



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, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at 4:15pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr Michelle Hall

**Members:** Councillor(s) James Byrne, Kevin Callan (online), Eric Donovan, Anne-Marie Ford, Debbie McCole, Paddy McQuillan, Ejiro O'Hare Stratton, Declan Power, Pio Smith

**Apologies:** None

**Officials:** David Jones, Director of Service  
Susan Deery, Deputy Meetings Administrator  
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer  
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer  
Irene McGahon, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
Susan Deery, Deputy Meetings Administrator  
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer  
Sharon Keaveney, Assistant Staff Officer

### **Minute No. 75/25**

#### **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed on the:

**Proposal of** Cllr. Pio Smith  
**Seconded by** Cllr. Michelle Hall  
And approved

#### **Matters arising**

Cllr Byrne confirmed his attendance at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July as he attempted to attend remotely, however, due to technical difficulties his attendance could not be facilitated.

### **Minute No. 76/25**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

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

Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, responded to questions from the Elected Members. The following matters were noted:

- Cllr Smith congratulated the Housing Team on completing a large number of maintenance calls to date this year.
- Cllr McQuillan remarked on the increase in homelessness and the increased number of tents in the area. Mr Grimes confirmed that the Homeless Team within the Executive have engaged with those living in the tents and added that the Annual Rough Sleepers Count was due to take place in Drogheda later this week. The results of the count would be furnished to Members at a later date.
- The Members were also informed that the Council adopts a multi-agency approach when supporting individuals experiencing homelessness.
- The Members extended their congratulations to all those involved in the successful delivery of the 46 housing units at Greenhills Grange, which have been designated for the Active Aging Scheme.
- In response to a query from Cllr Ford, Mr Grimes confirmed that there is a multi-agency approach taken when engaging with the rough sleepers.

### **Minute No. 77/25**

#### **Roads and Local Services Report**

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

Irene McGahon, A/Senior Executive Engineer, responded to matters raised by Elected Members. The following matters were noted:

- Cllr Smith queried if there was a Spray Programme to tackle weed growth around the town. This was noted and would be brought to the attention of the Parks Section revert in due course.
- A request was made for the road sweeper to visit the roads around Beaulieu House due to an upcoming event. This request was noted.
- It was requested that the railings on the Bridge of Peace be repainted. Ms McGahon confirmed she would inspect the required works.
- Cllr Smith requested that Sunnyside Cottages be considered for the 2026 Roadworks Programme. Ms McGahon confirmed the overarching three-year Programme of identified roads would conclude in 2026 with a new three year programme to be then approved by the Members.
- A review of the speeding issues on Cushrod Avenue was requested by Members. Ms McGahon confirmed that an Engineer would review potential measures required at this area.
- Cllr Power thanked the Council for the excellent road surfacing works done at The Dales in Clogherhead, however noted that 1km remains to be completed. Ms McGahon confirmed these works would be completed in the next Roadworks Programme.
- Cllr Power reported that the flashing reduce speed sign on the Termonfeckin to Baltray Road remains broken after 18 months. This sign will be assessed by the Team with a view to fixing it.
- A review of the positioning of the signs at Townrath to give HGV drivers further advance warning of the junction was requested. This was noted by Ms. McGahon.
- Cllr Power also requested that safety signs be installed on the Camino Walk. Ms McGahon agreed to review the issues raised by Cllr Power and revert with an update.
- Cllr Donovan requested that the junction of Forest Park and Flaxmill Lane is inspected to assess solutions to solve congestion due to the inability for two cars pass at the same time. Ms McGahon agreed to review this matter.

- Cllr Donovan reported that debris from a car fire remained on the verge at Monasterboice. Ms McGahon advised she would forward this complaint to the Environment Section for attention.
- Cllr Donovan also queried if a pull-in layby could be installed at Culfore on L6308 as this is a narrow road. Ms McGahon agreed to review but suggested it may fall under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme.
- Cllr Hall reminded Members that queries should be raised initially via the Sugar system and then brought to the meeting if the issue is not resolved satisfactorily.
- Cllr McCole asked for an update on measures for The Twenties as the parking is causing access problems for emergency vehicles. Ms McGahon advised that the provision of double yellow lines would be investigated.
- Cllr McQuillan requested an update on the Gate at Ballsgrove which is covered in ivy. Ms McGahon will refer this matter to the Parks Section for attention.
- Cllr McQuillan also raised issues around school traffic at Greenhills School in Ballymakenny; footpath repairs at Trinity Street; and overgrowth on Toberboice Lane. Ms McGahon indicated that full collaboration with the schools to deal with traffic issues may be required and confirmed that works on the footpath at Trinity have commenced. She also added that she will direct the matter of overgrowth at Toberboice to the Parks section for attention.
- Cllr O'Hare Stratton queried the proposed road closure at St Marys Villas/ Cromwell Lane and sought clarification on the exact location of the closure. Ms. McGahon confirmed that she will ask the Senior Engineer to revert on this matter.
- It was highlighted that the speed bumps on Cromwell Lane are very high. Ms McGahon would discuss with the Senior Engineer and revert.
- Cllr Ford requested updates on Lee Cottages, Clogherhead and John Kirk Park in light of the additional €364,000 allocated for local roads. Ms McGahon confirmed the extra allocation of funding was still being reviewed by the Executive.
- Cllr Ford queried whether street washing could be carried out initially on West Street. Ms McGahon advised that cleaning, using an element of water and the multihog machine is carried out on a regular basis.
- Cllr Byrne requested repairs to the wall opposite 173 Marian Park, and inspection of the gullies at Old Mill and outside 116 Meadow View. Ms McGahon committed to review both and revert but added that specific funding may be required to deal with the issue at 116 Meadow View.
- Cllr Byrne requested an update on a number of issues at St Mary's Villas which he was corresponding with Mark Johnston. Ms McGahon confirmed she would review these matters with Mr Johnston.
- Cllr Byrne queried Pitcher Hill and whether funding was available outside the Roadworks programme. Ms McGahon was unable to confirm at this stage if any funding was available.
- Cllr Byrne also raised an issue with traffic lights on Beamore Road/ Platin Road and the sequencing of same as indicating that the traffic gets extremely backed on Beamore Road. It was suggested a mini roundabout would serve more purpose. Ms. McGahon committed to reviewing this matter.
- Cllr Callan reported congestion at Yellowbatter and Greenbatter due to parked cars in the area. Ms McGahon noted this and confirmed she would liaise with the Public Realm Team to ascertain if there are greater plans for the area.
- Cllr Hall wished to express her condolences to the family following the fatality in the Bull Ring at the weekend
- Cllr Hall requested a report in relation to the introduction of a new junction on West Street at the site of a fatality last year. Ms. McGahon agreed to organise the requested report.
- Cllr Hall requested a "Narrow Road Ahead" sign be installed at the Baltray Road which Ms. McGahon agreed to review.
- It was noted that the road markings at Sunday's Gate, Thunderhill and Sheetland Road have worn away. Ms McGahon indicated these would be included in the next tranche of road markings.

## Minute No. 78/25

### 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. The following matters were noted:

- Members raised queries over R166 and the proposed upgrade. Mr O'Hagan confirmed that this would remain a through road and added that tender would issue next week with a view to commencing works in October.
- Cllr Smith queried whether the Placemaking/ Physical Development Teams could facilitate a meeting with the Members to explain the medium and long term plans for the Town and also draw up a Master Plan for Millmount. Director of Services, Mr. David Jones advised that a meeting could possibly be facilitated in November and short-term v's long-term actions agreed upon.

## Minute No. 79/25

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

Members considered the Community Grants as presented to them, with the addition of two further payments to the Sean Corcoran Series, totalling €500 each, as requested by Cllrs Paddy McQuillan and Michelle Hall and approval was;

**Proposed by** Cllr. Pio Smith  
**Seconded by** Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton  
And resolved.

## Notice of Motions

### Minute No. 80/25

**Notice of Motion** Cllr. James Byrne  
**Seconded by** Cllr. Michelle Hall  
And approved

*"That Louth County Council provides additional parking facilities in St Dominic's Park for those wishing to access the Boyne Greenway, separate to the planned upgrade to the existing playground and parking"*

### Reply from David Hanratty, A/Director of Operations & Environment Delivery

There are no plans within the Road Works Programme 2025 for additional parking facilities at St. Dominic's Park Drogheda, however this request will be noted for consideration in the Road Works Programme 3 Year Plan 2026-2028.

## Minute No. 81/25

**Notice of Motion** Cllr. James Byrne  
**Seconded by** Cllr. Pio Smith  
And approved

*That Louth County Council installs traffic calming measures at Lower Mell, specifically between the Montessori/Church and the Circle K.*

*This is in response to a serious accident on the stretch of road recently and numerous minor collisions in recent times.*

**Reply from David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery**

The council currently do not have access to collision data (on the basis of GDPR requirements). The Department of Transport have provided us with 9No locations for 2026 safety intervention under circular 15 of 2025, based on collision data and site surveys they have conducted; the stretch you mentioned is not featured for 2026 and therefore will not be funded. The R168 in question had traffic calming installed at Cement/Slane junction in 2020.

**Minute No. 82/25**

**Notice of Motion** Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton  
**Seconded by** Cllr. James Byrne

*That Louth County Council assess and urgently install a convex traffic safety mirror at the intersection of Constitution Hill and Drogheda Road, specifically in front of No. 9 Constitution Hill, Drogheda. This is in response to a persistent and serious road safety concern caused by significantly limited visibility at the junction.*

*Due to the position and overhang of a building at the corner, drivers ascending from the quay via Constitution Hill cannot see vehicles approaching from their left on Drogheda Road, and vice versa.*

*The blind spot created by the building structure presents a continuous danger to drivers and pedestrians. A mirror at this location would significantly improve visibility and reduce the risk of accidents. We request a site visit to assess feasibility and proceed with installation.*

**Reply from David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery**

Convex mirrors are not part of the regulatory signs that we as the road authority of LCC can erect and are not listed in the traffic signs manual nor are they covered by the road traffic regulations and therefore we cannot erect same.

**Minute No. 83/25**

**Notice of Motion** Cllr. Eric Donovan  
**Seconded by** Cllr. James Byrne  
And approved

*I am calling on the council to write to the NTA to request that the 182 Bus from Monaghan to Navan includes an extra stop in their Drogheda rural route. The request is that the bus that picks up in Tullyallen every 2 hours will include a stop at the M1 Retail Park which it drives very close to and has the infrastructure to do so. This additional stop would accommodate and benefit the Tullyallen constituency*

**Reply from David Jones, Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery**

This is a matter for the members.

**Minute No. 84/25**

**Notice of Motion** Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton  
**Seconded by** Cllr. Michelle Hall  
And approved

*That this Borough District of Drogheda:*

1. *Writes to the National Transport Authority (TfI) to express full support for the installation of a public water refill station at Drogheda Bus Station, as a necessary amenity for commuters and a step towards reducing single-use plastic bottle waste.*
2. *Requests Louth County Council to urgently service and maintain the existing water refill stations located:*
  - o *At the corner of West Street and Shop Street (by the Tholsel), and*
  - o *On George's Street (at the bus stop beside the disused public toilets), ensuring they are clean, functional, and regularly maintained, especially during peak footfall periods such as festivals and public events.*

*This motion is made in support of ongoing efforts by local organisations, including the Drogheda Commuter Coalition, to improve public infrastructure, sustainability, and the overall experience of residents and visitors in Drogheda.*

**Reply from David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery**

Item 1 – This is a matter for the members.

Item 2 - Water stations will continue to be inspected and maintained as appropriate.

**Minute No. 85/25**

**Congratulations**

- Congratulations to the Louth Gaelic Football Association on winning the All-Ireland Ladies Football Junior Championship.

**Minute No. 86/25**

**Condolences**

- Geraldine Reynolds, Rosevale, Beamore Road, Drogheda.
- Paddy Townley, Boyle O'Reilly, Drogheda

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

**Date:**

6/10/25

**Mayor:**

Michelle Hall

**Meeting Administrator:**

Sinead Dooley