



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, 4th June 2026 at 4:30 pm.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Jim Tenanty

Members: Councillor(s) Pearse McGeough, John Sheridan, Rachel Kerley, Dolores Minogue

Apologies: Councillor(s) Bernie Conlon

Officials: Dawid Conway, Chief Executive
Bernadette Woods, Director of Finance
Susan Deery, Deputy Meeting Administrator
Enda Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
Anthony O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Officer
Michelle Curran, Administrative Officer
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer
Anne D Callan, Administrative Officer
Aine Roddy, Assistant Communications Officer
Anna Nowacka, Clerical Officer

Minute No. 45/26

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 7th May 2026

The minutes from the 7th May 2026 meeting were:

Proposal of: Cllr. Rachel Kerley

Seconded by: Cllr. John Sheridan

And Approved.

Minute No. 46/26

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Minute No. 47/26

Housing Progress Report

Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Anthony O'Donoghue, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Bridgegate Housing Development is currently undergoing snagging works, with allocations expected by mid-July.
- The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme has received Departmental funding in excess of €8 million, with 280 units scheduled for retrofit in 2026.
- Issues relating to the non-return of Council houses following the relocation of occupants to nursing homes were discussed, and it was confirmed that a number of such properties are currently under review.

Minute No. 48/26

Roads and Local Services Report

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

- An accessibility audit of Ardee will be conducted in the coming weeks to identify barriers and obstacles on footpaths for people with disabilities. This will include an assessment of the building that has been scaffolded in recent times.
- Works on Annagassan Bridge are scheduled to take place in 2027, with a Natura Impact Statement to be completed prior to works commencing.
- A meeting is scheduled with TII representatives on 16th June to discuss a number of matters, including road safety at Castleguard Junction.
- A parcel of land along Sean O'Carroll Street has been confirmed as not falling under the jurisdiction of Louth County Council. Members will be advised in the coming weeks of the process required to bring this land into Council ownership, thereby enabling the necessary weight restriction works to proceed.
- The maintenance of gullies and overgrown footpaths will be assessed in the coming weeks.

Minute No. 49/26

Physical Development Report

Senior Engineer, Mr. John O'Hagan, attended the meeting and responded to queries from the Elected Members. It was noted that:

- Progress was reported on a number of large-scale projects, including Flood Defence Schemes, Ardee Castle restoration, and the new Educate Together National School. Handover of the school is expected in August 2026, following which the Department of Education will undertake its own fit-out.
- A significant fish kill on the River Glyde was discussed, with Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) currently undertaking investigations. The Louth County Council Environment Section will provide Members with a report on this matter when it becomes available.

Minute No. 50/26

Notice of Motion: Cllr. John Sheridan

Seconded by: Cllr. Pearse McGeough

That Louth County Council would review the R166 for low-cost safety measures, specifically immediately west of the R215 (Duffy's Cross) junction.

Reply from David Hanratty, Operations & Environment Delivery

The Operations section of Louth County Council is planning to improve safety at this junction and proposes to cut back vegetation, remove sight-restrictive hedging and provide extra signs and road markings in line with the traffic sign manual, with the aim of completing works in 2026.

Minute No. 51/26

Any Other Business

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

The Municipal District of Ardee Discretionary Budgetary Plan 2026 was approved as:

Proposed by: Cllr. Rachel Kerley
Seconded by: Cllr. Dolores Minogue
And Resolved.

Minute No. 52/26

Congratulations

- Members offered their best wishes to students in their upcoming Junior & Leaving Certificate Exams.
- Members acknowledged Deputy Meeting Administrator, Ms. Susan Deery, for her contribution to the Municipal District and wished her well in her new role within the local authority.

Minute No. 53/26

Condolences

Condolences were extended to the families and friends of:

- Pauline McGrory, Castlebellingham
- Joanne Balfe, Bohernamoe

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed on:

Date:

Cathaoirleach:

Meeting Administrator:

02/07/2026

