

## **LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams on Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at 4pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Peggy Nolan, Niall Gannon, Kevin Hussey,  
Gerry Hagan, Seamus Butler and Martin Monaghan

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services  
Mr. Peter Brady, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Anita Doherty, Staff Officer  
Mr. Michael Nevin, Head of Local Enterprise  
Ms. Janine Bartley, Community Safety Co-ordinator  
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

#### **MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Ms. Lorraine McKee

**APOLOGIES:** None

#### **1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – CIRCULATED**

- I. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 26 November 2025 as circulated.

- II. On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 26 November 2025 as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Councillor Seamus Butler asked for an update on a Notice of Motion he had at the November meeting regarding the survey on the Back Lanes in Teffia Park.

Senior Executive Engineer, Peter Brady informed Councillor Butler that survey's are currently underway and that works are planned to be completed this year.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

**4. ENGINEERS REPORT – as circulated.**

Peter Brady updated the members on the Engineers Report, which was noted, and he answered any questions and concerns raised by the Elected Members.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF THE NAMING OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME IN LONGFORD**

Following consideration and recommendation of the November 2025 Place Naming Committee Meeting, and on the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was agreed that the Affordable Housing Scheme Houses 1-25 in Ard Michael, Longford will be named Cúirt an Easpaig.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kevin Hussey and seconded by Councillor Niall Gannon**

I call on Longford County Council, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to put in place a clear, agreed and time-bound framework for the organisation of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Longford town, including:

- The early designation of a lead organising body
- Defined roles and responsibilities for all participating organisations
- Agreed timelines for delivery, and
- A contingency plan to ensure the parade proceeds in the event that any designated organiser withdraws.

This framework should be confirmed well in advance of each St. Patricks Day to provide certainty for volunteers, community groups, local businesses, and the wider public, and to avoid a repeat of difficulties experienced in 2025.

**Response:**

Michael Nevin, Head of Local Enterprise informed the members that the Council would step in again to organise the parade and look at the structures for organising future parades. Director of Services, John Brannigan outlined to the Members that an allocation of €20,000 from the Municipal District Allocation Fund would be required for the parade to proceed this year. He also requested that Members submit suggestions for Grand Marshal to the Meetings Administrator, Lorraine McKee, for consideration by management.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Niall Gannon and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford Municipal District to acknowledge the serious and ongoing traffic safety issues on Great Water Street, Longford, and commit to carrying out an urgent assessment with a view to widening the carriageway to allow the safe passage of two vehicles without the need for cars to mount the footpath.

**Response:**

Longford County Council is currently reviewing options for the proposed widening of the road carriageway on Great Water Street. As part of these works, it is intended to resurface the street later this year under the Road Programme, from the junction with Main Street to Camlin View.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Niall Gannon and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford Municipal District to acknowledge the serious and ongoing safety risks posed by icy and frosty conditions on Tennis Club Lane, Longford, and commit to implementing appropriate and regular gritting measures during periods of frost and freezing temperatures.

**Response:**

Longford County Council is currently salting in excess of 23% of the road network in the County and do not have the capacity to take on any additional salting works.

The objective of the winter maintenance programme is to provide so far as is reasonably practical for the safe movement of road users on the National Roads and other strategic routes identified, during adverse weather conditions. As it is not feasible to treat all public thoroughfares, it is necessary to create a schedule of route prioritisation. Routes are designated a priority rating of between 1 and 3 based upon the road classification, the traffic volume carried, public transport usage etc and the importance of the route on a national, regional, or local level.

Longford County Council will review Tennis Club Lane as part of the Winter Maintenance Programme for 2026/27.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Niall Gannon and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey**

I call on Longford Municipal District to note the serious and ongoing concerns of residents in the townlands of Glack and Teffia arising from the continued occupation and use of an abandoned factory adjacent to residential homes, which is currently being squatted in and used as an informal living space.

The situation is resulting in persistent anti-social behaviour, including late-night noise disturbance, increased footfall from unknown and unwanted individuals, and a general sense of fear, intimidation, and unease among local residents.

In conjunction with the property owner, An Garda Síochána, and relevant statutory agencies, I request that a clear and timely solution be identified and implemented to restore safety, peace of mind, and quality of life for the residents of Glack and Teffia.

**Response:**

Director of Services, John Brannigan informed the members that a dangerous site notice had been placed on the building on Thursday, 22 January 2026. After 14 days have passed, the Environment Section of Longford County Council can carry out thorough investigations of the site.

**AOB**

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Hussey seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, it was agreed the Elected Members of Longford Municipal District would give €20,000 from the Longford Municipal District Allocation Fund to the St. Partick's Day Parade for 2026.

The Parade will take place on Tuesday, 17 March at 1pm.

**7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Longford Municipal District will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 in the Council Chamber.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 4 March 2026.**