



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, 8th January 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Dolores Minogue

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

Apologies:

Officials: Bernadette Woods, Director of Finance
Susan Deery, Meetings Administrator
Christine Mullen, A/Senior Executive Officer
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
Michelle Murray, Senior Staff Officer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
Aine Roddy, Assistant Communications Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 1/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 4th December 2025

Ms. Deery advised the Members of a proposed revision to Minute No. 105/25, as follows:

- Cllr. Tenanty sought an update on the proposed relocation of the traffic lights at Castle Street with Mr. Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer confirming he would revert with an update in due course.
- Mr. David Jones, Director of Services informed the members that funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme was to be secured before year end in relation to the provision of Collon Playground.
- Mr. O'Hagan confirmed that site investigation works are underway at Ardee Castle. He advised that insurance will be put in place before year end, following which the contract for the works will be signed.

The Minutes, as amended, were adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
Seconded by: Cllr. Bernie Conlon
And approved.

Minute No. 2/26

Matters Arising

- In response to Cllr. McGeough's query regarding the installation of digital signage in Collon. Mr. Enda Murphy advised that a response from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) was awaited and that he would follow up on the matter.
- In response to Cllr. Minogue's request for an update on the installation of speed ramps and pedestrian lights at Darver Primary School, Mr. Murphy advised that the matter would be reviewed and that an update would issue shortly.

Minute No. 3/26

Housing Progress Report

Christine Mullen, A/Senior Executive Officer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Members. It was noted that:

- 142 retrofit units were completed in 2025 and that the Council can currently spend 65% of the 2025 allocation until notified of the 2026 funding allocation, with a plan to retrofit 300 units in 2026. Ms. Mullen also confirmed that the Tenant-In-Situ Scheme remains open to applications.
- 10% of all allocations under the Older Person Dwelling Scheme (OPD) are designated for individuals aged 55 or older. In response to concerns raised suggesting that younger individuals may have been allocated units under the scheme, contributing to anti-social behaviour in certain estates, Ms. Mullen indicated that individual allocations would be reviewed to determine whether any dwellings had been allocated to younger individuals under this scheme.
- In relation to rightsizing options, Ms. Mullen confirmed that these are provided for under Louth County Council's current Rightsizing Allocation Scheme and advised that a National Rightsizing Scheme is to be introduced by the Department in due course.

Minute No. 4/26

Roads and Local Services Report

Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Members. It was noted that:

- A meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) was scheduled for 14th January to address a number of issues, including missing signage and outstanding lighting works.
- With regard to gritting during periods of severe weather on roads outside the priority network, Mr. Murphy advised that additional roads may be treated in exceptional circumstances and emergency situations.
- Requests for lane markings and the installation of cat's eyes on L2226 from Charville to Dorians Pub will be assessed.
- Mr. Murphy confirmed he would meet with the contractor in the coming week and get confirmation of a start date for works immediately west of Duffy's Cross R215/N52.
- 10 faded disabled parking spaces between the Catholic Church and Fair Green, Ardee were highlighted, and Mr. Murphy advised that these would be assessed and addressed in due course.
- Traffic counts within estates are progressing with a total of 65 counts requested County-wide.
- Traffic congestion on Sean O'Carroll Street and suggestions relating to weight restrictions and one-way traffic as possible traffic calming measures will be raised with TII.

Minute No. 5/26

Condolences

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of:

- Sarah Halpenny, Boyerstown, Navan

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date: 5th February 2026.
Cathaoirleach: D. N. M. C.
Meeting Administrator: Jean Deary