

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Longford County Council
held in the Council Chamber, Aras An Chontae, Longford and via Microsoft Teams on
Friday, 20 June 2025 at 4pm**

PRESIDING: Councillor Mark Casey

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Paul Ross, Colin Dalton, Peggy Nolan, Niall Gannon, Garry Murtagh, Gerry Hagan, Pdraig McNamara, Martin Skelly, Seamus Butler, Uruemu Adejinmi, Mick Cahill, Pat O'Toole, Sean Mimmagh, Martin Monaghan, David Cassidy, Turlough McGovern

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive
Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services
Mr. Michael Nevin, A/Director of Services
Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services
Mr. John McKeon, Director of Services
Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kevin Hussey

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

CATHAOIRLEACH'S ADDRESS

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mark Casey, spoke regarding his term as Cathaoirleach of the Council. He stated that it had been a privilege to serve as Cathaoirleach and thanked the Elected Members for their support. Mark also thanked the Chief Executive, the Directors of Services, the Meetings Administrator and the Council's employees for their guidance,

support and help. He thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Peggy Nolan and the local media for their coverage and thanked his family for their support.

1. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan, that Councillor Garry Murtagh be elected Cathaoirleach.

As there was no other nomination, Councillor Garry Murtagh was, thereby, elected Cathaoirleach of Longford County Council until the Annual Meeting in 2026.

The Chain of Office was formally conferred on Councillor Murtagh.

Councillor Murtagh thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach of the Council for the coming twelve months. He said it was a proud occasion to be elected by the people, let alone receive the highest honour of Cathaoirleach of the County along with family and friends. He personally has learned a great deal over the last six years, and he hopes to bring this knowledge and experience into his role as Cathaoirleach. Councillor Murtagh noted a number of top priorities for the year ahead. He vowed to work tirelessly to ensure that these projects are delivered during his tenure including turning the sod on the new IDA development for County Longford, the Thrive application for Connolly Barracks and the development of The Mall as well as the development of active travel projects in North Longford and Ballymahon. Councillor Murtagh praised the outgoing Cathaoirleach Councillor Mark Casey for his stewardship and leadership over the past year.

Longford County Council Chief Executive Paddy Mahon said that it is a huge honour for Cllr Murtagh and his family, and it is a great opportunity to build on the notable work being undertaken in the county. He outlined that Councillor Murtagh has set out a number of challenges for the year ahead and he can assure him that the Council Executive and employees will work with him to ensure that as much as possible will be achieved under his tenure.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

It was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan, that Councillor Niall Gannon be elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

As there was no other nomination, Councillor Niall Gannon was, thereby, elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Longford County Council until the Annual Meeting in 2026.

The members praised Councillor Gannon's hard work during his first twelve months as a local representative. Councillor Gannon said he was delighted to take on the role of Leas Cathaoirleach and he pledged to work hard alongside his party colleague Councillor Murtagh and to support him as deputy chair.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PAT O'TOOLE TO THE GOVERNANCE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, Councillor Pat O'Toole was appointed to the Governance Strategic Policy Committee to replace Councillor Seamus Butler.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, Councillor Seamus Butler was appointed to the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee to replace Councillor Pat O'Toole.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSONS, YEAR 2 TO STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 2024-2029

Social Development Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan, Councillor Paul Ross was appointed Chairperson of the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Paul Ross be appointed as Chairperson of the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, Councillor Turlough McGovern was appointed Chairperson of the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Turlough McGovern be appointed as Chairperson of the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee.

Economic, Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Hagan seconded by Councillor Paul Ross Councillor Mark Casey was appointed Chairperson of the Economic, Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Mark Casey be appointed as Chairperson of the Economic, Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee.

Governance Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Skelly seconded by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, Councillor Pat O'Toole was appointed Chairperson of the Governance Strategic Policy Committee.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Pat O'Toole be appointed as Chairperson of the Governance Strategic Policy Committee.

Signed: Lorraine McKee

Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Meeting of Longford County Council held on the 9 July 2025

Signed: [Signature]

Cathaoirleach