

## LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

### Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams on Wednesday, 24 September 2025 at 4pm

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Peggy Nolan, Niall Gannon, Martin Monaghan and Kevin Hussey

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Peter Brady, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Anita Doherty, Staff Officer  
Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Service  
Ms. Mary Gouldsbury, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Orla McGuire, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Richard Smith, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Paul Newell, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Eoghan Dwyer, Senior Staff Officer  
Mr. Martin Cassidy, Assistant Engineer  
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Ms. Lorraine McKee

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Gerry Hagan, Councillor Seamus Butler

#### 1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – CIRCULATED**

- I. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 23 July 2025 as circulated.
- II. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 23 July 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 and he answered any questions and concerns raised by the Elected Members. The Elected Members thanked Peter and his team for his work in completing so many projects.

## **5. PART VIII – No. 134 – CANAL WALK, PARK ROAD, LONGFORD TOWN, CO. LONGFORD**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey the Part VIII No 134 – Canal Walk, Park Road, Longford Town, Co. Longford was approved.

## **6. PART VIII 135 – THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LONGFORD GREYHOUND STADIUM INTO A NEW COMMUNITY AMENITY AND SPORTS FACILITY (LONGFORD PEOPLES PARK). DEVELOPMENT SITE LOCATED AT TOWNSPARKS, LONGFORD TOWN.**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey the Part VIII No 135 – The Redevelopment of the Greyhound Stadium into a new Community Amenity and Sports Facility (Longford Peoples Park) was approved.

## **7. ORCHARD IN THE MALL**

Richard Smith, Senior Executive Officer of the Environment & Climate Action Section briefed the meeting on the availability of approximately €19,000 for the benefit of biodiversity, including a requirement to deliver a Mall orchard, forming part of a

wider Sport Partnership proposal concentrating on outdoor recreational spaces in County Longford.

The proposed orchard site is located adjacent to Waterfront Dental and would consist of a variety of heritage, Irish fruit trees including apples, pears, and plums, supported by educational signage and the potential for a willow tunnel.

The proposal will have an educational benefit through its signage and display, environmental benefit delivering improved air quality, and biodiversity benefit through increased habitat provision.

Councillor Peggy Nolan queried the alternative suitability of adjacent lands adjoining the Mall, where Senior Engineer Paul Newell of the Regeneration & Active Travel Section in attendance advised upon a masterplan under preparation for that location, and any intervention therein as premature. Secondly, Paul Newell advised of a more peat-based soil at this alternative location as less desirable for fruit tree growth.

On questioning from Councillor Kevin Hussey regarding tree maintenance, Richard Smith confirmed prior consultation with the Community Section of Longford County Council confirms responsibility to rest with existing Mall maintenance staff.

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan, seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey it was agreed to proceed with the Orchard in the Mall.

#### **8. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kevin Hussey and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford County Council to turn the lights of the building blue and pink as a remark of respect for International Baby Loss Awareness Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:00pm. The memorial will be held in the memorial garden opposite the Council building.

#### **Response:**

There have been a number of previous requests to light the Áras for various occasions, however the CPG has declined these for reasons of climate awareness and energy conservation.

The proposal will be brought to the next meeting of the CPG on 8<sup>th</sup> of October for consideration.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey**

That urgent replacement of windows and doors at our properties in St Emer's Estate is fast tracked before winter as many windows cannot be properly closed and are in danger of falling out.

**Response:**

Under the 2025 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme Longford County Council were given an allocation of 50 units. This allocation has now been delivered for 2025 and preparation work is underway for the 2026 programme.

The houses at St. Emer's do not currently form part of the 2026 programme, however the programme will be reviewed early next year once the 2026 allocation is received.

If there are specific houses that need maintenance works on the windows in St. Emer's estate in advance of the winter, a request can be logged with Housing Maintenance and the maintenance team will carry out necessary works.

**9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Longford Municipal District will take place on Wednesday, 22 October at 4pm in the Council Chamber.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Lorraine McKee

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Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 26 November 2025.

Signed: [Signature]

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