

LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Please note meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae and via Microsoft Teams

20 May 2025

To: Each Member of Longford Municipal District.

Dear Member,

You are requested to attend the Meeting of Longford Municipal District to be held in **the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae** and **via Microsoft Teams** on **Tuesday, 27 May 2025 at 11 am** to transact business, as set out on the agenda hereunder.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine McKee

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Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

Prayer before meeting.

- 1.** Confirmation of Minutes:
 - (i) Longford Municipal District Meeting held on 22 April 2025 – enclosed
 - (ii) Longford Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2025 - enclosed
- 2.** Matters arising from Minutes.

3. Declaration of Interest by Members
4. Management Report – enclosed
5. Proposed Paid Parking Charges
6. New Playground in the Mall
7. Footpath Programme
8. Community Grants
9. Notice of Motions

Councillor Niall Gannon

- (i) I call on Longford County Council to take immediate action to address the following issues. The increasing presence of groups of youngsters who are intimidating local business owners, residents, and visitors in our town centre. Potential measures could include increasing Gardaí patrols in the town centre during peak hours, implementing and engaging more with community outreach programs aimed at engaging youth in positive activities, and collaborating with local schools and organisations to address the underlying causes of such behaviour. Other towns and counties have introduced initiatives such as Gym Justice (Antrim), more comprehensive CCTV cover (Rathdown). Early intervention programmes (Ballymun) and many more we could surely learn from.
- (ii) I call on Longford County Council to request that safety and traffic calming measures be implemented outside Mean Scoil Mhuire on Convent Road in Longford Town. Hundreds of students from all around the county attend this school. There are serious concerns for the safety of these students as they cross the road to access different parts of the campus. The recent tragic incident on this road, which resulted in the loss of a life, highlights the urgent need for improved safety measures. We kindly request that you consider implementing measures such as speed bumps, pedestrian crossings, or other traffic calming devices. I believe these measures would significantly enhance the safety of the students and the wider community.
- (iii) I call on Longford County Council to deal with the ongoing traffic concerns with people living on the Ardagh Road out of Longford. The speed and behaviour of drivers on this road is endangering the lives of all users.

Councillor Seamus Butler

I call on Longford County Council to erect two digital speed warning signs at Stonepark, one for each direction at St Anne's Church of Ireland and c300m the Longford side of Stonepark NS.

It has been proven that speeding is endemic on this stretch of road as witnessed at a Children's Court held last year in Stonepark NS supported by the LCSP.

Councillor Kevin Hussey

I call on Longford County Council to undertake improvement works to upgrade the lighting and pedestrian crossing poles at the crossing located in Market Square, Longford Town, in the interest of pedestrian safety and improved visibility.