



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee – October 2024

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 4:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John Sheridan

Members: Councillor(s) Bernie Conlon, Pearse McGeough, Dolores Minogue, Jim Tenanty

Officials: Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Susan Deery, A/Meeting Administrator
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer

Minute No. 72/24

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024

Susan Deery outlined an amendment on Minute No. 66.

Minutes adopted as amended.

Proposed by: Cllr John Sheridan

Seconded by: Cllr Bernie Conlon

And approved

Minute No. 73/24

Nomination for Louth Biodiversity Working Group

Cllr John Sheridan was proposed by Cllr Bernie Conlon and seconded by Cllr Dolores Minogue.

Minute No. 74/24

Matters Arising

Cllr Pearse McGeough enquired on the feasibility of Castleguard and N33 Slip Road which Enda Murphy stated there are ongoing negotiations with the TII.

Cllr Jim Tenanty enquired as to why the non-completion of works on the Knocklevra Road was excluded from Minute No. 65.24. Enda Murphy stated this road was on top of the list of the works programme for 2025.

Cllr Dolores Minogue queried as to road marking works ongoing in Ardee with particular concern that painting of the loading bay was not completed. Enda Muphy clarified that works outside the schools are part of the Low Cost Safety Scheme and he will revert with an update on the loading bay.

Minute No. 75/24

Housing Progress Report

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

The following matters were noted:

- Affordable Private Dwelling Scheme Survey results will be sent to members in the coming days
- Annual Social Housing Assessment is currently taking place. However, 170 social housing applicants have not yet responded.

Minute No. 76/24

Roads and Local Services Report

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

The following items were highlighted:

- 6km road stretch between Ardee and Monaghan due to commence in early 2025, subject to TII funding.
- Pedestrian crossing in Dunleer is currently waiting TII approval.
- Funding Application for Fencing on the N2 from Ardee to Cookstown has been submitted to the TII.
- Works in Ardee playground will be complete in approximately 3 weeks.
- Works have been completed in Ardee Library.
- Bus Stop tender in ongoing for 12 locations within the County with an additional 14-16 locations to commence in 2025.
- The Pedestrian Crossing Ardee will move 10m (towards Dublin) and will be upgraded.
- The N2 upgrade will provide a new overlay from the Ardee Roundabout to Cookstown.
- Issue with signage not visible at Walterstown Cross & the Fane Bridge. Enda Murphy will follow up.
- Concern was raised around persistent flooding at Tower View which Enda Murphy noted.

Minute No. 77/24

Physical Development Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Cllr. Dolores Mingogue enquired about possible funding for a Greenway between Ardee and Dunleer. John O'Hagan outlined the process involved and will keep Members updated when the NTA Strategy is advertised and goes to Public Consultation.
- A5 upgrade and possible upgrade to N2.
- John O'Hagan stated a number of Park and Ride locations are actively being assessed in the Mid Louth area, but it is very early days.
- John O'Hagan stated that an application has been made to TII for the Ardee Bypass, however, there are legal issues which require attention.

Minute No. 78/24

Taking in Charge Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Keith McArdle, Assistant Engineer addressed matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Mullavalley Plebiscite has been completed with tenders for water & infrastructure now required. This matter is ongoing
- Issues in Oriel Heights were addressed and Keith McArdle will follow up with the developer, however, he confirmed that we can proceed with Taking in Charge of Phase 1
- Updates were sought on The Orchard, Dunleer and Keith McArdle will revert
- Works in Beechgrove, Castlebellingham are welcomed, however, issues re. flooding and drains needs attention.

Minute No. 79/24

Placemaking Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Olivia McCormack, Senior Executive Officer addressed matters raised.

The following items were highlighted:

- Ardee 2040 plans are continuing with the Council working closely with the TII re. pre-planning
- The Planning Pack has been completed, so as soon permission is granted from the TII the planning application can be submitted to An Bord Pleanala.
- Request from Members to receive the Ardee 2040 Presentation again
- Concern was raised about unauthorised developments along with Railway. Olivia McCormack stated that the Operations Section of the Council are aware of this matter and Bernie Woods will raise it with the Management Team.
- Dunleer Masterplan is now completed and funding of €50,000 has been received for the design of the project
- A thank you was extended to Terry Hamilton, Town Regeneration Officer for the tour of Ardee Castle and this project is very welcome by the Members

Minute No. 80/24

Condolences

Condolences were expressed to the family of:

- Padraig McKenny

Minute No. 81/24

Congratulations

Congratulations were expressed to

- Mr. Eddie Caffrey for his induction into the IMRO Hall of Fame
- Ardee Community School on its 50th Anniversary
- Louth County Council on its very successful Mattress and Sofa Amnesty

No. 82/24

Any Other Business

The Members noted that a number of months ago they sought an Official to meet with them to discuss issues with Playground vandalism, ownership and upgrades in the area i.e. Louth Village, Collon, Castlebellingham & Dunleer.

Cllr Jim Tenanty advised the Members he attended the Tidy Towns AGM where a particular issue of animal waste coming from lorries within the town of Ardee. A question around legislation on this matter was sought from the Council.

Cllr John Sheridan discussed the Annual Civic Awards with agreement reached that nominations would be submitted by October 18th for ratification at the Municipal Budget Meeting on October 21st. Ceremony planned for end of November.

The Members offered their Best Wishes to all local teams who are playing in the coming weeks in Championship finals.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date: 7/11/24
Cathaoirleach: Seán P Storaclain.
Meeting Administrator: [Signature]