



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

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

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 14th April 2026 at 5:15 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Robert Nash

Members: **Councillor(s)** Marianne Butler, Ciaran Fisher, Shane McGuinness, Fiona MhicConchoille, Kevin Meenan, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore; Sionainn McCann, Sean Kelly (online)

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

Officials:

Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer
Pdraig O’Hora, Senior Executive Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Anthony O’Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Noel Treanor, Senior Executive Engineer
Colin Matthews, Executive Engineer
David Fallon, Executive Engineer
John O’Hagan, Senior Engineer
Ben Holland, Assistant Engineer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sandra Loughran, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 29/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Sionainn McCann
And approved.

Matters Arising

Councillor Yore referenced Minutes 12/26 and 26/26 and sought an update on illegal parking on Church Street and the Dundalk–Blackrock Flood Relief Scheme as it pertains to Dundalk. Senior

Engineer, John O'Hagan advised that a public participation event on the Flood Relief Scheme was scheduled for 29th April.

Councillor Nash referenced Minutes 25/26 and 26/26 and sought an update on issues relating to trees obstructing the road and the upgrade at the Xerox junction. Senior Executive Engineer, Patrick Callan confirmed that the matter concerning the trees has been raised with the landowner. While, Mr. O' Hagan advised that a meeting with the National Transport Authority had taken place at which the Xerox junction was discussed.

Minute No. 30/26

Taking in Charge

Members noted the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Assistant Engineer, Ben Holland, responded to queries raised by Members. The following points were noted:

- Work is underway on the preparation of a detailed Taking-in-Charge schedule, with the objective of determining a structured plan to progress matters
- Concerns raised in relation to Beacon Court, Lis na Dara, and Innislinn were noted and are under active review.

The issue relating to Mount Hamilton falls under the remit of Uisce Éireann, and a meeting has been requested.

Minute No. 31/26

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Senior Executive Officer, Anthony O'Donoghue and Senior Engineer, Declan Grimes, responded to queries raised by Members. The following points were noted:

- Reinstallation of CCTV at Muirhevnamor Park to deter anti-social behaviour is a complex matter due to GDPR considerations and will be discussed with the Estate Management Team.
- A further list similar to that circulated pre Christmas advising of the anticipated timing of Units coming available will be circulated to Members by end week.
- Minister James Browne will be officially opening three Social Housing Schemes in Dundalk (Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue) and Drogheda on 1st May.
- In respect to housing voids work is progressing on seven properties, and six houses are currently in the process of being allocated. It was confirmed that work is always happening on voids to ensure they are not left to deteriorate.
- Details relating to the derelict block of buildings at Oyster Bay, Carlingford, will be forwarded to Mr O'Donoghue.

Minute No. 32/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Senior Executive Engineer, Patrick Callan, responded to queries raised by Members. The following points were noted:

- It was noted that requests had been made in relation to signage warning of thefts, weather-related damage to piers, vandalised speed limit signage, damaged goalposts at St. Dominic's, and public lighting repairs reported via the DeadSure app. Members were requested to forward specific locations where applicable to facilitate follow-up.
- Issues were raised regarding illegal dumping, including at Priest's Beach and in the vicinity of Redeemer Church and school. Vehicle access restrictions at Priest's Beach were noted as delaying removal of dumped material. The potential installation of CCTV will be discussed with the Environment Section, subject to confirmation of responsibility.
- Clarification was sought on the inclusion of the traditional Irish name "Cnoc Bride" on signage at Cnoc na Droichead, Knockbridge.
- Concerns were raised regarding two speed limit signs displaying different speeds on the L1182; the exact location has been requested for review.
- Requests were made in relation to operational and maintenance matters, including advance notice of street sweeping schedules, provision of timelines for grass cutting in communal areas within estates, and the future installation of additional dog fouling bins on Mount Avenue Road upon completion of nearby housing development.
- It was confirmed that Uisce Éireann will be treated in the same manner as all other service providers and will be required to reinstate areas following road works. The possibility of alternative access to the Bay Estate treatment plant area is under consideration.
- It was noted that there is currently no Harbour Master in place for Gyles Quay, Carlingford, and Clogherhead though it was confirmed that the Executive is aware of the issues arising at various locations.
- An update was requested regarding parking issues at Dundalk Train Station; no further information is available at present.
- It was noted that there is no confirmed completion date for the Dundalk Athletics Track.
- Additional School Traffic Wardens were identified as being required in the Castletown area; applications for both relief and permanent positions are currently under review.
- A request for the provision of changing facilities at Priest's Beach will be referred to the Public Realm Section.
- Concerns regarding deteriorating scaffolding at Taaffe's Castle were raised, and it was noted that Thomas McEvoy will follow up on the matter.

Minute No. 33/26

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 as presented to them and approval was

Proposed by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Sionainn McCann
And approved.

Minute No. 34/26

Receive an update on the Speed Limit Review in built up and Urban Areas prior to the commencement of The Statutory Consultation Process

Executive Engineer, Colin Matthews, presented an update on the Speed Limit Review. It was noted that new speed limits are expected to come into effect on 31st March 2027.

The speed limit review update was approved on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Marianne Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
And approved.

Minute No. 35/26

Part 8 Xerox to Greengates

Senior Executive Engineer, Noel Treanor, and Senior Engineer, John O'Hagan, presented the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report in respect of the Xerox to Greengates scheme. The following points were noted:

- Two non-statutory public consultations bring together key stakeholders were completed, during which bus drivers were consulted regarding the optimal placement of bus bays. The proposed locations were also approved by the National Transport Authority.
- New street lighting forms part of the planned scheme, with a higher standard of lighting to be provided for cycle lanes.
- The Link Roads off the Marlbog roundabout do not form part of this scheme but may be progressed in the future subject to the availability of seed funding from the Department.
- The junction will be fully signalised on all four approaches. Stop lines have been set back sufficiently to allow HGVs to safely make left turns. It was noted that retaining a second lane for the Marlbog Road would present safety concerns.
- The expected timeframe for completion of the scheme is late 2027.
- The proposed scheme includes a reduction of the speed limit to 60 km/h, with the option to recommend a further reduction to 50 km/h in certain areas.
- Traffic signals will be smart signals, capable of responding dynamically to traffic conditions.

The Part 8 was approved on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Marianne Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
And approved.

Minutes No. 36/26

Part 8 North Louth Operations Base

Senior Executive Engineer, Pdraig O'Hora, presented the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report in respect of North Louth Operations Base.

The Part 8 was approved on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille
And approved.

Minutes No. 37/26

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

Proposal of: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille
And approved.

Minutes No. 37/26

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Louth Ladies GAA on their promotion to Division 3.

Minutes No. 38/26

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

12th May 26

Cathaoirleach:

[Signature]

Meeting Administrator:

Ginead Doolan