

LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams
on Wednesday, 26 November 2025 at 4pm**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

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

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr. Peter Brady, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Anita Doherty, Staff Officer
Ms. Martina McGrath, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

APOLOGIES: Councillor Martin Monaghan

Director of Services, John Brannigan

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 24 September 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 24 September 2025 as circulated.
- III. On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Hussey seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Longford Municipal District held on 22 October 2025 as circulated
- IV. On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Hagan seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Longford Municipal District GMA held on 22 October 2025 as circulated

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

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. The Elected Members thanked Peter and his team for their work in completing so many projects over the past 12 months, and they look forward to working closely with him in 2026.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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

I call on Longford Municipal District to undertake a comprehensive programme of emptying and cleaning all roadside gulleys, drains, and water traps within the Municipal District area.

This work is required to ensure effective drainage, reduce the risk of localised flooding, and maintain safe road conditions, particularly in advance of the winter period.

Furthermore, that the Council provide members with a schedule for this maintenance programme, and that a report of works completed be circulated to the Municipal District to ensure accountability and ongoing monitoring.

Response:

At present, Longford County Council complete maintenance of existing gullies and drains on an annual basis. A detailed maintenance programme can be put in place.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kevin Hussey and seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler

I call on Longford County Council to introduce vehicle clamping or other strong enforcement measures in Longford Town to address the ongoing issue of illegal parking, in particular vehicles parking unlawfully in disabled bays, loading bays, and the taxi rank at Market Square.

Response:

A recruitment process is currently underway which will see the filling of the vacant Traffic Warden position. The filling of this position will increase the Council's visibility in Longford Town and assist in addressing noncompliance with traffic laws. It is noted that a new traffic warden will be commencing after Christmas.

While Longford County Council currently has no plans to introduce vehicle clamping in Longford Town, a review of the current Parking Bye-Laws is scheduled for 2026. Feedback from the Elected Members in Longford Municipal District will be considered as part of the review process and the introduction of vehicle clamping can be considered at that time. A review of the Council's enforcement procedures will also be undertaken in conjunction with the introduction of new Bye-Laws.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan

I call on Longford County Council to relocate to a suitable area, the existing MUGA games area in the Albert Reynolds Peace Park currently used for Petanque (Boules), during the forthcoming works, to another suitable place within the Park.

Response:

Longford County Council has recently met members of the boules committee to discuss the proposed new location of the Boules area.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey

I call on Longford County Council to carry out a survey of the back lanes in Teffia Park with a view to improvements bringing them to an agreed standard with the Residents.

Response:

Longford County Council will review and complete surveys in this area. Any proposed improvements will be subject to funding.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey

I call on Longford County Council to urgently establish a Local Community Safety Taskforce, led by the Garda Superintendent in collaboration with Council services and the Clonbalt Woods Residents Association, to address repeated criminal and arson incidents in the estate.

The Taskforce should develop an action plan to restore safety and support residents, with progress reported to the next Longford Municipal District meeting.

Response:

A meeting is being arranged by Longford County Council with the Superintendent with a view to discussing the matter and putting appropriate actions in place.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan

I call on Longford County Council to clear out all gullies and drains in Clonbalt Woods Estate. The residents are experiencing great difficulty with flooding on roads throughout the estate due to blocked drains & gullies.

Response:

Longford County Council will carry out maintenance of existing gullies and drains.

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Longford Municipal District will take place on Wednesday, 28 January 2026 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 28 January 2026.

Signed: Uruemu Adejinmi

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