

BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District
held in Ballymahon Library
on Thursday, 26 March 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. Samantha Healy, Director of Services
Mr. Brian McNeala, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Grace Creavin, A/Staff Officer
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

APOLOGIES: None

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 22 January 2026 were adopted.
- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 22 January 2026 were adopted.
- (iii) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 4 March 2026 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 Director of Services Samantha Healy responded to queries raised by the Elected Members.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ROADS WORKS PROGRAMME 2026

Senior Executive Engineer Brian McNeela presented the Roads Work Programme 2026 to the Elected Members and he answered any questions raised by the Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole the Roads Work Programme for 2026 was approved.

6. COMMUNITY GRANT

Grace Creavin spoke to the Members regarding Community Grants.

Applications for 2026 are open since 12 March 2026 and will close on Thursday, 16 April 2026 at 4pm.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION FOR BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill the Annual Report Submission for Ballymahon Municipal District was approved.

8. 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 extend the footpath on the Bracklin Road, Edgeworthstown to Chestnut View housing estate in the interest of public safety.

Response:

This proposal is a viable future project under Active Travel. We will consider this project in order of priority for delivery when funding becomes available.

The local surface water drainage in this area will need to be addressed in advance of or in tandem with any footpath works, which will add significantly to construction costs.

The Active Travel budget allocation is already fully committed for 2026.

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

I wish to request a speed survey in Bracklin Park, Edgeworthstown with a view to installing traffic calming measures in this estate

Response:

Longford County Council previously met with representatives of the Bracklin Park Estate to discuss a number of issues within the estate, including concerns regarding vehicle speeds. I was successful in securing funding for Bracklin Park under the Low Cost Safety Scheme, which will allow the Council to progress the appropriate traffic calming measures as part of the 2026 programme. These works will be advanced subject to the required public consultation process.

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

I call on Longford County Council carry out a review of traffic calming at St Mels School, Ardagh and seek funding to install a raised pedestrian crossing to slow traffic down as speeding is still an issue at this location.

Response:

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

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

I call on this Municipal District Council and Longford County Council to carry out an assessment of the adequacy of the lighting at two pedestrian crossings on Main Street Ballymahon, one at St. Matthew's Church and the other one opposite the former post office in the middle of town.

Response:

Longford County Council will have the lighting levels at the pedestrian crossings assessed. Where additional lighting is required, we will provide it. We would point out that at the signalised crossing at the old post office, there is no requirement for additional lighting above normal street lighting as traffic and pedestrians are controlled by the signals.

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

I call on Longford County Council to install appropriate traffic calming measures, including speed ramps, within The Green Housing Estate, Lanesboro, Co. Longford, in order to address ongoing road safety concerns for residents and children attending the local playschool.

Response:

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

9. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Tuesday, 26 May 2026 at 3:30pm in Ballymahon Library.

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