



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Meeting

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Meeting held at Fair Street, Drogheda Monday, 7th September 2026 at 4:15 pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Declan Power

Members: Councillor(s) James Byrne (Online), Kevin Callan, Eric Donovan, Anne-Marie Ford, Michelle Hall, Debbie McCole and Pío Smith.

Apologies: Eijiro O'Hare Stratton and Paddy McQuillan

Officials: David Jones, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Christopher Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer
Irene McGahon, Acting Senior Executive Engineer
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Bryan Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer
Paula Keenan, Acting Senior Executive Officer
Anne D Callan, Administrative Officer
Declan Conlon, Executive Planner
Emma Crossan, Staff Officer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Niamh Griffin, Assistant Staff Officer

Minute No. 85/26

Minutes of Meeting held on 8th June 2026

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8th June 2026 were confirmed on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Pío Smith

Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

And Approved.

Minute No. 86/26

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July 2026

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th July 2026 were confirmed on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
And Approved.

Minute No. 87/26

Matters Arising

None.

Minute No. 88/26

Physical Development Report

Senior Engineer, Mr John O'Hagan, presented the Physical Development Report and responded to matters raised by the Elected Members. The following matters were noted:

- Members noted the significant work done to date on West Gate House. Mr O'Hagan stated that it was a significant project with significant issues and advised of ongoing work with the National Monuments Service. The design is currently being finalised and once completed costings will be sought.
- The Local Transport Plan is expected before the end of September.
- Boyne Link Road is nearing completion with the connection of lights expected in the coming weeks.
- PANCR II is progressing well with completion expected during Q1 2027 subject to weather.
- Rathmullan Road and Marley's Lane Active Travel Scheme - tender documents are with the NTA for peer review.

Minute No. 89/26

Housing Progress Report

Senior Engineer, Mr Declan Grimes, presented the Housing Progress Report and responded to matters raised by the Elected Members.

- Members sought details in relation to the operation of the Housing Transfer List and the circumstances giving rise to transfer requests. It was advised that the Council aims to facilitate transfers for approximately 10% of applicants annually and that 327 applicants were currently on the list. Reasons for transfer requests include overcrowding, medical circumstances or anti-social behaviour.
- Members expressed serious concern regarding on-going anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping in a number of estates and emphasised the impact on residents. It was advised that multi-agency and cross-departmental engagement was ongoing to address the issue. Members were advised of an upcoming Community Safety Partnership Meeting, which they were welcome to attend, to discuss the matter further.

Minute No. 90/26

Roads & Local Services Report

A/Senior Executive Engineer, Ms Irene McGahon, presented the Roads & Local Services Report and responded to matters raised by the Elected Members.

- A number of public realm and maintenance matters were raised, including weed growth, tree planting and soil conditions on West Street, leaves at Marian Court, and the removal of bunting and flower baskets. These matters, together with the potential appointment of an apprentice horticulturist, will be referred to the Parks Section. Members also requested a presentation from the Section on its work programme and resources.
- Road safety and traffic matters were raised at a number of locations, including Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Termonfeckin, Beaulieu Bridge, Strand Road and Toberboice Lane. Additional signage, road markings and other appropriate measures will be examined, with particular concern expressed regarding safety and visibility at Beaulieu Bridge. Traffic surveys will also be undertaken at locations where speeding concerns have been reported.
- Members raised road safety concerns on the Boyne Valley Camino regarding the interaction of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. The matter will be referred to a Senior Engineer to consider an appropriate cross-departmental response.
- Concern was expressed regarding traffic congestion at the M1 Retail Park, which is being examined by the Planning and Infrastructure Sections with a view to identifying potential solutions. Illegal dumping at a number of locations, including Marsh Road, was raised and will be referred to the Environment Section. The provision of a litter bin at the new Ballymakenny Road bus stop will also be examined.
- At Clogherhead, broken glass adjacent to the Safe Cycling Route will be referred to the Environment Section. Engagement with Water Safety Ireland regarding the possible removal of the container at the car park was ongoing, and the temporary toilets at Clogherhead Beach were due to be removed in the coming weeks.
- Members were advised that the routine programme of drainage works was scheduled to recommence in November.

Minute No. 91/26

Placemaking Report

Senior Administrative Officer, Bryan Coughlan, presented the Placemaking Report and responded to matters raised by the Elected Members.

- Phase one of the Boyne Greenway project is due to commence shortly, with works expected to take approximately six months to complete.
- An update was provided on the Town Centre First initiative. It was noted that three properties are currently subject to Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs), while ongoing engagement is taking place with a number of property owners on Narrow West Street with a view to progressing acquisitions by agreement where possible.
- Members were advised that proposals relating to the upgrade for St. Dominic's Park Playground are being progressed.
- Concerns were raised regarding the significant population growth and ongoing residential development in the Ballymakenny Road area, together with the need for supporting community infrastructure and facilities. Members were advised that the matter will be discussed with the Senior Planner.

Minute No. 92/26

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. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith
And Resolved.

Minute No. 93/26

Part 8 - Moneymore Community Hub

A/Senior Executive Officer, Ms Paula Keenan, gave a presentation on the Part 8 for Moneymore Community Hub. Members discussed the Part 8 and requested that any cycle parking provided would be covered. Members expressed their appreciation to Louth County Council for its efforts in campaigning for the facility.

The recommendation that the proposal be approved in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
And Resolved.

Minute No. 94/26

Part 8 - The Glen, Drogheda

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of the Part 8 to the October Ordinary Meeting of the Borough District.

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr Declan Power
And Resolved.

Members were advised that the statutory timeframe required the matter to be determined within the applicable period and that any proposed amendment or alternative motion should be submitted in advance of the October meeting to allow for consideration and circulation.

Minute No. 95/26

To agree a date for the Borough District Budgetary Plan Meetings.

It was agreed that the Borough District Budgetary Plan would be considered as an agenda item at the October Ordinary Meeting of the Borough District.

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan
And approved.

Minute No. 96/26

To receive a report on Post Public Consultation with submissions and revised maps for the Traffic Special Limit Bye-Laws 2026 for noting and agreement.

Senior Engineer, Mark Johnston, presented the outcome of the Public Consultation on the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2026, including the submissions received and revised maps. The following matters were raised and noted:

- Clarification was provided regarding the proposed speed limits at a number of specific locations.
- Members acknowledged the work undertaken in preparing the draft Bye-Laws.
- The draft Bye-Laws will be finalised for consideration and approval at the forthcoming Council meeting, subject to all legal requirements being satisfied.

Proposed by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by: Cllr. Debbie McCole
And approved.

Minute No. 97/26

Notice of Motion: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded: Cllr. Michelle Hall

'Asking that the local authority investigate the possibility of developing a multi use sports complex for Drogheda and seek funding through the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund to develop the project'.

Reply from Joanna Kelly, HR, Corporate & Community Delivery

The Northern Environs Masterplan for Drogheda identifies an area for a sports centre. The local authority will investigate the possibility of developing such a centre including on a phased basis and will examine the eligibility of seeking funding for same under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund when it opens having particular regard to the timelines for making such an application.

Minute No. 98/26

Any Other Business

Members were advised that arrangements were being made to convene a joint meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda and Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District on 28 September 2026, subject to Members' availability.

Minute No. 99/26

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Stuart Grehan of Termonfeckin on his success in the Walker Cup.

- Katie Taylor on retaining the title of Undisputed Super Lightweight Champion of the World.
- Cllr. Debbie McCole for co-ordinating National Services Day 2026.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

5th Oct '26

Mayor:



Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Doolan