



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú de Cheanta Bhaile Átha Fhirdia / Municipal District of Ardee

Minutes of Municipal District of Ardee meeting – hosted Online on
Thursday, 5th February 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Dolores Minogue

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

Apologies: Cllr. John Sheridan

Officials: Bernie Woods, Director of Services
Susan Deery, Deputy Meeting Administrator
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer
Bryan Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer
Helen Divilly, Head of Information Systems
Colette Moss, Senior Executive Officer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 06/26

Apporval to hold the Muncipal District of Ardee online, due to an Orange Weather Warning was:

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

Minute No. 07/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 8th January 2026

Minutes adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Seconded by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough
And approved.

Minute No. 08/26

Matters Arising

- An update regarding the plans to retrofit units was requested. Mr. Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer, confirmed that final approval has not yet been received, however, it could be in the region of 200 units with a possibility of the Municipal District of Ardee allocated 40 of these units.
- An update TII meeting which was to take place regarding proposed works within the district was requested. Mr. Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer confirmed that works to the pedestrian crossing in Ardee will require €90k funding which is hoped will be delivered in 2026. Additional funding is sought to complete works at Castle Street Junction, Cross Road to Kells Road, and Ardee Road to Cookstown, with no confirmation of same at this time.

Minute No. 09/26

Housing Progress Report

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

- Future delivery of social housing in the district is expected via units in Potters Field, Bridge Gate, Louth Village and Ravel Grange, all of which will be advertised via Choice Based Letting and in accordance with the Allocation Scheme.
- The Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme is ongoing, with over 400 applications received to date. Property owners have thirteen months to complete the works.

Minute No. 10/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Locations are routinely assessed for the installation of dropped kerbs but mainly at crossings, junctions and schools.
- Mr. Johnston will contact the OPW/Inland Fisheries to assess rivers in the district to have them desilted to mitigate flooding.
- It was noted that and only footpaths causing slips, trips, and falls will be assessed for repair.
- Solar panel signs indicating speed and slowdown at St. Finians School in Annagassan are not functioning.
- A sinkhole on Market Street outside Spar was highlighted for repair.
- The parking situation outside the post office in Dunleer was discussed with Mr. Johnson suggesting the introduction of double yellow lines as a solution.
- A traffic and speed count will be required outside Darver Primary School to assess the requirement for traffic controls.
- A request to install plastic bollards along the bridge at Riverside Walk was received.
- Members discussed the possibility of widening the narrow pedestrian bridge in Ardee, with funding to be sought via the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Minute No. 11/26

Physical Development Report

Mr. Bryan Coughlan, Senior Executive Officer was in attendance to respond to queries raised by Members. No matters were raised.

Minute No. 12/26

Section 102(4)(c) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended - Approval of distribution of Municipal District Discretionary Budget

The Municipal District of Ardee Discretionary Budget Plan 2025 was approved as

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

Minute No. 13/26

Presentation on Cyber Security and Meta Compliance Training

Ms. Helen Divilly, Head of Information Systems, delivered a presentation outlining cybersecurity threats and emphasising the importance of training and vigilance.

Minute No. 14/26

Road Works Programme 2026

Members considered the Road Works Programme 2026 as circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer responded to questions raised by the Members.

Following some discussion the Road Works Programme 2026 was:

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

Minute No. 15/26

Tidy Towns Project Scheme

Members considered the Tidy Towns Project Scheme 2026 as circulated in advance of the meeting.

In accordance with Section 66(1) and 9 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Schedule was approved on the:

Proposed by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
Seconded by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough
And Resolved.

Minute No. 16/26

Condolences

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of:

- John Walsh, Cordoolough, Ballybay, Monaghan

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

Cathaoirleach:

P. Wnida

Meeting Administrator:

Joe Dooney