

LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 at 11am

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Councillor Seamus Butler

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Peggy Nolan, Uruemu Adejinmi, Niall Gannon, Martin Monaghan, Kevin Hussey, Gerry Hagan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Service
Mr. Peter Brady, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Anita Doherty, Staff Officer
Barbara Heslin, Director of Service
Louise Kiernan, Senior Planner

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR:

Ms. Lorraine McKee

APOLOGIES:

None

The members welcomed to the Meeting of Longford Municipal District, Hassan Ibrahim who is currently pursuing his education in the Immigrant Council of Ireland's Migrant Political Internship Scheme.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – CIRCULATED

- I. On the proposal of Councillor Martin Monaghan seconded by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 25 March 2025 as circulated.
- II. On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Hussey seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 25 March 2025 as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT – as circulated.

Peter Brady updated the members on the Management Report, which was noted.

Cathaoirleach of Longford Municipal District thanked the team for their work with the Twinning Committee on the recent unveiling of the 'Fraternity' statue. This statue was gifted to Longford County Council and it represents bonds of friendship between Longford Town and Noyal-Chatillon-sur-Seiche.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT – PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS – LONGFORD TOWN LAP

Louise Kiernan, Senior Planner made a presentation to the members regarding the Chief Executive Report – Proposed material Alterations – Longford Town Local Area Plan. The presentation outlined the following:

- Key stages in the Local Area Plan-Making Process
- Proposed material Alterations – Draft LAP
- Content of Chief Executive's Report
- CE Report Recommendations
- Current Stage – Plan making – Members Role
- Statutory Obligations
- When the Adopted Plan comes into effect

On completion of the comprehensive presentation of the Longford Town Local Area Plan, Senior Planer Louise Kiernan responded to questions raised by the Elected Members in relation to the Local Area Plan seeking clarification on various aspects of the Plan.

The members considered the Proposed Material Alterations and the associated CE's Report and decided by resolution to make the Longford Town Local Area Plan 2025-

2031 in accordance with all of the proposed material alterations as amended by the associated CE report. The Plan will come into effect on the 3 June 2025.

6. FORTHCOMING VISIT TO NOYAL CHATILLON SUR SEICHE

Councillor Seamus Butler updated the members regarding a visit to Noyal Chatillon Sur Seiche. The Twinning visit to France will take place from Thursday 19 June to Monday 23 June 2025.

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler

I call on Longford County Council to take steps to address the longstanding dereliction of the former LEVI factory site by engaging with the property owners or, where necessary, initiating a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), with a view to facilitating future housing development at this strategically located site.

Response:

Longford County Council will carry out an inspection of the site and if it is considered appropriate for a housing development, we will commence a CPO process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Lorraine McKee

Lorraine McKee

Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 27 May 2025.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach