

BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held Ballymahon Library on Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 4pm

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Pat O'Toole

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Mary Gouldsbury, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Brian McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Breege Cronin, Senior Staff Officer

APOLOGIES: Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Service

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 6 February 2025 were adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Paul Ross requested an update on the energy retrofit scheme for St Matthews Terrace, Ballymahon. Mary Gouldsbury informed the members that there were certain houses identified for this project.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer updated the Members on the management report. The members noted the report.

5. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

The Members noted the draft annual report submission.

6. ADOPTION OF THE ROADS PROGRAMME 2025

On the proposal of Councillor Sean Mimmagh and seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, the members unanimously agreed to adopt the Roads Programme 2025.

The Members expressed their thanks to Brian and his team on the works carried out in the Municipal District. They welcomed Brian to the role of SEE in South Longford.

7. FRANCE IRELAND TWINNING NETWORKING GALWAY 16 MAY

Breege Cronin, Administrator Ballymahon Municipal District updated the Members on the Twinning event to be held in Galway. This was circulated to the Elected Members.

8. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sean Mimmagh and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

I call on Longford County Council to take immediate action to identify and secure an alternative site for a children's playground in Kenagh village as the lease on the existing playground is due to expire in 2026

Response:

The playground in Kenagh was constructed in 2024 with LEADER funding provided to Kenagh and District Development Association. There are a number of options available to Kenagh and District Development Association.

- Secure the renewal of the lease.
- Consider applying for LEADER funding for the provision of a playground on an alternative site. The committee can contact LCRL for further information on the requirements for LEADER funding.
- Consider applying for CLÁR funding. This funding has been available for the provision of playgrounds in recent years and a number of communities in Longford have been successful in securing funding for playgrounds. It is anticipated that the 2025 CLÁR Programme will be announced in the coming months.

Longford County Council is available to advise the group in relation to the process and will continue to provide maintenance and upgrade works where necessary until the lease expires.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sean Mimmagh and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

I'm calling on Longford County Council to carry out the necessary works to tighten the junction that leads to Lanesboro Primary School, and to provide a Pedestrian Crossing to ensure the safety of school children and other pedestrians.

Response:

The Active Travel section will make an application to the NTA (National Transport Authority) under the junction tightening funding category when funding allocations come available, likely to be in 2026.

The 2025 funding allocations for Longford from the NTA is currently fully committed.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Mark Casey

I call on Longford County Council to assess the possibility of providing a footpath on the R392 from Peter Hanly Motors in Terlicken to the entrance of the Royal Canal Greenway and to include the project in the next round of funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

Response:

This can be considered under the next round of ORIS applications in 2026.

General

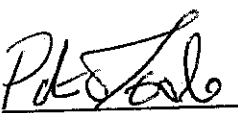
The members discussed the Cathaoirleach Awards and unanimously agreed that the nomination from the Chairperson Pat O'Toole, Ballymahon Municipal District would be awarded at the Annual Cathaoirleach Awards Event in the Council Chamber.

9. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Thursday, 22 May 2025 at 4pm in Ballymahon Library

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 3 June 2025.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach