



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – January 2026

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 13th January 2026 at 5:15 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Robert Nash

Members: **Councillor(s)** Marianne Butler (online), Ciaran Fisher, Shane McGuinness, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan, Antón Watters, Seán Kelly, Andrea McKeivitt (online), Maeve Yore

Apologies: Councillor(s) John Reilly, Sionainn McCann and Emma Coffey

Officials:

Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Paula Keenan, Administrative Officer
Christine Mullen, Administrative Officer
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer
Lorraine Quigley, Administrative Officer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sandra Loughhran, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 01/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Maeve Yore

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Kelly

And approved.

Minute No. 02/26

Matters Arising

Councillor Yore referred to Minute No. 114/25 and queried if an application for EU funding related to flood relief had been submitted. Mr. Callan advised he would revert with clarification.

Minute No. 03/26

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Christine Mullen, Administrative Officer, responded to queries raised by Members.

- It was confirmed that the current timeframe for assessing and approving housing requests is approximately 12 weeks. It was noted that there is a backlog in processing social housing applications, which is currently being worked through.
- It was advised that housing adaptations (including attic conversions and extensions) are carried out solely for disability-related reasons and not undertaken to accommodate larger families. It was further noted that a number of four-bedroom houses are expected to come on stream in 2026.
- It was noted that confirmation of the 2026 budget for the acquisition of houses has not yet been received.

Minute No. 04/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Patrick Callan, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised by Members. It was noted that:

- Concerns were raised regarding the Old Railway Line throughout parts of the peninsula where 40-foot vehicles are attempting to travel under low bridges. It was noted that one such vehicle recently struck a bridge. It was requested that an assessment be carried out to determine appropriate signage and road markings to advise large vehicles to avoid the area, or to consider introducing a staggered crossing similar to the arrangement at the bridge on the approach to McGeough's on the L3097 road known as the Jonesborough Bridge (ID 9690). Mr. Callan advised that an assessment had been carried out last year and confirmed that he would actively review the matter.
- Specific locations and issues in respect to footpath conditions and requirements for additional signage in places should be submitted to Mr. Callan for consideration.
- Salt is provided for school gritting; however, no spreading equipment is made available. Mr. Callan indicated that low-cost options for suitable equipment could potentially be explored.
- Line markings on the main Street Blackrock will be addressed upon receipt of funding from the Department expected in the coming months.
- Survey to be carried out at entrance to The Ferns and works conducted if warranted.
- Mr. Callan to liaise with colleagues and revert on queries raised in respect to fixed speed cameras and the policy in respect to CCTV cameras monitoring dumping.
- Bus stop renewals dependent on funding.
- Mr. Callan will raise visibility issues at roundabouts with the landscape contractor for appropriate attention and action
- The issue with the pedestrian light crossing on the Inner Relief Road has been raised with the contractor to identify a solution.

Minute No. 05/26

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:

Proposal of: Cllr. Antón Watters
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Meenan
And approved.

Minutes No. 06/26

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

- Susan Crawley (née McLoughlin); Hyde Park, Dundalk
- Anthony Mulholland, Sandfield Gardens and The Works Barber Shop, Dundalk
- David (Dave) Mackin, Springfield Manor and Mackin's Leathergoods, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk

Minutes No. 07/26

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

10th Feb '26

Cathaoirleach:

[Signature]

Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Dooley