



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia/Municipal District of Ardee

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee monthly meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room,
Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday, 3rd September 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: **Councillor** Jim Tenanty

Members: **Councillor(s)** Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Rachel Kerley, Dolores Minogue

Apologies: **Councillor(s)** Bernie Conlon

Officials: Bernadette Woods, Director of Finance
Anne D Callan, Deputy Meetings Administrator
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Bryan Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Colin Matthews, Executive Engineer
Aine Roddy, Assistant Communications Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 62/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2026 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough
Seconded by: Cllr. Dolores Minogue
And Approved.

Minute No. 63/26

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Minute No. 64/26

Housing Progress Report

Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Anthony O'Donoghue, attended the meeting and responded to queries raised by the Elected Members. During the discussion, the following matters were raised and noted:

- Members commended the successful completion of the An Mullach housing development in Louth Village. It was anticipated that properties would be advertised on CBL in late September 2026.
- The allocation of housing units was discussed. It was noted that housing applicants can only bid on new developments within their selected area(s) and should, therefore, review their area choices carefully.
- Concern was raised regarding the maintenance of existing housing units and the need for a systematic approach to address time delays.
- Ravel Drive, Dunleer was progressing well, with the previously anticipated completion date of March 2027 brought forward to December 2026.
- Gernon Place, Castlebellingham is nearing completion, with 10 units expected to be available through CBL in October. Properties will be advertised on CBL on Tuesday 15th September 2026.
- Applications under the Starter Homes Purchase Scheme, for 17 houses in Dowdall's Court, Newry Road, will be accepted up to the end of September 2026.

Minute No. 65/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Senior Engineer, Mr. Mark Johnston, attended the meeting and responded to queries raised by the Elected Members. The following matters were raised and noted:

- Ongoing safety concerns at the Castleguard Junction. TII is undertaking a Road Safety Scheme on the N33 and, pending its completion, the Executive will liaise with TII regarding a possible interim solution.
- Concern was expressed regarding the condition of the public convenience in Dunleer and its impact on the town. The matter will be referred to Facilities Section for consideration.
- A number of road and footpath maintenance matters were raised, including disabled bay relining in Ardee, a noisy manhole on Sean O'Carroll Street, the footpath at Collon Graveyard, the road surface at Shanliss Cross, gullies on the Kells Road, the footpath at the Boys' School, and signage and lining at Glack Cross. The need for improved accessibility and clearer signage was also emphasised.
- Concerns regarding the lack of pedestrian crossing facilities in certain areas were discussed. While road layout, traffic volumes, and resource constraints can limit the provision of crossings, alternative measures to improve pedestrian safety will be considered where appropriate.
- The non-operational light at the N2 Roundabout will be replaced with five small lights.
- The provision of a single white line on the Kells Road, from the petrol station to the Garda Station, will be considered as a road safety measure.
- Update to be sent to Councillors in relation to the sponsorship of roundabouts in the county.
- The Supreme Court Hearing in respect of the N52 Ardee Bypass Project is scheduled for 27th October 2026.

Minute No. 66/26

Physical Development Report

Senior Engineer, Mr. John O'Hagan, attended the meeting and responded to queries raised by the Elected Members. The following matters were raised:

- Members welcomed the completion of the new Educate Together National School and highlighted the need for a footpath connection to the school.

- The newly discovered medieval remains at Ardee Castle will be preserved *in situ*, with a glass floor to display the remains deemed unfeasible due to their location.

Minute No. 67/26

Placemaking Report

Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Bryan Coughlan, attended the meeting and responded to queries raised by the Elected Members. The following matters were noted:

- Options for the future development of the Ardee Railway Walk are being examined in the context of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, with an application under the scheme likely in 2026.
- A decision on the CLÁR funding application for Castlebellingham Playground is awaited, with an outcome hoped for in Quarter 4 2026.
- The proposed acquisition of the Collon Playground site remains with the Board of the Charities Regulator for approval. Further information has been sought in relation and an outcome expected shortly.

Minute No. 68/26

To receive a report on Post Public Consultation with submissions and revised maps for the Traffic Special Limit Bye-Laws 2026 for noting and agreement.

Senior Engineer, Mark Johntson, and Executive Engineer, Colin Matthews, presented the outcome of the Public Consultation on the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2026, including the submissions received and revised maps. The following matters were raised and noted:

- The draft Bye-Laws will be finalised for consideration and approval at the upcoming Council meeting, subject to all legal requirements being satisfied.
- The need for clear communication with residents regarding the proposed changes was highlighted.
- Members made a number of recommendations regarding the proposed revised speed limits at specific locations, which will be considered as part of the final review of the draft Bye-Laws.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan

Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley

And approved.

Minute No. 69/26

To agree a date for the Municipal District Budgetary Plan Meetings.

Director of Services, Ms Bernadette Woods, proposed that the Municipal District Budgetary Plan be included as an agenda item for consideration at the October Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District.

Proposed by: Cllr. Dolres Minogue

Seconded by: Cllr. John Sheridan

And approved.

Minute No. 70/26

Congratulations

Members extended their congratulations to:

- The Louth Senior Football Team on their outstanding achievements and the memorable journey they provided throughout the season;
- Abbie Sheridan on earning her first senior international selection and representing Ireland in the 3,000m Steeplechase at the 2026 European Athletics Championships in Birmingham;
- All involved with the 'Garden Care & Repair Project' nominated to represent the county in the 2026 Pride of Place Competition.

Minute No. 71/26

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the families and friends of:

- Paddy Reilly, Ardee.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

01/10/2026
03/09/2026

Cathaoirleach:

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D/ Meeting Administrator:

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