



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted in the Dermot O'Brien Room, Ardee Civic Offices, Ardee on Thursday, 2nd April 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Dolores Minogue

Members: **Councillor(s)** Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Rachel Kerley, Bernie Conlon, Jim Tenanty

Apologies: **Councillor(s)**

Officials: Bernadette Woods, Director of Services
Susan Deery, Deputy Meeting Administrator
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Bryan Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Colin McMahon, Senior Staff Officer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
Aine Roddy, Assistant Communications Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 23/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 5th March 2026

The minutes from 5th March 2026 meeting were:

Proposal of: Cllr. Pearse McGeough

Seconded by: Cllr. Dolores Minogue

And Approved.

Minute No. 24/26

Matters Arising

- Members referred to Minute No. 22/26 and raised concerns regarding delays in the Castle renovation works. It was noted that there is a need for greater public visibility of the plans. It was suggested that neighbouring vacant properties could be utilised to display artist impressions and provide project updates on the Castle upgrade.
- An update was provided on the delivery of new housing units at Gernon Place, Castlebellingham, with completion scheduled for midsummer. It was noted that the units are expected to be advertised via Choice Based Lettings in July.

Minute No. 25/26

Amendment to Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2026

Meetings Administrator, Ms. Susan Deery, advised Members of a required revision to Minute No. 12/26 of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Ardee held on Thursday 5th February 2026, in order to correct an amendment to the year, changing it from 2026 to 2025 as follows:

“The Municipal District of Ardee Discretionary Budget Plan 2025 was approved”

The Minutes were adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
And Approved.

Minute No. 26/26

Housing Progress Report

Senior Engineer, Mr. Declan Grimes attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- The Executive is actively engaging with purchasers and progressing independent snagging processes to address delays in the occupation of affordable housing.
- A number of housing units in the Ardee area, including Pottersfield and Bridgegate, are scheduled to be advertised through Choice Based Lettings in the coming months. Members will be notified in advance of such advertisements.
- The Housing Team will pursue cases where elderly tenants have relocated to nursing homes but the associated properties have not been formally declared vacant. Members were requested to report any such cases to facilitate investigation.

Minute No. 27/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Administrative Officer, Ms. Michelle Curran attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- An update was sought on signage along the Balloran Road, Louth Village, to alert motorists to walkers using the roadway. It was confirmed that the required signage has been ordered.
- A request for the installation of a continuous white line between Aldi and the Garda Station, Ardee Town, will be assessed in due course.
- The repainting of road markings throughout the district was noted for inclusion in future works, including the yellow box outside Spar in Dunleer, Louth Village and the disabled bay in Collon.
- Concerns were raised regarding parking on footpaths and the need for additional signage and enforcement. Members undertook to provide specific locations for follow up and investigation.
- An update will be provided on the Kells Road resurfacing timeline to ensure completion before the new school opens in September.

Minute No. 28/26

Presentation on the Extension of CLAR Area to Castlebellingham.

Members noted a presentation on the extension of the CLAR Area to Castlebellingham as presented

by Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Bryan Coughlan, and Senior Staff Officer, Mr. Colin McMahon.

Members welcomed the extension of the CLAR Programme to include Castlebellingham.

Minute No. 29/26

Request approval to commence the Statutory Consultation Process for Speed Limit Review in built-up and Urban Areas.

Administrative Officer, Ms. Michelle Curran presented a comprehensive proposal to lower speed limits in specific urban zones within the District.

The proposals relating to the following areas within the district were approved by the Members:

Annagassan

Proposed by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough
And Resolved.

Ardee

Proposed by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
And Resolved.

Ballapousta

Proposed by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
And Resolved.

Castlebellingham & Kilsaran

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan
Seconded by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough
And Resolved.

Collon

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan
Seconded by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
And Resolved.

Dromin & Stabannon

Proposed by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
And Resolved.

Dunleer

Proposed by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
And Resolved.

Louth Village

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan
Seconded by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
And Resolved.

Reaghstown

Proposed by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
Seconded by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon

And Resolved.

Tallanstown

Proposed by: Cllr. John Sheridan
Seconded by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
And Resolved.

Philipstown

Proposed by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
Seconded by: Cllr. John Sheridan
And Resolved.

Minute No. 30/26

Notice of Motion: Cllr. Pearse McGeough
Seconded by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty

"Taking into account, the lack of parking facilities in Castlebellingham and also giving consideration to the substantial number of additional housing units under construction and those who have been granted planning, that this council explores the option of an appropriate site for public parking, close to the village centre".

Reply from Bernie Woods, Finance and System Support

We are undertaking a review of the current bye-laws regarding parking in Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee this year. Your request for a review of the parking facilities in Castlebellingham can be taken into consideration as part of the review of the County Development Plan.

Minute No. 31/26

Condolences

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of:

- Dr. Rory O'Hanlon, Mullaghbawn, Armagh / Carrickmacross, Monaghan

Minute No. 32/26

Congratulations

- Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Colette Moss upon her retirement.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date: 7/5/2025

Cathaoirleach: Dolores Blunage

Meeting Administrator: Sean Dooley