



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, 9th June 2026 at 5:15 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Andrea McKevitt

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

Apologies: Cllr. Coffey

Officials:

David Conway, Chief Executive
Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sandra Loughran, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 51/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026

Minutes adopted on the:

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

Matters Arising

Cllr. Watters and Cllr. Yore referred to Minute 42/26 and requested an update on the speed data from the radar speed signs, as well as on the clean-up works at Dowdallshill Graveyard.

Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Patrick Callan, advised that a full survey of the speed data has been completed and that works at Dowdallshill Graveyard are currently underway and will continue up to the Blessing of the Graves.

Minute No. 52/26

Housing Progress Report

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

- Under Approved Housing Body arrangements, primary responsibility for property maintenance rests with the Approved Housing Body as property landlord.
- HAP applications first undergo assessment by the Housing Assessment Unit. The process cannot be expedited. Members were advised to submit details of specific delayed cases.
- The Cost Rental Scheme is expected to be introduced in Dundalk by the end of 2026.
- Concerns were raised regarding the lack of green space in certain developments, including Wadman Park, and the need for greater consideration of community infrastructure alongside housing delivery.
- Phase One of the Fulacht Fia Housing Estate (52 homes) is expected to reach completion shortly.
- Reports of rodent activity in areas including Saltown and Glen Cullen Park were noted and will be referred to the Environment Section.
- Concerns regarding anti-social behaviour were raised and will be referred to the Estate Management Section.
- It was noted that unallocated affordable housing units may be reassigned for social housing use.
- Eligibility for social housing requires any outstanding rent arrears with previous landlords to be cleared before further consideration.

In the course of discussion, Members highlighted broader concerns regarding housing delivery, including the provision of green space, community facilities, and the long-term planning of residential developments.

Minute No. 53/26

Roads & Local Services Report

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

- Tree cutting and maintenance works are carried out on an ongoing basis, with priority given to critical locations. Specific requests should be submitted for assessment.
- Intermittent faults with the traffic lights at Hill Street Bridge were acknowledged. A comprehensive upgrade of the area, including the lights, is planned.
- A moratorium on street lighting remains in place.
- Issues relating to coastal areas including Shelling Hill and Templetown, including road repairs and traffic congestion during good weather, were noted.
- Resource constraints continue to impact timelines for road markings, cycle lane repainting, and bollard repairs.
- Littering, dumping (including diesel sludge incidents), and enforcement were raised and will be referred to the Environment Section.
- Maintenance issues in public spaces, including St. Helena's Park, will be progressed with the Parks Section.
- Delays in Greenway gate replacements are due to contractor supply issues.

Members raised a wide range of operational issues relating to traffic management, road safety, parking enforcement, signage, and general maintenance across the district.

Members also raised concerns regarding the use of the CRM system for the submission and tracking of issues. It was acknowledged that a balanced approach is required to ensure effective reporting and response while allowing Members to raise matters on behalf of their constituents during meetings.

Minute No. 54/26

Physical Development Report

Members noted the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Senior Engineer, Mr. John O'Hagan responded to queries raised by Members. The following points were noted:

- Members expressed concerns regarding communication and awareness in relation to Safe Routes to Schools proposals and emphasised the need for early engagement with affected communities.
- The timing of public consultations in relation to the Safe Routes to Schools programme will be reviewed for future exercises, having regard to the recent consultation held over the Easter holiday period. It was acknowledged that improved timing may facilitate greater engagement.
- Maps for the Living City Initiative are designated by the Department of Finance. The maps are available online with a magnifier for improved clarity and detail. An information session will be held in McGeough's at 5:00 pm on 23rd June and all Members were encouraged to attend.
- Two high capacity 8-inch pumps can be deployed to anywhere in the County as part of interim flood relief measures.
- Submissions received following the Dundalk Emerging Flood Relief Options Public Participation Day are currently under review.
- The Narrow Water Bridge project remains on target and within budget.

Members raised a number of queries in relation to flood relief measures, local infrastructure, and public engagement processes, and were advised that ongoing assessments and consultations would inform future works.

Minute No. 55/26

Suspension of Standing Orders

On the **Proposal** of Cllr. Antóin Watters and **Seconded** by Cllr. Robert Nash, Standing orders were suspended to facilitate discussion of the remaining items on the Agenda.

Minute No. 56/26

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. Antóin Watters
Seconded by: Cllr. Robert Nash
And approved.

Minute No. 57/26

Notice of Motion: Cllr. Kevin Meenan

Seconded by: Cllr. Antóin Watters

That Cllr. Kevin Meenan, on behalf of the Louth Hunger Strike Memorial Committee seeks permission to erect on the council land at the Demesne, Dundalk a monument dedicated to hunger strikers who dies from 1917-1981.

Reply from David Jones, Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery

Requests regarding commemorative memorials will be considered in the context of the pending Commemorative Memorial Policy which is to be brought forward by the Community & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee as part of their 2026 Work Programme.

Minutes No. 58/26

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Louth Senior Football Team on their victory over Dublin - their first Championship win against them since 1957.

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

- Qayyum Balogun, formally of Ecco Road, Dundalk.

Minutes No. 59/26

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

14th July '26

Cathaoirleach:



Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Doyle