

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

03 September 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 10 Méan Fómhair 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, 10 September at 4pm** to transact business, as set out on the Agenda hereunder.

Mise le meas,

Lorraine McKee

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Meetings Administrator

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Prayer before meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Monthly meeting of Longford County Council held on 9 July 2025 – enclosed.
- (ii) Special meeting of Longford County Council held on 23 July 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 11 June 2025 – enclosed

6. Social Development

- (i) Section 183 – Substation at Granada View, Granard, Co. Longford
- (ii) Section 183 – 53 The Demesne, Longford
- (iii) Notice of Motions

Councillor Pat O'Toole

I call on Longford County Council to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, requesting that clear guidelines are issued in relation to proof of ownership requirements for Housing Adaptation grants. It seems there is no consistency nationally and oft cases elderly people have opted to pass up on the grant and much needed improvement works as the legal costs involved in regularising ownership is prohibitive.

7. Economic Development

- (i) Part VIII. No. 132 Proposed storm water management system to facilitate the re-development of the former Officers Building, Abbeycarton, Longford.
- (ii) Part VIII No. 133 Re-development of the former Longford Post Office, 43 Main Street, Longford
- (iii) Part VIII No. 131 - Ballymahon Pobal le Cheile Regeneration Project

8. Physical Development

- (i) To note planning applications received

- (ii) Cemetery Bye-Laws 2025
- (iii) Policy and Procedure for Abandoned Vehicles
- (iv) Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2027
- (v) Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 – 2030
- (vi) Notice of Motions

Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I am calling on Longford County Council to write to the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien TD, requesting that national guidelines be developed and implemented for the application, planning, and development of solar farms and wind turbines. These guidelines should promote consistency, transparency, comprehensive environmental assessment, robust community consultation, and protection of agricultural and ecological interests across Ireland.

Councillor Pat O'Toole

I call on the Minister for Housing James Browne T.D and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to relax the current planning rules regarding so-called ribbon developments of small numbers of individual houses along national, regional, and rural roads.

These restrictions are a major obstacle that needs to be tackled with urgency as they are preventing many qualifying residents from building homes in their local area.

9. The Ukrainian Humanitarian Response, Integration, Enterprise and Tourism

- (i) Notice of Motions

Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call on Longford County Council to engage with the Minister for Climate, Environment, Energy and Transport, Darragh O'Brien, to support the establishment of a taskforce including representatives from the Lanesboro/Ballyleague Collaborative Group, ESB, and Bord na Móna. As future plans for the area progress, it is essential that the local community is directly involved and positioned to benefit from any spinoffs or collaborative opportunities that arise.

10. General

(i) Notice of Motions

Councillor Padraig McNamara

I call on Longford County Council to write to Minister Patrick O'Donovan requesting the Government to commit to investing €15 million annually in the Irish Post Office Network, given its central role in delivering essential public services and providing critical financial supports to small businesses. With 540 Post Offices located in areas without a bank within a 5km radius, the Network is a lifeline for communities, particularly in rural Ireland, and its sustainability is vital for local economies, social inclusion, and community wellbeing.

11. Correspondence

- (i) Correspondence from Uisce Éireann
- (ii) Resolutions from Waterford County Council
- (iii) Notice of Motion from June meeting of Wexford County Council
- (iv) Resolution from Clare County Council
- (v) Resolution from Galway County Council (Minister for Health)
- (vi) Resolution from Galway County Council (HSE)
- (vii) Correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- (viii) Resolution from Limerick City & County Council
- (ix) Correspondence from Failte Ireland regarding EU Just Transition Extension
- (x) Correspondence from EMRA regarding EU Just Transition Extension
- (xi) Response from Minister Browne
- (xii) Resolution from Galway City Council
- (xiii) Resolution from Limerick City and County Council – Ribbon Development Rules
- (xiv) Resolution from Limerick City and County Council – Link to Community Welfare Support
- (xv) Resolution from Offaly County Council
- (xvi) Resolution from Donegal County Council – National Affordable Housing Schemes
- (xvii) Resolution from Donegal County Council – Socio-Economic Status
- (xviii) Correspondence from HSE

12. Training for Approval

13. Votes of Sympathy

14. Date and time of next meeting