

BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District
held in Edgeworthstown Library
on Thursday, 22 January 2026 at 3:30pm**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Martin Skelly

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mick Cahill, Sean Mimmagh, Paul Ross, Pat O'Toole and Mark Casey

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Mary Gouldsbury, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Breege Cronin, Senior Staff Officer
Ms. Grace Creavin, A/Staff Officer
Ms. Janine Bartley, Community Safety Co-ordinator
Ms. Martina Needham, County Librarian
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

APOLOGIES: None

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

Ms. Janine Bartley, Community Safety Co-Ordinator made a presentation on Community Safety Place Standard Tool Exercise Edgeworthstown which included the following:

- Why Community Safety Partnerships
- What is the Place Standard Tool
- Community Safety Place Standard Tool Pilot with Public Health Scotland and Scottish Community Safety Network

- Scoring the themes of the Place Standard Tool
- Walk the routes
- Prioritisation action and feedback
- Place Standard Tool Edgeworthstown Score
- Priority Planning with timelines identified and funding mechanisms identified.

The members thanked Janine for her presentation and commended the work she is doing for the Municipal District and they also thanked County Librarian Martina Needham for her dedication to this project.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 4 December 2025 were adopted.
- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 4 December 2025 were adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Brian McNeela, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the management report to the members. The members noted the report.

Senior Executive Engineer Brian McNeela and Senior Executive Officer Mary Gouldsbury responded to queries raised by the Elected Members.

Councillor Pat O'Toole expressed his appreciation to the Housing Department for the retrofitting of 19 houses in St. Matthew's Park, Ballymahon. He enquired whether a retrofitting programme would be in place for 2026. Mary Gouldsbury informed the Members that she would follow up on this matter.

Councillor Pat O'Toole sought an update on the current status of the housing development in Drinan, Ballymahon. He stated that a bond should be put in place for the wastewater treatment plant and that, once the houses are constructed, Uisce Éireann would be in a position to carry out the required works.

Councillor Paul Ross sought information on derelict site levies and queried the number of properties currently subject to such levies. Mary Gouldsbury advised that responsibility for this area rests with the Town Centre First Team and confirmed that she would raise the matter with them and revert to the Members.

5. COMMUNITY GRANT

Breege spoke to the members regarding IPB and Public Realm money for the district. On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, it was agreed to transfer €40,000 of Public Realm funding to Edgeworthstown Walkway.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

I call on Longford County Council to seek funding for a low cost safety scheme at the dangerous junction at Bawn Moydow, this is a particularly dangerous section of road where numerous cars have crashed into a private residence.

Response:

Longford County Council will review this location to determine appropriate measures that can be put in place, and the location will be considered for future low-cost safety scheme applications.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call on Longford County Council to explore the possibility of placing traffic lights at the crossroads in Lanesboro. This junction has become very busy over the past number of years and a number of near misses and crashes have already happened.

Response:

This crossroads junction is on the N63 National Secondary Road. Longford County Council will review the issues at this location and will discuss it with the relevant Transport Infrastructure Ireland inspectors. Improvement work will be subject to support, funding and compliance with the procedures of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the availability of resources.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

I call on Longford County Council to put in a speed ramp in Sli na Moinsear in Moydow.

Response:

Longford County Council will consider this request in accordance with the Longford County Council Traffic Calming policy. Traffic speeds in this estate will be monitored. If a speed issue is confirmed, we will consider appropriate traffic calming measures and we will consider this location for future low-cost safety scheme funding.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole

I call on Longford County Council to place a bus shelter at Magiffs crossroads.

Response:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) are the authority which manages the provision of Bus Stop facilities and funds these facilities. Longford County Council will liaise with the NTA and explore the feasibility of installing a shelter at this location as part of the Bus stop enhancement programme.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mick Cahill and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

I call on Longford County Council to take remedial action to improve awareness of a right-angle bend at Bawn Moydow at the bottom of a hill. The house at the corner is very vulnerable when a vehicle is out of control, which has happened on a number of occasions.

Response:

Longford County Council will review this location to determine appropriate measures that can be put in place and will consider this location for future low-cost safety scheme applications.

7. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 10am in the Council Chamber.

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on 26 March 2026.