

GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Granard Municipal District held in Áras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford on Tuesday, 28 October 2025 at 3:30pm

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Turlough McGovern

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Garry Murtagh,
Pádraig McNamara, David Cassidy, Colin Dalton

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services
Ms. Claire McNabola, Administrative Officer
Mr. David Copping, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. John McKeon, Director of Finance

APOLOGIES None

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

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 Turlough McGovern welcomed the additional increase of €10,000 in the General Municipal Allocation.

Granard Municipal District GMA

| Service Division | Sub-Service | Allocation 2025 | Suggested Allocation 2026 | Increase/Decrease |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Recreation & Amenity | Broadband Connection Points | €1,500 | €2,000 | €500 |
| Recreation & Amenity | Voluntary Bodies | €44,500 | €50,000 | €5,500 |
| Recreation & Amenity | Christmas Lights | €5,000 | €5,000 | €0 |
| Recreation & Amenity | Tidy Town/Development Committees | €15,000 | €16,000 | €1,000 |
| Recreation & Amenity | Special Projects | €34,000 | €35,000 | €1,000 |
| Recreation & Amenity | Dring Amenities | €2,000 | €2,000 | €0 |
| Recreation & Amenity | Town Twinning | €8,000 | €10,000 | €2,000 |
| Recreation & Amenity | | | | |
| Grand Total | | €110,000 | €120,000 | €10,000 |

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

The Members discussed the suggested allocation in detail. The following topics were raised:

- An update on the review on the use of broadband connection points to be outlined to the members in 2026.
- Dangerous trees along roadways.
- Ringfencing €2,000 for Dring Amenities to cover ESB bills.
- Footpath plan for the Municipal District.

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Padraig McNamara the General Municipal Allocation for 2026 was adopted.

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 November 2025

Signed: [Signature]
Cathaoirleach