

BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District
held in Ballymahon Library
on Thursday, 2 October 2025 at 3:30pm**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Martin Skelly

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services
Mr. Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Breege Cronin, Senior Staff Officer
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

APOLOGIES: None

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 July 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.

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. COMMUNITY GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME 2025

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole, Edgeworthstown Men's Shed was awarded €500.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

I call on Longford County Council to investigate the possibility of installing a raised pedestrian crossing at Lenamore NS Legan in the interest of public safety.

Response:

Longford County Council is considering the provision of improved pedestrian facilities in Legan village including the provision of raised pedestrian crossings and the provision of footpaths. The proposed measures are available on the Longford County Council website at <https://www.longfordcoco.ie/services/roads/public-consultation-active-travel-scheme-longford-county-traffic-calming-measures-and-pedestrian-crossings-bundle/>

Submissions have been invited and these can be made until 22nd September 2025. Directions for making submissions are available on the Longford County Council website.

The proposed measures will be implemented subject to submissions received and the availability of funding.

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

I call on Longford County Council to examine the junction at The Moor Ardagh off the R393 road to improve the safety.

Response:

Longford County Council will review this location to determine appropriate measures that can be put in place. Should there be an appropriate treatment, Longford County Council will consider this location for future low-cost safety scheme applications.

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

I call on Longford County Council to review the signage in the Ardagh village area as the signage as on the approach to the village the signs have gone into a poor condition.

Response:

Longford County Council will review the signage in the Ardagh village area and carry out any necessary upgrades to ensure it meets appropriate standards.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sean Mimmagh and seconded by Councillor Martin Skelly

I call on Longford County Council to progress the development of the recently acquired site in Lanesboro by:

Establishing a dedicated camper van and campsite facility, to promote tourism and provide much-needed amenities for visitors to the area;

Providing for the development of a food hub, to support local producers, food entrepreneurs, and regional agri-food initiatives;

Making provision for a community centre, which would not only serve as a vital space for local services and activities, but which could also accommodate the support needs of the proposed camper van and campsite, such as reception facilities, showers, toilets, and shared indoor space.

Response:

Longford County Council recently acquired a 6-acre site in the centre of Lanesboro that will hopefully facilitate the development of a range of community focused facilities. A masterplan is currently being prepared for the site to determine if it could host different facilities such as an RV campervan park, a community centre and some industrial infrastructure. The proposed food hub project is currently in hiatus while funding support decisions are being made but there is still a belief in the community that local artisan food production would create jobs and support local tourism in Lanesboro if it were developed.

A consultant is being engaged to look at the feasibility of part of the site as a camper van park and again, if the site is deemed suitable, funding sources will need to be identified with a view to delivering this vital piece of tourism infrastructure for County Longford.

Likewise, a dedicated community centre is a long-held community wish and the first step is to build a business case that will support any future funding application. This study should be completed in Q4 2025.

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

I call on Longford County Council to review the signage for the Corlea Heritage Centre to create a greater awareness of its importance and location.

Response:

The OPW has commissioned a study, funded under the EU Just Transition Programme to look at how the Corlea Trackway Centre can be further enhanced both to protect its historical artifacts and to deliver a better visitor experience. This will include a review of promotional/directional signage. In the interim, the area team in Longford County Council will review existing signage to determine if there are gaps in quality or location that need to be addressed in the short-term.

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

I call on Longford County Council to review traffic calming measures in Abbeyshrule in the interest of road safety.

Response:

Longford County Council will survey vehicle speeds in Abbeyshrule village and will review the area for appropriate traffic calming measures. Should an appropriate treatment be identified, funding will be sought for its implementation.

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 consider erecting Digital Speed Signs on the Mullingar Road R392 before the entrance to the Creevaghbeg Housing Estate, and on the Edgeworthstown Road the N55 where the current speed limits start from the Edgeworthstown direction.

Response:

Longford County Council will survey the vehicle speeds at these locations. If there is a speeding issue Longford County Council will notify the Gardai to carry out appropriate enforcement. Should there be a persistent speeding issue, and vehicle activated signage be considered appropriate, Longford County Council will consider this location for future low-cost safety scheme applications.

7. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Friday, 24 October 2025 at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae.

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

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

Signed: Wendy Hill
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