



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## **Cruinniú de Cheanta Bardasach Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee meeting hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 4.30 p.m.

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor: Paula Butterly

**Members:** Councillors: Jim Tenanty, John Sheridan, Pearse McGeough, Bernie, Conlon, Dolores Minogue

**Apologies:** Gráinne Tuomey, Bryan Coughlan

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness Meetings Administrator  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer  
Declan MacMahon, Senior Executive Engineer remotely

### **Minute No. 40/23**

#### **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were confirmed on the

**Proposal of** Cllr Dolores Minogue  
**Seconded by** Cllr John Sheridan

And approved.

### **Minute No. 41/23**

#### **Matters Arising**

Members requested updates on various items including:

- Variable Messaging
- Castlebellingham Heath Clean
- Bank of Ireland crossing

### **Minute No. 42/23**

#### **Housing Progress Report**

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- Recent allocations and provision of pre tenancy training.
- Acknowledgement of Mullavalley Housing Scheme.
- Croí Cónaithe Funding – Applicant numbers
- Doire Beag completion dates.
- Affordable Housing Policy
- Housing Adaptation Grant Budget that was recently increased.

### **Minute No. 43/23**

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

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Declan McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with items raised under Matters Arising the following items were highlighted:

- Permanent signage x 2 at Collon ordered, to be erected.
- Cappocksgate wall and heritage
- Ardee Zones costing
- Bank of Ireland crossing at Market Street

On proposal of Cllr Dolores Minogue and seconding of Cllr Paula Butterly a letter be written to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to see if they are in agreement with the interim proposal put forward.

It was also proposed that the infrastructure report at next meeting give an update on the Ardee Bypass.

- Potholes on road to Port graveyard
- Request for pothole patching machine in Mid Louth

### **Minute no. 44/23**

#### **Placemaking Report**

Members discussed the report as issued and Olivia McCormack Senior Executive Officer, advised on all items raised. The following items were highlighted/discussed:

- Collon playground
- Dunleer Master Plan
- Ardee Castle
- Active Travel in Ardee
- Plans on proposals for public toilets at Fairgreen, Ardee

### **Minute No. 45/23**

#### **Parking Bye Law changes**

Joe McGuinness advised of current proposals to amend the byelaws.

A lot of discussion took place with regards to:

- Long stay parking
- Workers parking

#### **Minute No. 46/23**

#### **Notice of Question: Cllr. Jim Tenanty**

*Ardee library has urgent need for toilet facilities for patrons using this excellent venue for students and disabled persons and patrons using the library. Ardee Municipal Council has provided funding to proceed with the works and tenders have been awarded to a contractor and I know the director has put pressure on the work proceeding. Can this project be awarded to another contractor to enhance this building.*

#### **Reply from C. Duff, Director of Services, Placemaking and Physical Development**

*Following difficulties with the contractors work schedule and programme, due to the prioritisation of the refurbishment works to provide accommodation for Ukrainian refugees, we will now consider another contractor to complete the final PC at Ardee.*

#### **Minute No. 47/23**

#### **AOB**

- A request was made to undertake a technical feasibility study on provision of public toilets at Fairgreen Recreation Space.
- Could an update be got on the Cappocksgate Wall grant.

#### **Minute No. 48/23**

#### **Congratulations**

Vote of congratulations to Louth GFC.

#### **Minute No. 49/23**

#### **Condolences**

Condolences were extended to:

- Cllr Paula Butterly on the death of her father
- Cllr Emma Coffey on the death of her brother
- All those who had passed in the area.

Following this discussion as there was no further business the meeting concluded.

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

**Date:** 1 June 2023

**Cathaoirleach:** D. Murray

**Meeting Administrator:** Alice Spence