



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Annual General Meeting - 2026

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Borough District of Drogheda, held at Fair Street, Drogheda – Monday, 8th June 2026 at 4:15pm

In attendance

Cathaoirleach: Mayor Michelle Hall

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

Apologies: None

Officials: David Conway, Chief Executive
David Jones, Director of Service
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Anne D Callan, Administrative Officer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sharon Keaveney, Assistant Staff Officer

Minute No. 64/26

Election of Mayor/Toghchán an Mhóra

Outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Michelle Hall, thanked her fellow Councillors, Deputy Mayor Cllr. Declan Power and Council Officials for their support and encouragement throughout her term. She described her term as positive and eventful and stated that it was a privilege to serve her town for a second term.

Members extended their congratulations to Cllr. Hall and thanked her for her work and dedication during her term of office.

On behalf of Louth County Council, Chief Executive, Mr. David Conway congratulated Cllr. Hall on the pride, dignity and commitment she brought to the Office of Mayor and thanked her for her work over the past year.

Mayor Cllr. Hall then called for nominations for the position of Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the 2026 – 2027 term of office.

Councillor Declan Power was nominated on the

Proposal of: Cllr. Kevin Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

Councillor Debbie McCole was nominated on the

Proposal of: Cllr. Eric Donovan

Seconded by: Cllr. Pio Smith

As neither candidate declined the nomination, two valid candidates remained for the position of Mayor. In accordance with Section 37(g) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, a roll call vote was then called as follows:

Councillor	Nominee No. 1 – Cllr. Power	Nominee No 2 – Cllr. McCole	Abstain	Absent
Byrne, James	1			
Callan, Kevin	1			
Donovan, Eric		1		
Ford, Anne-Marie	1			
Hall, Michelle	1			
McCole, Debbie		1		
McQuillan, Paddy	1			
O'Hare Stratton, Ejiro	1			
Power, Declan	1			
Smith, Pio	1			
Result	8	2	0	0

Cllr. Declan Power was elected as Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the 2026 – 2027 term.

Cllr. Power thanked Members for his nomination and election as the 426th Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda. In his opening remarks, he stated that he had 'deep-rooted' connection to Drogheda and Clogherhead and that he looked forward to working with the Elected Members and Officials of the Council over the coming year.

Members extended their congratulations to Cllr. Power on his appointment and confirmed their full support, wishing him every success in his term of office.

On behalf of the Executive, Chief Executive Mr. David Conway extended his congratulations to Cllr. Power, wished him well, and stated that he looked forward to working with him over the coming year.

Minute No. 65/26

Election of Deputy Mayor/Togh an Leas-Mhéara

Mayor Cllr. Power called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Anne-Marie Ford was nominated on the

Proposal of: Cllr. Kevin Callan

Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

As no other candidates were nominated and Cllr. Ford did not decline the nomination, she was duly elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough District of Drogheda for the 2026-2027 term, in accordance with Section 37 (b) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

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To confirm the Schedule of Meetings for the Borough District of Drogheda for 2026 - 2027

Members agreed to continue with the established schedule of meetings (1st Monday of each month, excluding August, at 4:15pm).

Proposed by: Cllr. Paddy McQuillan

Seconded by: Cllr. O'Hare Stratton

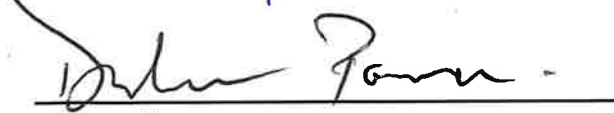
And Resolved

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Borough District held on:

Date:

6th July '26

Mayor:



Meetings Administrator:

Sinead Doolan