



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, 8th June 2026 at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Declan Power

Members: Councillor(s) James Byrne, Kevin Callan, Eric Donovan Anne-Marie Ford, Michelle Hall, Debbie McCole, Paddy McQuillan, Pio Smith, Ejiro O'Hare Stratton

Apologies: None

Officials: David Conway, Chief Executive
David Jones, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Bryan Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer
Irene McGahon, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Christopher Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer
Anne D Callan, Administrative Officer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sharon Keaveney, Assistant Staff Officer

Minute No. 67/26

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May 2026

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th May 2026 were confirmed on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Eric Donovan
And Approved.

Minute No. 68/26

Matters Arising

It was noted that two issues raised under Matters Arising would be addressed under the Roads and Local Services Report.

Minute No. 69/26

Housing Progress Report

Senior Engineer, Mr. Declan Grimes, along with Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Anthony O'Donohue, responded to matters raised by Elected Members. It was noted that:

- The addition of extra staffing resources to the Rent Review Team has reduced processing times for rent reviews, and tenants are encouraged to notify the Housing Office of any changes in income as they arise. It is intended that rent reviews will be carried out on a biennial basis going forward.
- A contractor was appointed last week for the infill housing project at Rathmullan, comprising four houses. Works are expected to commence in mid-July 2026, with completion anticipated in Q3 2027.
- Following queries in relation to the former motorway depot at Bog Road, Tinure, Mr. Grimes advised Members that complaints regarding unauthorised development maybe submitted to the Planning Section via the CRM system.
- Window and door retrofit works for Beechwood Avenue, Marley's Lane, are not included in the current 2026 works programme. Mr. Grimes indicated that he would review the file to determine when these upgrades may be scheduled.
- In response to a query regarding the shortage of four-bedroom homes, Mr Grimes informed the meeting that a number of such units are expected to come on stream in Q3 and Q4 across several developments.
- Mr Grimes advised Members that units at Boice Court and Bakery View will be added to the Choice-Based Letting (CBL) system in the coming months while units at Greenhills Grange, will be placed on CBL on the evening of the meeting.

Minute No. 70/26

Roads & Local Services Report

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

The following issues were raised:

- Incidents of illegal dumping in a number of locations, including Moneymore and to the rear of commercial premises on Cushrod Avenue
- Traffic congestion and the operation of traffic lights at Windmill Road, with particular reference to tailbacks from the Cross Lanes direction
- Overhanging trees from public areas at Hillbrook Drive and to the rear of properties at Mary Street
- A request for an update on speed survey data for Ballymakenny Road
- Hedgerows requiring trimming at Newfoundwell Road (Westcourt area)
- Requests for additional signage at locations including the Home of St. Oliver Plunkett and Camino routes
- A request for a traffic calming review at Grove Road/Rathmullan Road
- Outstanding clean-up works and the provision of a skip in advance of the Marley's Court 40th anniversary event
- Privacy concerns relating to the new development at Bakery View and its impact on properties at Castle Manor
- Concerns regarding communication and engagement in areas experiencing ongoing construction activity

Ms. McGahon provided updates in response to a number of the matters raised and advised that

further follow-up would be undertaken where required.

Members 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 both effective reporting and the efficient management of queries, while facilitating Members in raising matters on behalf of their constituents.

Minute No. 71/26

Physical Development Report

Senior Engineer, Mr John O'Hagan, presented the Physical Development Report.

In relation to the THRIVE project, including Westgate House and the former DYD Building, it was noted that funding of €7 million has been secured for the restoration of the properties.

Preliminary safeguarding works and archaeological investigations commenced in March and are substantially progressed. It was noted that Ministerial Consent has been obtained and that the National Monuments Service is engaged as part of the process. Survey and investigation works will inform the detailed design of the project.

In response to queries from Members, it was acknowledged that the buildings present significant structural challenges and that the project will progress through detailed design, subject to funding, statutory requirements, and the outcome of ongoing archaeological and structural assessments.

In response to further queries relating to works in the vicinity of Laurence's Gate and the historic town walls, it was noted that archaeological investigations carried out to date have not identified significant findings. It was confirmed that engagement with the National Monuments Service is ongoing in this regard.

It was further indicated that the Town Regeneration Team is considering options for the area, having regard to the outcome of archaeological assessments and heritage requirements.

Minute No. 72/26

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. Michelle Hall

Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith

And Resolved.

Minute No. 73/26

St Dominic's Park – Part 8 Playground Extension

Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Bryan Coughlan presented the Chief Executive's Report in respect of the Part 8 proposal for the extension to the playground at St. Dominics Park, Rathmullan. The report, prepared in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), recommended that the development proceed as proposed.

The recommendation that the Part 8 be approved as per the plans and particulars put on display was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Pio Smith
Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
And Resolved.

Minute No. 74/26

Any Other Business

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

7TH SEPT '26

Mayor:

John Power

Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Dwyer