

BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District
held in The Council Chamber
on Wednesday, 22 July 2026 at 2pm**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Mark Casey

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Sean Mimmagh, Paul Ross, Pat O'Toole and Martin Skelly

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Mary Gouldsbury, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Grace Creavin, A/Staff Officer
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mick Cahill
Samantha Healy, Director of Services

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Martin Skelly, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 26 May 2026 were adopted.

- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 26 May 2026 were adopted.
- (iii) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District AGM held on the 18 June 2026 were adopted.
- (iv) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 18 June 2026 were adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Paul Ross requested that Ballymahon Town Centre Car Park become a standing item on Ballymahon MD agenda going forward as agreed at a meeting in June.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

The members noted the report.

Councillor Pat O'Toole raised a query with regards to the housing in Drinan and asked that the development progress to a Part VIII as work has now commenced on the water treatment plant five weeks ago.

The Councillors raised concerns regarding the tracks and trails in Ballymahon Municipal District, asking that maintenance and trimming take place before the summer season going forward and they requested a report outlining the length of the walkways combined and cost involved in maintaining them.

Senior Executive Engineer Brain McNeela confirmed that there is a small allocation of funds which will be used towards the end of October after the nesting season, adhering to the Wildlife Act. He outlined that additional funding would be required for additional maintenance works.

Councillor Paul Ross suggested that a Policy may be required regarding overgrown walkways owned by Longford County Council. Councillor Mark Casey requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the September meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District.

5. COMMUNITY GRANTS

A/Staff Officer Grace Creavin updated the Elected Members on the Community Grants 2026.

On 8 June, correspondence was issued to Ballymahon Community Grant applicants advising them of the outcome of their applications following the May Ballymahon Municipal District meeting.

Of the 79 Community Grant Support Scheme 2026 applications approved for funding, 26 have been paid to date. A further 6 applications are currently awaiting review and are expected to be processed in the next payment run. This leaves 47 approved applications still to be processed.

On the proposal of Councillor Sean Mimmagh seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, Lough Ree Athletics Club were awarded €1,500 from the Community Grant Support Scheme 2026.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Martin Skelly

I call on Longford County Council to repair and upgrade the pavement outside the OPD houses at Smithfield, Legan as they are currently causing trips and falls.

Response:

Longford County Council will carry out an assessment of the existing footpath at this location to determine its condition and the extent of any works required. Following completion of this assessment, the Council will carry out any necessary localised repairs, subject to available resources. It is anticipated that these works will be undertaken following completion of the current Roads Programme.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole

I call on Longford County Council to investigate the possibility of installing speed ramps in Ballycloughan village due to the high level of speeding in this built-up area.

Response:

Longford County Council will consider this request in accordance with the Traffic Calming Policy. Traffic speeds will be monitored. We will consider appropriate traffic calming measures and will consider this location for future low cost safety scheme funding. It should be noted there are a significant number of requests for traffic calming measures, such as, requests will have to be prioritised.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call on Longford County Council in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to extend the current 60 KLM speed limit on the R392 at Terlicken, Ballymahon by 500 / 600 metres on the approach from the Lanesborough direction to beyond Groarke's Agri Store.

Response:

Longford County Council are currently undertaking a review of speed limits in accordance with the Department of Transport guidance. Longford County Council will examine the section of the R392 at Terlicken, as part of the speed limit review process. The proposal to extend the existing 60 km/h speed limit will be assessed having regard to the Department's Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits. Longford County Council will take this Notice of Motion as a submission for consideration as part of the ongoing review of speed limits.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Skelly and seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call upon Longford County Council to review and resolve the current situation at Barley harbour whereby those who come to visit the area during the fine weather will park in an uncoordinated way making life difficult and impossible for the local people to use the harbour. As Longford County Council are now the long term leaseholders it is their responsibility to ensure that the current rules and regulations are enforced and proper markings are put in place so that there will be no doubt in people's minds as to where you can and cannot park.

This is a matter of urgency and must be resolved asap before a major disaster happens

Response:

Longford County Council will review this location to determine what measures can be implemented to address the parking issues at Barley Harbour. The Council will assess the need for additional road markings, signage and other appropriate traffic management measures to improve parking arrangements and maintain access for local residents and harbour users.

7. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Thursday, 29 September 2026 at 3:30pm in Newtowncashel Hall.

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on 29 September 2026.