



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

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

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 10th March 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, Andrea McKeivitt, Maeve Yore, Emma Coffey, Sionainn McCann

Apologies: Councillor(s) John Reilly, Seán Kelly

Officials:

Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Paula Keenan, Administrative Officer
Christine Mullen, Administrative Officer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sandra Loughran, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 22/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt
And approved.

Matters Arising

Councillor Yore referred to Minute No. 12/26 and queried whether there was any update regarding illegal parking on Church Street. Mr. Callan advised that there was no update at this time.

Minute No. 23/26

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Administrative Officers, Christine Mullen and Paula Keenan, responded to queries raised by Members. The following matters were noted:

- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program funding has been announced and will support the energy upgrade of 220 social homes in Louth in 2026. No breakdown for the Dundalk area is available at this time.
- The timeframe for a standard house transfer is approximately four weeks. House swaps, however, are different and arranged directly by the respective parties.
- Landlords are responsible for carrying out structural repairs in long-term lease properties.
- No data is currently available on the average assessment timeframes for Housing Adaptation Grant, Mobility Aids Grant or Housing Aid for Older People. Priority continues to be given to the oldest applications. Incomplete submissions are contributing to delays in the overall assessment process.

Minute No. 24/26

Update on New Tenant Engagement & Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

Administrative Officer, Paula Keenan, provided an update on the development of a New Tenant Engagement and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy indicating that:

- The Strategy is being developed under the Housing (Misc. Provisions) Act 2009, aligned with the Housing Acts 1966–2014 and the Housing (Misc. Provisions) Acts 1997 & 2014.
- It applies to all council-managed housing,
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ABS) is defined in law as drug-related activity or behaviour causing significant or persistent harm, intimidation, damage, or interference with a person's home.
- The council addresses ASB through civil housing law, while An Garda Síochána manages criminal matters.
- Consultation on the draft Strategy will take place between (Feb–Oct 2026) and will include three public consultation events in Drogheda, Ardee, and Dundalk; Targeted engagement with residents, community groups, Gardaí, HSE, youth services, Traveller groups, and others; A dedicated workshop for all councillors.
- The overall goal is to create a collaborative, evidence-based Strategy that reflects tenant voices and community needs across County Louth.

Minute No. 25/26

Roads and Local Services Report

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

- Parking in Dundalk is free on St. Patrick's Day, and wider public communication on this is required.
- Repainting schedules are prioritised based on need, and funding limitations remain the primary reason that all roads cannot be refreshed more frequently.
- Under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993, landowners and occupiers have a legal responsibility to ensure that trees, hedges, shrubs, and other vegetation on their land do not pose a hazard or interfere with the safe use or maintenance of a public road. Specific details of any areas of concern should be forwarded to Mr. Callan for follow-up.

- Concerns were raised regarding the new streetlight bulbs, specifically that they may not emit adequate peripheral light. Mr. Callan requested details on the specific locations/ areas of concern be forwarded to him for follow-up with relevant colleagues.
- Issues with potholes are currently being addressed.
- A request for additional funding has been submitted to the Department in response to damage caused by recent bad weather. An update from the Department is awaited.
- The outage affecting streetlights on Mount Avenue Road will be addressed if possible.
- Concerns regarding illegal parking on footpaths and double yellow lines will be escalated to the Enforcement Section.
- It is proposed that CCTV on Racecourse Road be reinstalled to help deter illegal dumping.
- Work is expected to begin next month on cleaning the interior of the playground at the Marshes.
- Cones have been placed in the middle of the road at the Marshes as a precaution around an unsafe manhole; this matter will be followed up.

Minute No. 26/26

Physical Development Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. Senior Engineer, John O'Hagan, responded to queries raised by Members. It was noted that:

- A total of 570 submissions were received as part of the Greenway public consultation—310 by email, 240 online, and 20 in hard copy. These are currently being examined.
- Meeting to take place Thursday 12th March with National Transport Authority (NTA) to discuss development works at R132 Dublin Road and proposed upgrades to junctions along the route.
- Construction of Narrow Water Bridge continues, with phase 1 and phase 2 close to completion and progressing within budget.
- Online briefing will take place week commencing 16th March to shortlist options for Dundalk Flood Relief Project. Separate Public Participation Days (PPD) events for Blackrock and Dundalk are expected to take place after Easter.

Minutes No. 27/26

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

- Ciarán "Skinny" Bond of Avenue Road, formerly of Muirhevna Mór, Dundalk, Co. Louth — Co-Chairman of Muirhevna Mór Football Club and former Chairman of Dundalk Football Club.


Minutes No. 28/26

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date: 14th April '26

Cathaoirleach: 

Meeting Administrator: 