



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

County Council Monthly Meeting - Council Chamber, County Hall - Monday, 25th
March 2024 at 10:00am

Clár Oibre/Agenda

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Adoption

1.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 19th February 2023

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Noting

2.0 Minutes of District Meetings - For Noting

- Borough District of Drogheda 8th January 2024
- Municipal District of Ardee 11th January 2024
- Municipal District of Ardee 1st February 2024
- Municipal District of Dundalk 6th February 2024

Miontuarairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings for Noting

3.0 Miontuarairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings - For Noting

- Corporate Policy Group 7th February 2024

Míreanna / Items

4.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beartais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group

5.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirligh an Choise an Beartais Straiteiseach /Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report

Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business

6.0 Local Authority Home Loan Allocation for 2024 - €7,230,000

7.0 Consideration of the Audit Committee's Report on the Audited Annual Financial Statement 2022 and Auditor's Report under Section 60 (3) of Local Government Act 2014

- a. Audit Committee's Report on the 2022 Audited Annual Financial Statement
- b. The Local Government Auditor's Report on the 2022 Annual Financial Statement
- c. The 2022 Audited Annual Financial Statement

8.0 Audit Reports

1. Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2023 for consideration by Council under Article 15 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014.
2. Annual Work Programme of the Audit Committee for 2024 for approval by Council under Article 9 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014.
3. Annual Report to Council of Audit Committee of its performance and effectiveness for noting under Article 13 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014.

9.0 Summary of Proposed PEACEPLUS Action Plan for noting

10.0 JPC Annual Report 2023

11.0 Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2023

12.0 Arts Grant Funding Awards for 2024 - For Noting

13.0 Ratification of Nomination for Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Committee

14.0 Freastal ar Chomhdhála a Cheadú / Approval of Attendance at Conferences

15.0 Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

16.0 Section 141 Reports 2024 - Compliance with Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended

Elected Members are required to report on the activities and operations of Bodies, Boards and Committees to which they are elected, appointed or nominated to represent Louth County Council, annually or if so requested by resolution or Cathaoirleach.

Members shall, within 15 working days of the end of each 3 monthly period to 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December in each year notify the local authority concerned of all attendances by the member at meetings of the body concerned.

17.0 Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Chomhréitigh ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations from Chief Executive

Monthly Management Report

- Support Services
- Strategic Economic Development
- Placemaking and Physical Development
- Organisational Development
- Social Development

18.0 Section 183 - Proposed Disposal of lands at Moneymore, Drogheda

Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion

19.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Emma Cutlip

This council declares its solidarity with the Palestinian people and all protected people who are subject to war, armed conflict, or occupation and who require reliance on the protections afforded to civilians under the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, 1949 (the fourth Geneva Convention).

This council recognizes that through its day-to-day operation it invests and purchases goods and services with public monies in a wide range of ways.

Therefore, this council shall divest itself of all investments, holdings, procurement, or purchasing of goods or services which have originated in whole or in part from occupying powers as defined by the fourth Geneva

Convention.

20.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Emma Cutlip

This council recognizes that a primary objective of the Port Access Northern Crossroute (PANCR) is to alleviate traffic congestion moving through the town to gain access to the port.

This council is aware of large volumes of commercial and heavy goods traffic utilizing local roads at great repair cost to the council - in particular the continued high volumes of heavy goods vehicle usage of the R152 Platin Road, R108 Duleek Street & Mary Street which cause significant damage to the road surface and present traffic congestion and road safety concerns.

Therefore, this council will develop a comprehensive strategic plan for road repair, traffic management, road safety, and traffic routing and calming, on all main routes into Drogheda and in particular the R152 and R108 and other routes relative to each phase of PANCR completion, for implementation on completion of each phase of the PANCR, and present it to the members for consultation and adoption.

21.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Maeve Yore

"That All current elected representatives and Election Candidates will adhere to the voluntary code of practice (from Tidy Town Groups) not to erect election posters for Local elections in 2024 and forthcoming election campaigns across Co Louth and agree a prime location across each Municipal & Borough District to display 1 poster per candidate to show commitment to the environment "

22.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Joanna Byrne

"This Council deplores those corporations that profit from protracted armed conflict and systematic violations of human rights, particularly in the context of Israel's continuing brutal assault on the people of Gaza and escalating settler terrorism in the West Bank, Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, and other conflicts around the world. With this motion, the Council encourages companies to meet their obligations to avoid contributing to adverse human rights impacts through their own activities, and to prevent or mitigate human rights abuses linked to their operations.

The Council is aware of the crucial role of local authorities and their public procurement procedures in ensuring respect for human rights by companies, as well as their obligations under widely accepted business and human rights norms – as laid down in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999) – to promote respect for human rights by companies with which they do business.

The Council affirms that every endeavour is made to ensure that councils tender processes are consistent with the above principles, including under the Fourth Geneva convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and under customary international humanitarian law, prohibiting the importation or sale of goods or services originating in occupied territories.

Louth County Council resolves to adopt a rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy (EPP) that takes fully into account existing obligations and standards. The EPP will incorporate widely accepted and precisely formulated international standards and explain clearly how the policy will be implemented. The primary aim of the EPP is to ensure that human rights obligations are properly acknowledged, observed and respected at all stages of the procurement process."

23.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Reilly

"That Louth County Council use all available resources to assist with the cooperation of Uisce Eireann to have all septic tank systems connected to mains sewerage in the urban area of Dundalk on environmental grounds".

24.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Conor Keelan

"That this Council reaffirms its support to the Good Friday Agreement as voted in by the elected suffrage of men and women in an All-Ireland vote held in 1998 which paved the way for changes in Bunreacht na hEireann to the constitutional status of this island, the re-establishment of Power-Sharing in Stormont, albeit for the first time, the creation of Cross-Border Bodies and recognition of Rialtas Na hEireann as a co-guarantour of the Good Friday Agreement.

That this motion be sent to each local authority, each local authority with a partnership/SLA with a cross-border county council area in the Ulster region and partnership organisations such as EBR and the North-South Ministerial Council for comment."

25.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Marianne Butler

That Louth County Council calls on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to extend the Temporary Development Contribution Waiver Scheme from the present 24th April 2024 cut off date for commencing permitted residential development by at least six months and also adding a corresponding six month extension for those permitted residential developments to be completed. If the motion is successful

that with write to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage requesting that he extends this waiver scheme.

26.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. James Byrne

"That Louth County Council enhances the way it seeks the views of the public with respect to future public consultations by placing a new emphasis on the inclusion of post primary students in the process"

27.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Conor Keelan

That Louth County Council commits after the 2024 Local Elections to commence and conduct a much needed review of the effectiveness of the Louth County Council Dog Fouling bye laws and enforcement of same in light of the public health issue of toxocarosis and the prevalence of dog faeces in urban areas in particular.

Examination should be made of disposable receptacles currently in use in Carlingford provided by Carlingford Tidy Towns and campaigns available in other counties such as

<https://www.cavancoco.ie/sevices/environment-climate-change/litter-management/dog-fouling/>

<https://monaghan.ie/environment/dog-control/>

and <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/anti-dog-fouling-awareness>"

28.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Tomás Sharkey

"This Council affirms the standing orders of the Council.

This Council affirms the procedure as set out in standing orders to deal with situations where members or officials are requested to withdraw and/or apologise for comments.

This Council affirms that the Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council is required to uphold and follow standing orders as adopted".

29.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Pío Smith

"Asking that Louth County Council immediately stop all present and future planning applications for wind farms and associated works until legal advice is obtained to clarify if the draft wind energy guidelines 2019 supercede the older guidelines".

30.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Sheridan

"De réir miontuairiscí 84/20, go faigheann baill an Comhairle nuashonrú ar obair Comhairle Chondae Lú maidir le comhlíonadh rialacháin de chuid Acht an dTeangacha Oifigiúil 2003

As per minute 84/20, that members receive an update on the ongoing work of Louth County Council to comply with regulations of the Official Languages Act 2003"

Fógraí Ceistanna / Notices of Question

31.0 Notice of Questions - Cllr. Maeve Yore

"Following on from Motion 138/23 that was passed by Members of Louth County Council on 17 July 2023 please confirm letter was sent to Christian Brother Order, Date it was sent, and any replies received from Christian Brother Order?"

32.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. James Byrne

"Can Louth County Council set out what actions are being taken to ensure school warden staffing levels are managed and maintained throughout the county, including the need to have adequate relief warden cover?"

33.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. John Sheridan

"Are the planning department obliged by law to keep minutes of pre-planning meetings? What records are generally retained on file related to pre-planning meetings:

Does the department compile or analyse data related to how many pre-planning meetings:

- a. result in successful planning applications
- b. result in unsuccessful planning applications and
- c. result in no subsequent application being received".

34.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Pio Smith

'Asking that the Local Authority outline the amount of money collected from the vacant site levy for all vacant sites in Louth for the following years:

2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023,'

Míreanna / Items

35.0 Chomhfhreagras / Correspondence

- Offaly County Council 20th December 2023
- Offaly County Council 16th January 2024
- Offaly County Council 16th January 2024
- Wexford County Council 24th January 2024
- Sligo County Council 30th January 2024
- Sligo County Council 6th February 2024
- Cork County Council 8th February 2024
- Cork County Council 8th February 2024
- Response from Minister Helen McEntee 6th March 2024
- Clare County Council 13th March 2024