

**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District  
held Ballymahon Library  
on Thursday, 6 February 2025 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Councillor Pat O'Toole

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors – Paul Ross, Mick Cahill, Sean Mimmagh and Martin Skelly, Mark Casey

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Service  
Mr. Brian McNeela, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Breege Cronin,

**APOLOGIES:** None

**A/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR:** Mr. Gerard Dennigan

On the proposal of Cathaoirleach Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss Storm Éowyn.

The members unanimously expressed their gratitude to all the services involved in the aftermath of Storm Éowyn, including Longford County Council, Civil Defence, the Roads Section, ESB, the Media, and Uisce Éireann.

The members unanimously acknowledged the Roads Section in the Ballymahon Municipal District for their outstanding efforts during Storm Éowyn. Their work in ensuring that roads were cleared and all areas remained accessible was greatly appreciated.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Martin Skelly, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 26 September 2024 were adopted.
- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Martin Skelly, the minutes of the committee meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held on 26 September 2024 were adopted.
- (iii) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the minutes of the committee meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held on 24 October 2024 were adopted.
- (iv) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Sean Miminagh, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 26 September 2024 were adopted.
- (v) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Sean Miminagh, the minutes of the committee meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held on 04 December 2024 were adopted.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

**4. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Councillor Paul Ross raised his concerns regarding the delayed rollout of food vouchers and meals for individuals without power, noting that other Local Authorities had implemented these measures earlier. Director of Services, Samantha Healy, responded that meals are available through the Civil Defence for vulnerable individuals.

Councillor Paul Ross raised concerns regarding the plans for St. Matthews Park, noting that they are currently on hold due to the extensive Energy Retrofit Programme. Director of Services, Samantha Healy to follow up on this matter and provide an update.

Councillor Mick Cahill highlighted that the four houses in Clough Dillons, Keenagh, have not yet been started and are needed. He noted that work on these should commence.

**5. (I) COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Breege Cronin provided the meeting with an update on the following:

- The Community Grant Support Scheme will open on 03 March 2025 and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Breege provided an update on the Local Enhancement Programme which closed on 06 February 2025.

Councillor Paul Ross raised an issue regarding applicants experiencing difficulties in submitting applications due to a lack of access to power and broadband.

## **(II) ACCRUAL OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS FOR 2024**

Director of Services, Samantha Healy, provided the meeting with an update on unallocated funds from 2019 to 2023, totalling €32,000 in unclaimed funds. The members discussed potential areas and projects within the Ballymahon Municipal District for the distribution of the unclaimed funds. No final decision was made.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, the members unanimously agreed to close the 2019–2022 projects. The members unanimously agreed funding must be drawn down within 24 months.

## **6. PART VIII – NO. 123**

Director of Services, Samantha Healy, presented the Part VIII-No 123, the development of 22 houses at Radharc Na Muileann, Knock, Lanesborough, Co. Longford. The members engaged in a lengthy and detailed discussion regarding the Part VIII proposal.

On the proposal of Councillor Mark Casey, seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, it was agreed to defer Part VIII-No. 123 until the next meeting of the Ballymahon Municipal District.

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill**

I call on Longford County Council to seek a low cost safety scheme on the R393 at the Drumbawn Junction Ardagh Co Longford. This is a dangerous junction that has had a number of crashes and the siteline needs to be improved on the Carrickboy side.

#### **Response:**

Longford County Council will consider the appropriate measures for this location and will consider this location for future low cost safety scheme applications.

### **The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Mark Casey**

I call on Longford County Council to include the road from Ardagh NS to Crossea (L-1095-0) in the salting programme in the interest of road safety.

**Response:**

Longford County Council do not currently have sufficient resources to add this route for the remainder of the 2024 to 2025 Winter Maintenance programme. We are already operating in excess of capacity with three routes requiring reloaded each callout.

This request can be considered at next Winter Maintenance review later this year, for possible inclusion in 2025-2026 programme, however, additional resources and budgets will be required should it be included.

**8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2025**

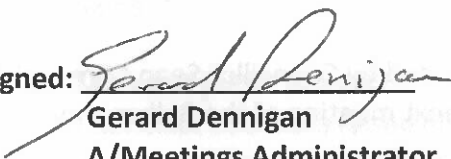
The schedule of meetings for 2025 was proposed by Mark Casey and seconded by Mick Cahill.

**9. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

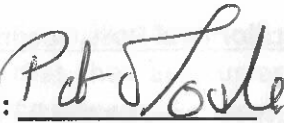
The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 4pm in Ballymahon Library

**10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Pat O'Toole extended his sympathies to Lorraine McKee, as well as the McKee and Sweeney families, on the passing of her mother-in-law, Elsie McKee. The members unanimously offered their condolences. R.I.P.

Signed:   
Gerard Dennigan  
A/Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 27 March 2025.

Signed:   
Cathaoirleach