

## **BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Áras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford on Friday, 24 October 2025 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Councillor Martin Skelly

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Mick Cahill, Sean Mimmagh, Paul Ross, Mark Casey, Pat O'Toole.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services  
Mr. Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Breege Cronin, Senior Staff Officer  
Mr. John McKeon, Director of Finance  
Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services

**APOLOGIES:** - Ms. Lorraine McKee, Meetings Administrator

#### **A/MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Ms. Martina McGrath

### **1. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION**

John McKeon, Director of Finance gave a comprehensive presentation regarding the General Municipal Allocation 2026 under the following headings and replied to queries raised –

➤ Budgetary Process – under Local Government Reform Act 2014

- Source of Funding for Municipal Districts LPT Decision – 11 September 2024 - retain rates at 2024 levels from 2025 - 2029

➤ Financial Challenges Budget 2026 & Beyond

- Global/National/Local/Financial
- Local Income Generation
- Discretionary Expenditure
- Emerging Funding Gaps

➤ Strategic Business Plan 2025 – 2029 – The Longford Strategy

- Local Property Tax
- Commercial Rates
- Rent Reviews
- Parking Charges
- General Municipal Allocations

John outlined to the Members the €10k per annum per MD increase in GMA from €110k to €120k is one of the pillars of the Longford County Council Strategic Business Plan 2025-2029.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Martin Skelly and the Elected Members welcomed the additional increase of €10,000 in the General Municipal Allocation

**Ballymahon Municipal District GMA**

Service Division	Sub-Service	Allocation 2025	Suggested Allocation 2026	Increase/Decrease
Recreation & Amenity	Town Twinning	€3,000	€5,000	€2,000
Recreation & Amenity	Voluntary Bodies	€55,000	€55,000	€0
Recreation & Amenity	Tidy Towns	€17,000	€18,000	€1,000
Recreation & Amenity	Art Activities	€18,000	€20,000	€2,000
Recreation & Amenity	Special Projects	€15,000	€20,000	€5,000
Recreation & Amenity	BCP Contribution	€2,000	€2,000	€0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>€110,000</b>	<b>€120,000</b>	<b>€10,000</b>

The members thanked John for the great presentation and acknowledged all the groups that received funding in 2025 and complimented those groups for the works they carried out in the community.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, the members expressed their condolences with Senior Executive Engineer Brian McNeela on the passing of his mother Lena. May she Rest in Peace.

Also, on the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill and seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, condolences to the Victory family and in particular Dean on the passing of his father Liam. May he Rest in Peace.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill the General Municipal Allocation for 2026 was adopted.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Martina McGrath  
A/Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 4 December 2025.

Signed:   
Cathaoirleach