Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting - Halla Na Bhaile, Dún Dealgan/ Town Hall - Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 at 5:15pm

Clár Oibre / Agenda

Daigniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes

1.0 Minutes of Meeting held on the 5th October 2026

S. Dooley, Senior Executive Officer

For Discussion

2.0 Matters Arising

Tuarascálacha / Reports

3.0 Housing Progress Report

A. Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer

4.0 Roads & Local Services Report

P. Callan, Senior Executive Engineer

Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business

5.0 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 Community Grants

6.0 Part 8 - Navvy Bank Dundalk

B. Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer

Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion

7.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr Sean Kelly

That Louth County Council carry out a traffic speed count assessment on the Ard Easmuinn/Ecco Road, particularly on the section from the junction with the Carrickmacross Road to the entrance to Dunnes Stores, to establish current vehicle speeds and determine whether additional speed management or traffic-calming measures are required. This motion recognises that this area is expected to be considered as part of future Active Travel plans. However, given that funding and the progression of these plans have not advanced sufficiently, immediate road safety measures are required. The closure of Mount Avenue has significantly altered traffic movements in the area, while new housing

developments at McNeill View and Duiche Roden are increasing both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Residents of Ard Easmuinn have raised serious and ongoing concerns regarding vehicle speeds and road safety. The Council is therefore requested to undertake the speed assessment as a matter of priority and, based on the findings, identify and progress any necessary speed reduction, traffic-calming or other road safety measures without waiting for the wider Active Travel programme to progress.

8.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr Sean Kelly

That this Municipal District calls on Louth County Council to urgently address the long-standing and unacceptable pedestrian safety issues at the entrance to Ashling Park playground, alongside Marian Park, including the absence of a suitable footpath and the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the facility. This issue has been raised with Louth County Council on numerous occasions, including through a previous motion, and has been the subject of several site visits over a number of years. Despite the repeated representations, discussions and inspections, the necessary works have still not commenced and there remains no clear indication as to when the required infrastructure will be delivered. The continued delay is a matter of serious concern. Ashling Park is a community facility used extensively by children, parents, grandparents, local residents and families, and the current arrangements do not provide an appropriate or safe pedestrian route into and from the playground. The absence of a footpath at the entrance forces pedestrians, including young children and those accompanying them, into an area where they are exposed to vehicular traffic. The lack of a clearly defined and properly designed pedestrian crossing further compounds the risk, particularly at busy times when children are entering and leaving the playground. This Municipal District therefore calls on Louth County Council to: 1. Provide an immediate update on the proposed footpath and pedestrian crossing works, including the reasons for the continued delay. 2. Confirm whether funding has been allocated and, if not, identify the funding required and how and when it will be secured. 3. Provide a clear timeline for the commencement and completion of the works. 4. Ensure the works provide a safe, continuous and accessible pedestrian route, including appropriate crossing facilities, signage, road markings and any necessary traffic-calming measures. 5. Ensure the design takes account of children, parents with prams, older people, wheelchair users and those with mobility difficulties. 6. Review visibility, traffic speeds and pedestrian safety in the immediate area and identify any additional measures required.