

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford County Council**

**held in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams on**

**Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 4pm**

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**PRESIDING:** Councillor Mark Casey

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors Paul Ross, Paraic Brady, Peggy Nolan, Niall Gannon, Garry

Murtagh, Gerry Hagan, Padraig McNamara, Turlough McGovern,

Martin Skelly, Seamus Butler, Uruemu Adejinmi,

Mick Cahill, Pat O’Toole, Sean Mimnagh, David Cassidy, Kevin Hussey

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Mr. Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive

Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services

Mr. John McKeon, Director of Services

Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services

Mr. Michael Nevin, A/Director of Services

Ms. Louise Kiernan, A/Director of Services

**APOLOGIES**: Mr. John Brannigan

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Claire McNabola

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan, seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders. Councillor Nolan raised an issue in relation to agenda item No.4 at the Annual meeting of Longford MD which related to the date and time of Longford Municipal District. meetings.

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
2. On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Longford County Council held on 10 May 2024, as circulated, were confirmed, and adopted.
3. On the proposal of Councillor Paraic Brady seconded by Councillor Paul Ross the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Longford County Council held on 21 June 2024, as circulated, were confirmed, and adopted.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

1. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Councillor Peggy Nolan raised her concerns over the purchasing and reconfiguration of private properties for use by HSE & Tusla Longford town. She questioned if the appropriate planning permissions were in place for proposed change of use.

1. **MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 10 APRIL 2024 – AS CIRCULATED**

Noted

1. **FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
2. **To note adopted minutes of Governance SPC held on 16 April 2024**

Noted

1. **HOUSING, PLANNING, REGENERATION & CAPITAL PROJECTS**
2. **Section 183 – 31 Chapel Lane, Longford County Council**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan, seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler the presented Section 183 for 31 Chapel Lane, Longford was approved.

1. **To Note Planning Applications received**

Noted

1. **COMMUNITY, LIBRARY AND CULTURAL SERVICES, CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES**
2. **Consideration and adoption of Annual Report 2023**

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan the draft Annual Report for 2023 was adopted.

1. **Consideration of Draft Term of Reference – Place Naming Committee**

Following recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group and on the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole the draft Terms of Reference for the Place Naming Committee were unanimously adopted.

1. **Consideration of Draft Term of Reference – Protocols & Procedures Committee**

Following recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group and on the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole the draft Terms of Reference for the Protocols and Procedures Committee were unanimously adopted.

1. **Consideration of Draft Civic Protocols**

The draft Civic Protocols were considered by the Protocols and Procedures Committee in May 2024 and were unanimously approved and recommended for consideration at the July Corporate Policy Group meeting. The draft Civic Protocols were presented to the Council following unanimous approval and recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that they be adopted. However, on the proposal of Cathaoirleach Mark Casey, seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the Cathaoirleach referred them back to the Protocols and Procedures Committee for consideration at their September Meeting.

1. **Appointment of fourth member to the Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, it was agreed that this be deferred to the September meeting of Longford County Council pending further clarity from the Department.

1. **Appointment of third member to Longford Enterprise Development Committee Ltd**

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, Councillor Martin Skelly was appointed to the Longford Enterprise Development Committee Ltd.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Martin Skelly appointed to Longford Enterprise Development Company Ltd.

1. **Consideration of Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029 in advance of public consultation**

Following recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group and on the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 was approved to progress to public consultation.

1. **INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE ACTION AND INNOVATION**
2. **To note adopted minutes of Climate Action & Planning SPC held on 31 January 2024**

Noted

1. **To note adopted minutes of Strategic Infrastructure SPC held on 1 February 2024**

Noted

1. **GENERAL**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS, SET OUT HEREUNDER**

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey, and seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh**

I call on Longford County Council to seek a meeting with the Bus Eireann School Transport Office, with responsibility for Co. Longford to discuss the number of children omitted from school transport throughout the County.

It was agreed that Longford County Council would write to Minister Norma Foley in relation to the matter and also seek a meeting with Bus Eireann Transport Office.

1. **TRAINING APPROVAL**

On the proposal by Councillor Paul Ross, seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh the presented list of attendance at training programmes was approved.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Cathaoirleach Councillor Mark Casey together with all the Members expressed their sincere sympathies to Chief Executive Paddy Mahon on the recent passing of his mother Mary – May she rest in peace.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Mark Casey together with all the Members expressed their sincere sympathies to the families of Tommy O’Gorman and John O’Mahony who both passed away this week. May they rest in peace.

The Elected Members thanked Longford County Council employees for their work and participation at Sunday’s County Longford Agricultural Show. They also extended their gratitude and complements to the Show Committee, communities and Councillor Gerry Hagan for the providing lands to host Sunday’s show. The show was a huge success and was an enormous credit to the organising committee.

The Members also congratulated the organising committee on the successful Suntown Festival held in Granard over the weekend.

The Members collectively sent best wishes to former Councillor PJ Reilly as he has now home after 16 weeks in hospital.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Claire McNabola**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Meeting of Longford County Council held on the 11 September 2024.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Cathaoirleach**