programme of works, for the inclusion of Tom Bellew Avenue, on the understanding that businesses would be communicated with and that Louth County Council would maintain the defects on Coes Road in the meantime.

Upon further review of the list of roads as presented to Members concerns were raised in respect to the inclusion of the N52, Christianstown (R215), and Drumleck (R166-312). Members shared the view that these roads were a matter for the Municipal District of Ardee to consider for inclusion in the Road Works Programme 2025.

On the **Proposal of** Councillor Maeve Yore, **Seconded by** Councillor Robert Nash, the following list of **6** additional roads were agreed upon for inclusion in the Road Works Programme 2025:

Municipal District of Dundalk	
Road Number	Road Name
R177	Armagh Road (Kilcurry)
R177	Armagh Road (Carnbeg)
LT-20010-80	De LaSalle Terrace
R175	Greenore
LP-3161	Rock Road
	Tom Bellew Avenue

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

Date:

09/09/25

Cathaoirleach:

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Meeting Administrator:

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