

LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams on Tuesday, 24 June 2025 at 12pm

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

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

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr. Peter Brady, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Anita Doherty, Staff Officer
Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Service
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

MEETINGS
ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

APOLOGIES: None

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – CIRCULATED

- I. On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 27 May 2025 as circulated.
- II. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on 27 May 2025 as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT – as circulated.

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

Seamus Butler proposed that the Management Report Update be renamed The Engineers Report. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan and was unanimously agreed by members.

5. FOOTPATH PROGRAMME

Peter Brady made a detailed presentation to the members in relation to the footpath programme outlining works planned for Longford Town and Newtownforbes for 2025-2027.

The work may continue into 2028 depending on progress.

Peter outlined the cost of the programme per year.

2025 - €504,465

2026 - €689,533

2027 - €806,002

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Hagan seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler, the Footpath Programme 2025-2027 was approved.

6. PROPOSED PAID PARKING CHARGES

John McKeon outlined to the members that the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee after their meeting in April, recommended this footpath programme to the Longford Municipal District for consideration. John gave a detailed presentation to the elected members on the proposed paid parking changes and answered any concerns and questions raised by the members.

The paid parking charges is the last pillar of the strategic business plan. The increase in the charges to paid parking would fund the footpath programme, provide certainty of long-term discretionary funding to Longford Municipal District and provide funding for the continuous meter replacement and upgrade programme. There are 76 meters in the town, 13 are contactless and 63 needs replacing.

Councillor Martin Monaghan and Councillor Kevin Hussey raised concerns about the increase in charges and the effect that they will have on small retailers on the town. They were not in favour of adopting the charges.

Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan proposed to adopt the increase in the paid parking charges.

A counter proposal from Councillor Martin Monaghan seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey was made not to adopt the increase in paid parking charges.

Councillor Martin Monaghan and Councillor Kevin Hussey voted not to proceed with the increase paid parking charges.

A vote was taken by the members.

The following members voted in favour of the increase in Paid Parking Charges.

Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, Councillor Seamus Butler, Councillor Peggy Nolan, Councillor Niall Gannon, Councillor Gerry Hagan.

The following members voted against the increase Paid Parking Charges.

Councillor Martin Monaghan, Councillor Kevin Hussey.

The increase in the paid parking charges were adopted.

7. THE PROPOSAL FOR THE LAND IN THE MALL

Director of Services John Brannigan informed the members that plans are being developed for the land in the Mall. The members expressed their views on what they wanted for the area. John outlined that a plan will be presented to the members at a further meeting of Longford Municipal District. The plans will reflect the needs of the town and county and will be subject to grant funding from Central Government.

8. PROPOSED NAMING OF THE AUTISM PLAYGROUND AND THE GREYHOUND TRACK

The members suggested some names for the Playground - The sunflower Park or the kaleidoscope/slideascope.

The Park Road Leisure Complex was suggested as a name for the Greyhound Track.

It was agreed that the members would submit to the meetings administrator their suggested names to be forwarded to the Place Naming Committee for consideration.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kevin Hussey and seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan

I call on Longford County Council to provide an update on when the special needs playground on Park Road will open.

Response:

The playground will be open to the public on Friday, 27 June, with an official opening taking place by Minister Dara Calleary on Thursday, 17 July.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kevin Hussey and seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan

I call on Longford County Council to provide an update on the Provider's building.

Response:

Providers building is still up for sale and cannot be sold without the approval of the Elected Members.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Longford Municipal District will take place on Wednesday, 23 July at 4pm in the Council Chamber

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Lorraine McKee

Lorraine McKee

Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 23 July 2025.

Signed: [Signature]

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