

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

4 March 2026

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, Longfort agus via MS Teams ar an **De Ceadaoin, 11 Marta 2026 ag 4pm** chun gnó a dhéanamh d'réir 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, 11 March 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 11 February 2025 – enclosed.

2. Matters Arising

3. Declaration of Interest by Members

4. To note Management Report

5. To note CE and Delegation Orders

6. To note adopted Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 14 January 2026 – enclosed

7. To note adopted Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 9 April 2025

8. Social Development

- (i) To note the Minutes of the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2025 – enclosed.
- (ii) Longford County Council Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements, Cúirt an Easpaig, Ballinalee Road, Co. Longford – enclosed.

9. Economic Development

- (i) Cathaoirleach Awards 2026
- (ii) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026
- (iii) To note the Minutes of the Economic, Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 22 October 2025 – enclosed
- (iv) Revised Terms of Reference for the County Tourism Committee
- (v) Updated Memorandum of Understanding between Longford County Council and Longford County Tourism CLG.
- (vi) Small Rate Payer Support Scheme
- (vii) Business Incentive Scheme
- (viii) Shop Front Enhancement Scheme

- (ix) Dreamspace Update

10. Physical Development

- (i) To note planning applications received
- (ii) To note the Minutes of the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2025 – enclosed
- (iii) NPF Implementation Housing Growth Requirements – Correspondence from Ministers
- (iv) **Notice of Motions**

Councillor Turlough McGovern

- (i) Following on from the recent Road Safety Authority (RSA) Ireland review regarding the regulation of tractor (Category W) driving, considering the introduction of a mandatory, formal driving test and training program for learner permit holders.
I call on Longford County Council to write to the Minister seeking a training facility to be located in a central location like Granard Mart in County Longford. To support young people with proper training and instruction to improve road safety, as the current rules allow 16-year-olds to operate large tractors with only a learner permit. This is absolutely necessary to continue supporting the farming industry as a whole.
- (ii) I call on Longford County Council to make a presentation on their Environmental Enforcement Performance to-date. With farmers livelihoods and health under ever increasing pressure from external forces such as Mercosur and internal issues such as Derogation/Nitrates, consideration, compassion and support must be provided to farmers at this time.

Councillor Mick Cahill

I call on Longford County Council to provide an update on the current status of progress on the N4 Mullingar to Roosky project covering, consultant's, community, landowner engagement and environmental constraints, and also how the recent allocation of six million euro supports the project.

11. Finance, Innovation and Information Technology

- (i) To note the Minutes of the Governance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2025 – enclosed

- (ii) Members County Wide Fund 2025-2029
- (iii) Capital Budget 2026 – 2028

12. General

Notice of Motions

Councillor David Cassidy

I call upon Longford County Council to write to the Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, Norma Foley TD & Minister of State Emer Higgins TD to strongly advocate for an emergency payment to be made to disabled people to alleviate the shortfall from cuts to disability funding in Budget 2026, as a mechanism to bridge the gap until an annual Cost of Disability payment (which the government has committed to implement) in 2027 is put in place to address the extra expenses faced by disabled people.

Councillor Garry Murtagh

I call on Longford County Council to write to the Minister of State with responsibility for the department of health with special responsibility for older people Kieran O'Donnell in relation to insufficient support through the HSE for Home Help. People are stressed out and in direr straights with the lack of support on arriving home from hospital. People are being discharged from hospital with the necessary paperwork completed for the Health Care Package to arrive home to find inadequate supports available.

Local Health nurses and HSE staff are at breaking point. The reality is the private agencies in rural Ireland that are meant to support HSE/Home Help staff are not available. Private agencies in rural Ireland are not fit for purpose, min wage and lack of sufficient subsidies to cover the ever-rising costs of fuel is leaving it impossible for these agencies to retain staff. The HSE must do more in terms of active recruitment to increase Home Help staff, a core support to secure the future of home care for the elderly.

Furthermore, serious consideration must be given to a fully funded care and repair scheme to support elderly people that have insufficient supports and resources, to have the simplest tasks completed in the home like installing grab rails changing a light bulb mowing the lawn, to you and me simple everyday tasks yet difficult tacks for the more vulnerable in our society. We in Longford County Council would fully support a Care & Repair pilot scheme rolled out in Longford.

13. Correspondence

- (i) Correspondence from Sligo County Council
- (ii) Correspondence from Clare County Council
- (iii) Motion passed at meeting of Wicklow County Council
- (iv) Motion from Wexford County Council
- (v) Correspondence from Galway City Council
- (vi) Correspondences from Sorca Clarke
- (vii) Motion from Wexford County Council
- (viii) Correspondence from Minister Robert Troy
- (ix) NPF Implementation Housing Growth Requirements – Correspondence from Ministers
- (x) Correspondence from HSE
- (xi) Correspondence from LWETB
- (xii) Correspondence from Leitrim County Council

14. Training for Approval

15. Votes of Sympathy

16. Date and time of next meeting