

COMMUNITY & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY 15th JUNE 2026, 2.30PM, COUNTY HALL, DUNDALK.

- Present:** Cllr. Shane McGuinness (Chair), Cllr. Michelle Hall (online), Cllr. Paddy McQuillan(online), Lorna Costello (online), Kevin Moran.
- Officials:** David Jones-Director of Services, Mark Johnston-Senior Engineer, Bryan Coughlan-Senior Executive Officer, Michelle Curran-Administrative Officer, Patrick Callan – Senior Executive Engineer.
- Apologies:** Cllr. Robbie Nash (Chair), Miriam McGuill, Cllr. Fiona Mhic Conchoille, Aaron Karol Pundol, Garreth Weldon.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action
1.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd March 2026</u> Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 23rd March 2026 could not proceed as insufficient members to propose and second the meeting who were in attendance. Postponed until September meeting.
2.	<u>Draft Louth Burial Grounds Bye-Laws</u> A presentation was provided on the draft Louth Burial Grounds Bye-Laws, which establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework for the management, operation, and use of Council-owned cemeteries, with the primary aims of protecting public health, ensuring safety, and supporting orderly and respectful cemetery administration. - Scope and Principles - Burial Rights and Plot Allocation - Interment and Burial Practices - Memorials and Works - Cemetery Use and Conduct Overall, the byelaws introduce a clear, consistent and modern governance framework for Louth's burial grounds, balancing operational control by the Council with the dignified and equitable use of cemetery spaces by the public. Suggestions raised by members included clarification on plot capacity, note to include a right to attend peacefully and respectfully, further description of lawn cemetery requirements and grave adornments, and engagement with funeral directors and community movement groups.
3.	<u>Draft Louth Commemorative Memorial Policy</u> A presentation was provided on the draft Louth Commemorative Memorial Policy which establishes a clear framework and criteria for approving memorials, plaques,

	monuments and commemorative naming of public spaces, and other memorials in public spaces which aims to balance commemoration with the protection of public amenity. A Commemorative Memorial Assessment Committee will be established to assess applications and make recommendations with final decisions made by the Corporate Policy Group and elected Council/Municipal District members. The policy introduces a structured, transparent and controlled approach to civic commemoration in Louth, ensuring memorials are meaningful, appropriate, and sustainable, while protecting public spaces and maintaining consistency in decision-making. Suggestions raised by members included removal or limitation of CPG step, use community groups for consultation regarding particular views ie, sport, heritage, music. Review of time limit of 20 years suggested with room for committee to change time limit as required. Request to use only native tree species noted. Noted the decision of the Commemorative Memorial Committee is final.
4.	<u>A.O.B.</u> • None raised.
	This concluded the business of the meeting. Minutes confirmed at SPC meeting held on: <u>21-09-2026</u> Signed by Chairperson:  _____