

Please note meeting will be held in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams.

05 February 2025

Chuig: Gach Ball don Chomhairle

A Chomhairleoir,

Iarrtar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosuil Chomhairle Chontae Longfoirt a tionólfar i Seomra na Comhairle, Aras an Chontae, Longford agus via MS Teams ar an **De Cheadaoin 12 Feabhra 2025 ag 4pm** chun gnó a dhéanamh d'éir an Chláir thíos.

You are requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Longford County Council to be held in the **Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams** on **Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 4pm** to transact business, as set out on the Agenda hereunder.

Mise le meas,

Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

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Prayer before meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Monthly meeting of Longford County Council held on 15 January 2025 – enclosed.

2. Matters Arising
3. Declaration of Interest by Members
4. To note Management Report
5. To note adopted Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 09 December 2024 – enclosed

6. Physical Development

- (i) To note planning applications received

(ii) Notice of Motions

Fianna Fail Councillors

We call on the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services, Reform and Digitisation to take action in response to the inadequate efforts of Uisce Éireann Management to restore supplies to consumers following recent storms as well as ongoing deficiencies and instruct Uisce Éireann to report directly to each Local Authority on all network outages, including water and sewage treatment plants, and work collaboratively with Local Authorities, taking their guidance on operations within their Municipal Districts to ensure a more efficient and responsive service for communities.

Councillor Martin Skelly

That generators be commissioned to back up our water reservoirs and a power system installed to operate these generators where none exists within our county. We must ensure that we have our water resources working when there is a power outage in the future.

Councillor Paul Ross

- (i) I call on Longford County Council to request ESB Networks to review their policy on trees in proximity to ESB power lines as most of the outages in the county were due to trees falling on power lines.
- (ii) I call on Longford Co Council to notify all landowners of their legal responsibilities in relation to management of trees and hedgerows and issue legal proceedings to those who do not comply.
- (iii) That Longford Co Council request the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Martin Heydon to introduce a grant scheme for farmers to remove dangerous trees especially Ash from road sides or near power cables

Councillor David Cassidy

I call upon Longford County Council to introduce and implement a program for the felling of trees under or in close proximity to overhead power cables throughout the county and to write to the Minister for Agriculture, Martin Heydon and the Junior Minister for Agriculture with responsibility for Forestry, Michael Healy-Rae to call on them to act upon and take action on the serious issue of existing forestry alongside or in close proximity to overhead power cables.

Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call on Longford County Council to engage with farmers, landowners, and the Minister for Agriculture to develop and introduce a grant scheme aimed at addressing the issues of trees along our road networks, especially those in poor condition due to ash dieback disease.

The recent storm highlighted the critical risks posed by these trees, which caused widespread damage to electricity lines and broadband infrastructure across the county. This disruption cannot be allowed to continue. I'm urging Longford County Council to advocate for this support at a national level.

Councillor Martin Monaghan

I call on Longford County Council, in light of the recent severe storm where 90 percent of the electric faults were caused by falling trees and branches, to call in the relevant service providers and farmers to compile a plan of action to cut back and remove where necessary trees etc, that may contribute to future damage to the network. State bodies should be contacted to provide the necessary supports to farmers as required.

Councillor David Cassidy

I call upon Longford County Council to write to and liaise with ASD Ireland to identify and allocate Autism Friendly Parking Spaces throughout our towns in Co. Longford.

Councillor Martin Monaghan

I call on Longford County Council to explore the options of exchanging some if not all of the street lighting in our towns, villages and junctions where lighting is in place, to solar powered lighting thus ensuring that during outages we have lighting to facilitate the safety of residents, road users and people using the town.

7. General

8. Training for approval

9. Correspondence

Correspondence received from Bus Eireann

10. Votes of Sympathy

11. Date and time of next Meeting