



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, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 5:15pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Séan Kelly

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

**Apologies:** Councillor(s) Emma Coffey, Andrea McKevitt, John Reilly

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

### **Minute No. 1/25**

#### **Minutes of monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were adopted, subject to one editorial change under Minute No. 121/24 (“...*additional grand...*” to be amended to “...*additional grant...*”), on the:

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Antóin Watters

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

**And resolved**

### **Minute No. 2/25**

#### **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 highlighted:

- It is anticipated that clarification in respect of the future of the Tenant in-Situ scheme will issue following Government formation talks.
- Cllr. MhicConchoille queried the Council's Duty of Care in respect of a serious infestation of vermin. John Lawrence advised that pest control was generally a matter for tenants but committed to investigating the matter further.
- Cllr. Kelly queried when the 45 Units at MacNeill View would become available on CBL. John Lawrence will request an update on the matter and inform Members accordingly.
- Members indicated that they would benefit from a presentation by Officials to aide their understanding of the operation of the Retrofit Scheme. John Lawrence undertook to raise the Members' request with relevant Officials for consideration.

### **Minute No. 3/25**

#### **Roads and Local Services Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services and Paddy Connolly, Senior Engineer, addressed matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Public Lighting Contractor to meet with Officials week of 13<sup>th</sup> January.
- In agreement with Dundalk BIDS the lights installation at Dundalk Square will remain in place for St Brigid's Festival.
- Limitations cannot be placed on the number of times roads or pathways are excavated as long as the contractor, utility company or other authorized entity has obtained a Road Opening License.
- Cllr McGuinness asked for a meeting to consider solutions to the shortage of car parking, particularly for the elderly, at Blackrock Village. Thomas McEvoy undertook to raise the matter with Mark Johnston for response.
- 2025 Work Programme dependent on confirmation of allocation from Department which has yet to be notified to the Council.
- The recruitment process for a Caretaker at Omeath has concluded.
- Tendering process for the development of a new case management system is ongoing.
- Purchase of Road Marking Machinery not a viable option for Louth County Council.

### **Minute No. 4/25**

#### **Taking in Charge Report**

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer, addressed matters raised and committed to developing a list with indicative timeframes for the advancement of active and potential future Taking in Charge orders.

#### **Taking in Charge - Elmore Lawns, Knocknagoran, Omeath**

The Taking-In-Charge of Elmore Lawns, Knocknagoran, Omeath, was approved on the

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Antóin Watters  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille  
**And resolved.**

**Minute No. 5/25**

**AOB**

- Cllr Fisher congratulated all involved in the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Anti-Litter League noting most recent survey results reflecting significant improvement in Dundalk's standing.
- Cllr Butler raised the matter of forming a graveyard committee.
- Thomas McEvoy advised that applications received under the Festival Initiative Grant Scheme 2025 would now be assessed and decisions made presently in respect of support for festivals throughout 2025, including St Brigid's Day related festivities.

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

**Date:**

11/02/25

**Cathaoirleach:**

[Signature]

**Meeting Administrator:**

Sinead Donkey