



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, 1st December 2025 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr Michelle Hall

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

Apologies: Councillor(s) Debbie McCole, Paddy McQuillan

Officials: David Jones, Director of Service
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator
Susan Deery, Administrative Officer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
Turlough King, A/Senior Planner
Christine Mullen, Administrative Officer

Minute No. 114/25

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd November 2025

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd November were confirmed on the:

Proposal of Cllr. Anne-Marie Ford
Seconded by Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
And approved

Minute No. 115/25

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no matters raised.

Minute No. 116/25

Roads and Local Services Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting.

Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer, addressed Members' queries as follows:

- Accessibility of two disabled parking spaces located at John Street and Wellington Quay, to be reviewed.
- Overgrowth at St. Mary's Hospital boundary to be examined and referred to the hospital, if required.
- Parking issues at the entrance to Moneymore Estate entrance to be reviewed.
- Flooding at Stameen to be addressed by scheduled road sweeping and drain clearing.
- Executive to write to Bus Éireann regarding ongoing issues with the 173 service.
- Ownership of a tree stump outside Greenhills Secondary School to be checked and action taken.
- Update to be provided on Camino Walk Route signage with upkeep request to be referred to the Management Team for consideration.
- Tullyallen signage, painted to celebrate the ladies' football team's success, to be power washed and restored to its original state.
- Railings at the rear of Dunnes Stores on Dyer Street to be reviewed while noting the barriers were originally installed for pedestrian safety.
- Visibility improvements at the island in Clogherhead to be arranged.
- Footpath at McEvoy's Lane to be examined subject to ownership.
- Traffic and road condition concerns on Thomastown Lane in Tullyallen, to be assessed following ownership confirmation; site meeting to occur.
- Surface water issue at Tullydonnell School to be followed up with adjoining landowner.
- Road layout at Grangebellew crossroads to be reviewed while noting that installation of a roundabout in a rural setting is uncommon and may not be feasible.
- Christmas lights failure noted. Six light junctions scheduled to be replaced in 2026.
- Signage at St. Mary's Bridge at the Quay and Georges Street to be assessed and installed if necessary.
- Request for safety railings at Termonabbey to undergo risk assessment.
- Winter road safety campaign on high-visibility to be arranged.
- Overgrown "Welcome to Drogheda" sign on the South Side of Drogheda, to be examined and addressed

Minute No. 117/25

Physical Development Report

Members noted the report as circulated in advance of the meeting.

John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer, responded to matters raised by Elected Members.

- It was confirmed that tender documents for the new Drogheda United Stadium and the PANCR development are expected before Christmas after which an update will issue.
- Following discussion on town centre business activity and vacant, it was agreed - on the **Proposal** of Cllr. Callan and **Seconded by** Cllr. Ford to invite representatives of Drogheda Chamber of Commerce and BIDS to meet Members in January.
- Mr. O'Hagan advised that tenders for the Boyne Enterprise Link Road have been received with works to commence early in the new year.
- He also reported that briefs for the Baltray Flood Relief Scheme are being drafted, with public consultation planned for March 2026, noting that environmental constraints may impact progress but that completion is anticipated by 2031/2032.

Minute No. 118/25

Linear Park, North Drogheda

Turlough King, A/Senior Planner, presented an update on the proposed Linear Park. Members raised concerns regarding the absence of a clear council-led plan, with Mr. Jones, Director of Services, confirming that the local authority is engaging with developers and stakeholders to ensure required infrastructure and facilities are addressed through the planning process. Queries regarding access to play parks were addressed, with Mr. King noting that smaller local parks and larger peripheral parks, including active spaces for adults, are provided. Assurance was sought on enforcing developers' obligations, and Mr. King confirmed that planning conditions and bonds will be applied. Members requested that public consultation be progressed, with Mr. Jones noting that the project is included in the County Development Plan and involves all relevant stakeholders. Members also requested a summary of planning permissions and associated conditions for the area, which Mr. King confirmed will be provided in due course.

Minute No. 119/25

Provision of Assistance for the promotion of interests of local community groups or projects, provided under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Community Grants were approved on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. James Byrne
Seconded by: Cllr. Declan Power
And approved.

Minute No. 120/25

Nomination of Member to Public Art Advisory Group

With reference to Minutes No. 106/25 from meeting held on 3rd November 2025, Cllr. Declan Power was nominated for this position on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. Michelle Hall
And approved.

Minute No. 121/25

Congratulations

- Congratulations were extended to the Saint Oliver 400 Commemoration Group who organised the inaugural celebration of the "The Mass of the Bells" on 23rd November 2025, which was composed by the widely acclaimed Michael Holohan.

Minute No. 122/25

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the families and friends of:

- Paul Conway, Tallanstown, Louth
- Wesley O'Reilly, Loughshinny, Dublin

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date: 5th January 2006

Mayor: Michelle Hall

Meeting Administrator: Joan Doon