



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk – April 2026

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 12th May 2026 at 5:15 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Robert Nash

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

Apologies: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services

Officials: David Jones, Director of Services
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Patrick Callan, Senior Executive Engineer
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Noel Treanor, Senior Executive Engineer
David Fallon, Executive Engineer
David Hall, Acting Senior Executive Planner
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Gavin McLaughlin, Communications Officer
Sandra Loughran, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 39/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026

Amendment to Minute No. 35/26

Minute No. 35/26 was amended from: "*The expected timeframe for completion of the scheme is late 2027*" to: "*Works will commence on the realignment of the junction at R132/Marlbog Road/Seafield Road (Sexton's Junction) in late 2027. These works will be funded from Louth County Council's own resources. National Transport Authority (NTA) funding is not available for other elements of the Part 8 scheme.*"

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Marianne Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. Maeve Yore
And approved.

Minute No. 40/26

Matters Arising

Councillor Yore referenced Minute No. 32/26 and sought an update regarding parking issues at Dundalk Train Station. The Councillor advised that a generic response had been received from Irish Rail and queried whether Louth County Council had received a similar response. Director of Services, David Jones confirmed that he was not aware of any such response and undertook to verify the matter with Director of Services, Thomas McEvoy.

Minute No. 41/26

Housing Progress Report

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

- A new Tenant Handbook is being launched for incoming tenants, accompanied by a keyring with a QR code providing online access.
- Concerns were raised regarding boiler servicing and the time elapsed since the most recent services. Mr. O'Donoghue requested additional information to facilitate follow-up.
- Vetting, including Garda checks, is carried out in respect of tenants. While allocations may be deferred based on the outcome of these checks, the Council has a statutory responsibility to provide housing.
- The need for additional electric vehicle charging infrastructure was acknowledged.
- Within County Louth Dundalk accounts for the highest number of applications on the housing list; however, forthcoming developments are expected to alleviate demand.

Minute No. 42/26

Roads & Local Services Report

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

- Works to the Market Square fountain are nearing completion and are expected to conclude within the coming weeks.
- Clean-up works at Redeemer alleyway were completed; however, further dumping has occurred. The situation will be monitored with a view to implementing deterrent measures.
- The cleaning and disinfection of playgrounds will be followed up with the Parks Section.
- Request to close off the pitch at the Friary, when not in use, due to anti-social behaviour, was noted.
- The grass-cutting schedule to be requested from the Parks Section.
- "For Sale" signage at Elmore Lawns, is scheduled for removal.
- Further details were requested in relation to a business operating on Carlingford Pier.
- The derelict building in Omeath known as Dublin House, will be referred to the Dangerous Structures Team for assessment.
- A hotbox is being utilised to carry out pothole repairs in the locality.
- A meeting between Uisce Éireann and Louth County Council regarding the storm water network is pending confirmation.
- The potential for signage on Deerpark Road to alert road users and residents to the presence of horses in the area will be explored.

- Dundalk athletics track has been completed; however, an official opening date has yet to be confirmed.
- A programme of works is in place and will commence shortly to tidy up Dowdallshill graveyard ahead of the upcoming Blessing of the Graves.
- Locations of concern regarding speed ramps to be forwarded to Mr Callan for follow-up.
- Speed data from radar speed signs will be requested from the operator to assess its potential use in informing traffic calming measures.

Minute No. 43/26

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. Sean Kelly
Seconded by: Cllr. John O'Reilly
And approved.

Minute No. 44/26

Part 8 National Mobility Hubs Pilot

Senior Executive Engineer Noel Treanor, Senior Engineer John O'Hagan, Acting Senior Executive Planner, David Hall, along with a Senior Active Travel Consultant from Aecom Ireland Limited, Eilidh Russell presented the Chief Executive's Part 8 National Mobility Hubs Pilot. The following points were noted:

- Members have six weeks to either accept or reject the pilot.
- Locations may be removed at this stage; however, additional locations cannot be proposed.
- Phase 2 may include locations such as Dowdallshill Cemetery, IDA Business Park, Dundalk Retail Park, DKIT, Mount Avenue, and others.

Members discussed the report and voted on the proposal of Cllr. Yore, seconded by Cllr. Kelly for the removal of the following locations of mobility hubs:

Site ID 45 Cluan Enda- St Alphonsus Road
 Site ID 60 St Fursey's Terrace
 Site ID 65 Bellewsbridge Road/Fatima Park
 Site ID 68 Park View/Park Villas

Following a Roll Call vote Cllr. Yore's proposal was approved.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Butler, Marianne	1			
Coffey, Emma	1			
Fisher, Ciarán	1			
Kelly, Seán	1			
McCann, Sionnain	1			
McGuinness, Shane	1			
McKevitt, Andrea	1			
MhicConchoille, Fiona	1			
Meenan, Kevin	1			
Nash, Robert	1			
Reilly, John	1			

Watters, Antóin	1			
Yore, Maeve	1			
Result	13			

A second vote was taken on the proposal of Cllr. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. McKevitt for the removal of Site ID 15 Blackrock Seaside as a location of mobility hub.

Following a Roll Call vote, Cllr. McGuinness's proposal was approved.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Butler, Marianne		1		
Coffey, Emma		1		
Fisher, Ciarán			1	
Kelly, Seán	1			
McCann, Sionnain	1			
McGuinness, Shane	1			
McKevitt, Andrea	1			
MhicConchoille, Fiona	1			
Meenan, Kevin	1			
Nash, Robert	1			
Reilly, John	1			
Watters, Antóin	1			
Yore, Maeve		1		
Result	9	3	1	

Minute No. 45/26

Motion: Cllr. Robert Nash

Seconded by: Cllr. Sean Kelly

Calling on Louth County Council to erect a memorial to remember Dundalk teenager Ciara Breen who has been missing from her home in Batchelors walk since 13th February 1997.

For nearly 30 years, Ciara's family have been living with the devastation of her unexplained disappearance, while simultaneously having no official place of remembrance.

A memorial close to her home in Batchelors walk would provide somewhere for her family and the people of Dundalk to remember her, while also offering a place of solace for all who knew her.

Reply from David Jones, Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery

The Council fully acknowledges the sentiment of the Notice of Motion and notes that the matter of a memorial as requested can be considered in the context of the pending Memorial Policy which is to be brought forward by the Community & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee as part of their 2026 Work Programme.

Discussion: Members generally supported the sentiment of the Motion with Cllr. Yore suggesting that the proposed memorial should be more collective rather than individual. While Cllr. Butler also raised the need for a memorial for women who have died violently. Cllr. Nash thanked Members for their support while noting the various views raised.

Minutes No. 46/26

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Students from Mullaghbuoy National School and Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT) for their short film "Meadow Magic" which puts a spotlight on the magic of our grasslands and encourages each of us to leave space for nature to bloom.
- Muirhevnamor Football Club under 12's on winning the SFAI National Trophy.

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the family and friends of:

- Gerry Gover, De La Salle Terrace, Dundalk, Louth, Honorary President of Dundalk Schoolboys League.

Minutes No. 47/26

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

9th JUNE 2026

Cathaoirleach:

AMG

Meeting Administrator:

Sinead Doolan