



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,
2nd December 2024 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr Pío Smith

Members: Councillor(s) James Byrne, Eric Donovan, Michelle Hall,

Apologies, Cllrs: Mayor Councillor(s) Paddy McQuillan, AnneMarie Ford, Ejiro O'Hare Stratton,
Declan Power

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Temporary Chief Executive
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer

Minute 126/24

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024 were confirmed on the

Proposal of Cllr. Michelle Hall
Seconded by Cllr. James Byrne
And approved

Minute No. 127/24

Matters Arising

None

Minute No. 128/24

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

Members considered the Community Grants as presented to them, including the addendum put forward at the meeting, and approval was

Proposed by: Cllr. James Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. Pío Smith
And agreed by Members

In addition to those circulated in advance of the meeting, two additional recipients were proposed at the meeting due to end of year timelines. These were:

- Drogheda Cycling Group
- St. Oliver's Commemoration Committee

And were approved on the

Proposal of: Cllr. James Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall

And agreed by Members

Minute No. 129/24

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting.

Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, responded to a number of questions from the elected members present. There was a general discussion on housing issues and procedures, in particular regarding choice based letting, the waiting list for same and the data that the Housing section has access to in relation to timelines. Other matters of note were:

- In response to a query from Cllr. Michelle Hall, Mr. Grimes informed members that the aim of family hubs is to only have families resident for short periods. However, this sometimes can be difficult as it depends on the availability of suitable housing units. Mr. Grimes also confirmed that an application has been made to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for another family hub in Drogheda.
- Mr. Grimes informed the meeting that when applying for housing works grants, the onus is on the applicant to submit invoices.

Minute No. 130/24

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting.

Mark Johnston attended the meeting and responded to a wide range of questions from the elected members. Matters discussed included road markings, gully cleaning and surface dressing. In addition, the following matters were raised:

- Cllr. Eric Donovan highlighted the requirement for works to be undertaken on Pentony's Lane.
- Mark Johnston informed the meeting that each estate is visited by the road sweeper roughly every two weeks.
- In response to a query on the footpaths in Ballsgrove, Mark Johnston advised that considerable money had been spend on footpath repairs this year.
- Mark Johnston advised that the Council's preferred method of having flexi-bollards installed at schools is to licence the schools to install them themselves.
- Cllr. Pio Smith requested that a speed test would be carried out on Rathmullen Road.

- Joe McGuinness will revert with clarity regarding the role the Council will play in undertaking works in Scarlett Crescent.
- An update will be arranged from the Placemaking section regard the Part 8 process for the Playground in the Glen.

Minute No. 131/24

Physical Development Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting.

John O'Hagan attended the meeting and responded to queries from the elected members. He provided an update on the process to acquire land for the Boyne Enterprise Road. Cllr. Michelle Hall commended the Council for the work done on Termonfeckin Playground.

Minute No. 132/24

Any other Business

Congratulations were extended to the five candidates elected to Dáil Eireann following the General Election. These were Deputies Joanna Byrne, Paula Butterly, Erin McGreehan, Ged Nash and Ruairí O' Murchú. The Members also commended Cllr. Kevin Callan on a great campaign, and also all of the candidates that ran.

On the proposal of Cllr. James Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Eric Donovan, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda would take place at 9.30am on 16th December 2024 in County Hall, Dundalk, in order to discuss the options for the remaining parking charges income.

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

Date:

13/1/25

Mayor:



Meeting Administrator:

