

**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District  
held Ballymahon Library  
on Thursday, 24 July 2025 at 3:30pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Councillor Martin Skelly

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Ciaran Murphy, A/Director of Services  
Mr. Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Breege Cronin, Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer  
Mr. David Tubridy, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Con Diffley, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Richard Smith, Senior Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services

**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR:** Ms. Lorraine McKee

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 3 June 2025 were adopted.
- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 3 June 2025 were adopted.

- (iii) On the proposal of Councillor Sean Mimmagh seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the minutes of the Ballymahon Annual General Meeting held on 23 June 2025 were adopted.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

**4. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Mr. Brian McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the management report to the members. The members noted the report.

**5. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS FOR BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh to approve the amendment to the Standing Orders.

**6. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS – COMMUNITY GRANTS SUPPORT SCHEME**

An update was provided on the Community Grants Support Scheme.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole it was agreed to allocate €750 to St. Munis Church.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Paul Ross it was agreed to allocate €1,000 to Abbeyshurle Tidy Villages.

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Skelly seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Newtowncashel Christmas lights.

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Skelly seconded by Councillor Paul Ross it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to Newtowncashel Drama Group.

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Ballymahon Christmas lights.

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Paul Ross it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Ballymahon Landevant Twinning.

**Special Projects** Councillor Paul Ross advised the members that he was re allocating €5,000 from his special project fund back into the Community Grants supports scheme fund.

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Martin Skelly**

I call on Longford County Council to consider under the Active Travel Scheme the provision of a footpath/cycle path from the Moigh Road Junction Ballymahon to the entrance of the Royal Canal Greenway at Drinan Ballymahon.

**Response:**

This proposal will be considered under future funding application through Active Travel in order of priority for delivery with other Active Travel projects that are being considered as funding comes available.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill**

I call on Longford County Council to open discussion with Bus Eireann on the possibility of providing two bus shelters at Upper Main Street Ballymahon.

**Response:**

The Active Travel section of Longford County Council are already engaged with the NTA in developing Bus stop enhancement works to existing bus stops on upper Main Street Ballymahon that include provision of bus shelters.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross**

I call on Longford County Council to take in charge the lane beside Bridgeways Family Resource Centre that leads to Ballymahon Soccer pitch and the local vets.

**Response:**

There is a process to be undertaken to declare a roadway as a public road.  
This involves:

- Advertising the Councils intention to declare the road as a public road and consider any submissions received.
- Consider the financial implications of declaring the road as a public road (cost of drainage, resurfacing, etc)
- Consider if the road is of general public utility.

Longford County Council subject to direction of the Municipal District can commence this process.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole**

That Longford County Council seek to take in charge the road from Main St Ballymahon up to the Soccer Pitch in Ballymahon. This road is very narrow with poor sight lines onto the main street. This road also accesses 2 very busy businesses with constant pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the road. I would request that this road be taken in charge in the interest of public safety.

**Response:**

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**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill**

I call on Longford County Council to upgrade the drainage at the Ball Alley in Legan village as the current drainage system is not fit for purpose and causes regular flooding which affects the freshwater well, which is located very close to the drain and is widely used by the people of the parish.

**Response:**

Longford County Council will investigate the flooding issue at this location and will carry out any remedial works necessary.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Skelly and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross**

I call upon Longford County Council to commission a report on Forthill crossroads Newtowncashel, with a view to access and safety for transport approaching the junction. This is a dangerous crossroads where accidents repeatedly happen, and action needs to be taken before a really serious collision occurs. This is one of the main access roads to Newtowncashel, Saints Island and Barley Harbour.

**Response:**

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

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

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Thursday, 2 October 2025 at 3:30pm in Ballymahon Library.

Signed: Lorraine McKee  
Lorraine McKee  
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 2 October 2025.

Signed: Aislinn Leahy  
Cathaoirleach