

GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Granard Municipal District held in The Council Chamber on Monday, 22 June 2026 at 3:30pm

CATHAOIRLEACH: Councillor Turlough McGovern

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Garry Murtagh,
Pádraig McNamara, Colin Dalton

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services
Ms. Claire McNabola, Administrative Officer
Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Louise Connaughton, Clerical Officer

APOLOGIES Councillor David Cassidy

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

Councillor Turlough McGovern spoke about his past 12 months as Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District saying it was a great honour for him. He expressed his thanks to his fellow Councillors, the Management Team, Director of Services Barbara Heslin, David Coppinger and the Roads Team, Lorraine, Louise and Claire.

1. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Turlough McGovern, Councillor Padraig McNamara was elected Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District until the AGM in 2027.

The Members unanimously wished Councillor Padraig McNamara the best of luck as Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District for the next 12 months.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Padraig McNamara acknowledged the work of outgoing Cathaoirleach Councillor McGovern and he thanked his fellow Councillors for placing their trust in him for the year ahead.

Councillor Padraig McNamara highlighted that Granard Municipal District is a proud and vibrant area with tremendous potential. He is looking forward to working constructively with all Councillors, the Chief Executive, Management Team and all Council staff, as well as community groups and local residents to continue delivering positive outcomes for the towns, villages and rural communities within Granard Municipal District.

Councillor McNamara is committed to ensuring that every voice is heard and that the Councillors can work together in a spirit of respect and cooperation to make Granard Municipal District a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Councillor McNamara thanked his family, his friends and his supporters for all their encouragement and support they have shown him since his election to Longford County Council.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Turlough McGovern, Councillor Colin Dalton was elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District until the AGM in 2027.

The Members unanimously wished Councillor Colin Dalton the best of luck as Leas Cathaoirleach of Granard Municipal District for the next 12 months.

Councillor Colin Dalton thanked the Elected Members for nominating him as Leas Cathaoirleach, stating that he was delighted and honoured to take up the position. Councillor Dalton is looking forward to working alongside Cathaoirleach Councillor Padraig McNamara and he is willing to help out where he can.

3. FIX DATE AND TIME OF GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Granard Municipal District meetings will take place on the 4th Monday of every second month at 3:30pm.

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Granard Municipal District will take place on 27 July 2026 at 3:30pm in Granard Library.

Director of Services Barbara Heslin thanked outgoing Cathaoirleach Councillor Turlough McGovern for all his work and support over the past 12 months and she wished Cathaoirleach Councillor Padraig McNamara and Councillor Colin Dalton all the best for the next 12 months.

Barbara commended all the Councillors in Granard Municipal District highlighting the fact that they all work well together for the betterment of their area and stating they are a fantastic bunch of people to work with.

Confirmed and adopted at Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 27 July 2026