



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, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5:15pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Robert Nash

**Members:** Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Ciarán Fisher, Shane McGuinness, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan (online), Sionnain McCann, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore

**Apologies:** Councillor(s) Seán Kelly, Andrea McKevitt,

**Officials:** Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Services  
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator  
Áine Roddy, Assistant Communications Officer  
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer  
Paula Keenan, Administrative Officer  
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer  
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer  
Moya Hodgers, Arts Officer

**Note:** In accordance with Standing Order No. 6, Members resolved to conduct the meeting as a hybrid in-person meeting.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Marianne Butler

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Antóin Watters  
And Resolved.

### **Minute No. 101/25**

#### **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Minutes adopted on the;

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Maeve Yore

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille  
And Resolved

### **Minute No. 102/25**

#### **Matters Arising**

None

## **Minute No.103 /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:

- Incidents of tenant maintenance issues should be reported to the Council for investigation.
- Homelessness figures are expected to decline over the coming months due to the availability of completed units at various developments coming on stream. At least 10% of units are generally allocated to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- The process for addressing anti-social behaviour includes issuing a verbal warning; followed by a written warning; then a tenancy notification; and, if necessary, referral to the Courts. The Council intends to update its Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy in 2026 and anticipates significant stakeholder engagement to identify opportunities for improvement.

## **Minute No. 104/25**

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

Members discussed the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised. The following items were noted:

- Hill Street Bridge will be prioritised for inclusion in the Road Works Programme for 2026.
- Four traffic lights upgrades were completed in 2025 with plans to continue upgrading.
- The Executive was not aware of the planned ESB outage at the Xerox junction and will follow up with ESB to formalise a communications plan. Issues at the traffic lights near the Gateway Hotel (formerly the Crowne Plaza) arose as a consequence of development works in the area but have since been rectified. However, ongoing timing issues at the junction remain under-review.
- The Executive undertakes appropriate investigations to determine land ownership in order to address any hedge related obstructions.
- Contractor is due to return to Marlbog Road in the coming days to reinstall ramps and line markings.
- Issues raised in respect to Knotweed, CCTV surveillance and leak detection will be referred to the Environment Team and Irish Water respectively.
- Site visits to areas of concern for speeding can be arranged, with the potential to conduct speed surveys to address these issues.

## **Minute No. 105/25**

### **Placemaking Report**

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

Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer, responded to questions from the Elected Members. The following matters were noted:

- Parking on footpaths at St. Nicholas' Quarter is an issue which is hoped may be addressed in Phase 2 of the development works. Similarly, the installation of Age Friendly benches may be considered during Phase 2, while acknowledging the need to minimize street clutter and maintain an appropriate balance.

- No further details are available at this time regarding the Living City Initiative. Department officials are expected to engage shortly to advise on the next steps.
- Master Plan for Muirhevnamor Park is expected after Christmas. The suggestion to consider implementing a one-way traffic system will be passed on to the relevant Team

### **Minute No. 106/25**

#### **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 report as presented to them and approval was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Emma Coffey  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Sionnain McCann  
 And Resolved.

### **Minute No. 107/25**

#### **Nomination of Member to Public Art Advisory Group**

At the Council Meeting on Monday, 20 October 2025, the New Public Art Policy for Louth was noted. Arts Officer, Moya Hodgers, advised that, in line with the policy, one nomination is to be sought from each Municipal and Borough District for an elected representative to sit on the Public Art Advisory Group. Members were requested to consider the nomination of one representative from the Municipal District of Dundalk. Cllr Marianne Butler was nominated.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. John Reilly  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Ciarán Fisher  
 And Resolved.

### **Minute No. 108/25**

#### **Municipal District of Dundalk Civic Awards 2025/2026**

Members were reminded that the Municipal District may not confer more than ten awards annually. It was emphasized that this figure represents a limit rather than a target, in order to safeguard the integrity of the Civic Award. Clarification was provided that the 'year' is defined as the term of office of each elected Cathaoirleach, running from June to May, rather than the calendar year.

It was agreed that the 2025/2026 Civic Awards will be held in Quarter 1 of 2026. Ms. Dooley undertook to circulate a Nomination Form for completion by Members.

### **Minute No. 109/25**

#### **Condolences**

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

- Christopher (Christy) McShane, Muirhevnamor, Dundalk
- Margaret Lambe (née McKevitt), Bay Estate, Dundalk

**Minute No. 110/25**

**Congratulations**

Congratulations were extended to:

- Mr John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer on his forthcoming retirement from Louth County Council

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

**Date:**

9/12/25

**Cathaoirleach:**

[Signature]

**Meeting Administrator:**

Sinead Doherty