

BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District
held in Ballymahon Library
on Tuesday, 26 May 2026 at 3:30pm**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Martin Skelly

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors 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
Ms. Trina Keenaghan, Clerical Officer
Mr. Richard Smith, Senior Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mick Cahill

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (i) On the proposal of Councillor Pat O'Toole seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 26 March 2026 were adopted.
- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh, the minutes of the Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 26 March 2026 were adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

The members noted the report.

5. COMMUNITY GRANTS

Ballymahon Municipal District was allocated €120,000 for Community Grants Scheme 2026.

A total of 91 applications were received and 72 applicants were successful. €74,215 was committed, leaving €45,785 to be distributed at the September meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Mark Casey the Community Grants as circulated were approved.

6. CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS PITCH LOCATIONS

Senior Executive Officer Richard Smith made a presentation to the Members updating them on the casual trading bye-laws.

The locations for the casual trading in Ballymahon Municipal District are:

- 3 locations in Ballymahon Town
- 1 location in Edgeworthstown
- 2 locations in Lanesboro

The sites were internally reviewed by relevant departments in Longford County Council and externally reviewed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Certain sites will be marked out and signs will be erected.

Once approved by the full council in the coming months, the Casual Trading Bye-Laws will be reviewed every two years.

On the proposal of Councillor Mark Casey seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh the casual trading pitch locations for Ballymahon MD were approved.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross, Sean Mimmagh, Pat O'Toole, Mick Cahill, Martin Skelly and Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

We call on Longford County Council to seek funding from TII to investigate the possibility of a bypass on the N55 of Ballymahon to improve the traffic flow and overall safety of the town.

Response:

Longford County Council will write to the TII in relation to this proposal requesting a scheme to progress an N55 Bypass of Ballymahon.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole

I call on Longford County Council to examine all options of traffic calming and apply for a low - cost safety scheme on the R392 Mullingar Road into Ballymahon at the water tower, where there have been several accidents in recent years. These measures should prevent motorists from crashing and leave the footpath safer for pedestrians.

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. A speed survey is currently ongoing.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Pat O'Toole

I call on Longford County Council to upgrade the traffic calming and safety measures at The Shawbrook/ Newtown turn, Legan in the interest of public safety.

Response:

Longford County Council recently carried out safety improvement measures at this location. The Council will continue to monitor the location to assess the effectiveness of these measures and to determine if any further works may be required in the interest of public safety.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

I call on Longford County Council and the National Transport Authority to provide a traffic calming measure ie, a ramp on the R392 Mullingar approach road at the Hill Ballymahon before the junction with the Creevaghbeg Road.

This stretch of road has been the scene of many accidents down through the years the most recent saw a motorist lose his life at the end of March.

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. A speed survey is currently ongoing.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call on Longford County Council to install 10 pencil bollards outside the school in Newtowncashel in the interest of student safety.

Response:

Funding has been approved to install pencil bollards at Newtowncashel school through the Active Travel section. Bollards can be installed by South Longford Area staff following consultation with the school.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh

I call on Longford County Council to place a new storm grid on the footpath side of Gorteengar Lanesboro on the Ballymahon road to link in with the existing drainage on the opposite side of the road.

Response:

Longford County Council has secured funding for drainage improvement works at this location. It is anticipated that the works will commence in the coming weeks, subject to programme scheduling and operational requirements.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sean Mimmagh and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

I am calling on Longford County Council to urgently address serious safety concerns at Lock 41 in Mosstown, Kenagh.

Appropriate warning signage needs to be installed in the area to alert motorists and pedestrians to the dangers present at the location.

There is a sheer drop of approximately 25 feet from the roadside into the adjoining field, creating a significant hazard for vehicles and road users. I am requesting that suitable barriers or fencing be installed immediately to prevent the risk of vehicles accidentally leaving the roadway and going over the embankment.

The road surface around the bridge at Lock 41 is in a state of serious disrepair and requires urgent maintenance.

Response:

Longford County Council will arrange for an inspection to be carried out at Lock 41, Mosstown, Kenagh, to assess the safety concerns raised at this location. The assessment will consider the need for appropriate warning signage, safety barriers or fencing, and any necessary repairs to the road surface in the vicinity of the bridge. Any works identified will be prioritised based on risk and may be considered for inclusion under the Low Cost Safety Scheme and/or future Roads Programme, subject to the availability of funding.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Skelly and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

I call on Longford County Council to upgrade the footpath on the Hall side in Newtowncashel. It has now become dangerous for people to use in inclement weather conditions.

Response:

Longford County Council will carry out an assessment of the existing footpath at this location to determine its condition and the extent of works required. Following this assessment, the Council will consider the inclusion of these works in the Municipal District Works Programme and will also explore potential funding opportunities, including the Active Travel Programme and IPB funding.

8. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District will take place on Thursday, 18 June 2026 at 12pm in Lanesboro Library.

Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on 23 July 2026.