



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

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

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 5:15pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Seán Kelly

**Members:** Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Ciarán Fisher, Shane McGuinness, Andrea McKeivitt, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore

**Apologies:** Councillor(s) Sionnain McCann,

**Officials:** Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive  
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator  
Patrick Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer  
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer  
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer

### **Minute No. 49/25**

#### **Minutes of monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Seán Kelly  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Antóin Watters  
And resolved

### **Minute No. 50/25**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting and Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised at the meeting. The following items were noted:

- Cllr Meenan paid tribute to the work undertaken on the Muirhevnamor infill housing project highlighting it as an “example of good practice by all concerned.”
- In response to concerns raised in respect to the level of dumping at River Lane, Mr Grimes indicated that the Environment Section has powers to address illegal dumping and further advised that the Estates Management Section could engage if residents were Council tenants. Rodent issues are a matter for the Health Service Executive.

- 20 Units at Hearthfield, Mount Avenue will be launched later this year under the Affordable Housing Scheme.
- Parking and boundary fencing at MacNeill View is a matter for Clúid. However, Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy undertook to check compliancy with planning conditions and boundary completion.
- Further details on queries raised in respect to retrofitting to be submitted to Mr Grimes for follow-up.
- The issue of squatters at a derelict building ('Dublin House') in Omeath, as raised by Cllr Mhic Conchoille to be referred to the Homeless Team. Additionally, Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy advised that, depending on engagement from the property owners or lack thereof, that the Planning Compliance team may carryout an inspection at the site noting that Dereliction Site notices had been issued previously.

### **Minute No. 51/25**

#### **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:

- Mr Connolly advised that the initial tender for resurfacing works had come in under budget and that a further phase of resurfacing works will go out to tender.
- Cllr Watters raised the issue of problematic hedge growth in a number of areas. Mr Connolly requested that Cllr Watters forward on details of issues at junctions for his attention while advising that communications, over the Council's various social media platforms, could be undertaken to highlight landowners' responsibilities in respect to hedge maintenance.
- Issues raised concerning Low-Cost Safety Measures and Traffic Calming to be raised with the appropriate Team/s.
- It was confirmed that tree cutting at the Magnet would commence on 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- Potential clean-up at Ladywell Shrine to be referred to relevant personnel for attention.
- Cllr Fisher highlighted corrosion of the metalwork at the Ardee Road bridge. Mr Connolly undertook to look at with a view to determining if it was a matter for LCC or Irish Rail.
- Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy committed to developing a note in response to Cllr Fisher's request to better understand the process of street pay parking.
- Cllr McGuinness to submit further details on the issue arising at the Fane River which may require the installation of appropriate signage.
- Mr Connolly to determine the legality of the spraying of weedkiller in a public playground.
- A programme of cleaning, repair and replacement of signs and bollards is being conducted with no particular priority assigned to works.
- Bathing waters at Blackrock beach are not monitored as it is not a Blue Flag Beach.
- Mr Connolly to look into the provision of additional public lighting at Carnbeg.

## **Minute No. 52/25**

### **Physical Development Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated in advance of the meeting.

John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised by the members. The following items were noted:

- 180 schools nationwide have been captured under the Safe Routes to School Programme. Extension of the programme is a matter for An Taisce.
- The tendering process for Coastal Protection Works is ongoing.
- Work is continuing in respect to identification of the preferred route for the Dundalk Bay – Carlingford Greenway. Impacted landowners will be contacted in advance of Councillors.
- Completion of works at Bridge Street expected within the next two weeks.
- LCC actively engaging with the National Transport Authority on the Local Transport Plan and potential development of bus routes capturing the Armagh Road and Ath Lethan.
- North section of Omeath Greenway expected to open in July.

## **Minute No. 53/25**

### **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. Antóin Watters

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

And resolved.

## **Minute No. 54/25**

**Notice of Motion – Cllr. John Reilly**

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Seán Kelly

"That Louth Co. writes to the TII to ask them to reconsider their decision not to complete the proposed safety measures at Newtownbalregan, on the N53 route. Currently no hard shoulder exists for pedestrians or cyclists."

**Reply from A/Director of Services David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery**

This is a matter for the members

## **Minute No. 55/25**

**Notice of Motion – Cllr. Antóin Watters**

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt

"Ahead of Phase II of the Speed Limit review which is due to commence in June 2025. I call on Louth County Council to prioritize a speed limit reduction and gateway between St Andrew's Church,

Bush Riverstown and Peninsula Kitchen's, Monksland, Carlingford. The route is along the R173/R175 regional roads that have seen many accidents over the last few years. The stretch of road includes 3 major road junctions and community buildings including Bush Post Primary School, Cooley Kickhams GFC, St Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley Community Playgroup and Cooley Credit Union".

**Reply from A/Director of Services David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery**

The Council is currently progressing Phase II of the Countywide Speed Limit Review, which is underway and will include a comprehensive assessment of all regional, local, and urban roads across the county. The route you have referenced—encompassing the R173 and R175 through the Bush–Monksland corridor—will be considered as part of this review, along with all other built-up and community-sensitive locations.

We note the significance of this route, particularly given the presence of critical community infrastructure such as Bush Post Primary School, Cooley Kickhams GFC, St Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley Community Playgroup, and the local Credit Union, along with the history of road safety concerns you have highlighted.

As part of the review, technical assessments including traffic speeds, collision history, road geometry, and stakeholder input will guide any recommendations. We will ensure that this location is duly assessed in that context.

**Minute No. 56/25**

**Notice of Motion – Cllr. Maeve Yore**

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Antóin Watters

"That Louth Council Council carry out traffic speed surveys from Carroll's Cross, Commons Rd up to Ginnety's Cross in Dromiskin and install traffic calming measures to slow traffic down on these two main routes into village to ensure safety for pedestrians, school children and fellow motorists"

**Reply from A/Director of Services David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery**

This will be considered as part of the ongoing work programme looking at areas of concern from a speed point of view. It will be assessed against relevant criteria and our traffic calming policy to establish the need.

**Minute No. 57/25**

**Condolences**

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

- Rose Coleman, Glenwood
- Michael Morgan (Snr), Rockmarshall
- James O'Connor, Lordship
- Michael (Micky) Rogers, Dundalk
- Cathy Cousins, Dundalk (former LCC employee)

**Minute No. 58/25**

**Any Other Business**

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

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
**Cathaoirleach:** Andrea McKeitt  
**Meeting Administrator:** Sean Doherty