

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday, 21st December, 2022
at 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. Charlie Murphy, Chairperson
Cllr. John Murphy
Cllr. John Pender
Cllr. John McDonald (virtually)
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue
Cllr. William Paton

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer
Máiréad O'Brien, Administrative Officer

Apologies: Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday 16th November, 2022 at 4:00p.m.

The Minutes were taken as read and as there were no matters arising the minutes were;

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Murphy

Seconded by: Cllr. W. Paton

And Resolved.

2. Active Travel

S. Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer gave an update to the Meeting on progress under the Active Travel programme in the Tullow MD area. Members welcomed the progress to date in the MD area and congratulated the Active Travel team on the completion of various projects including the Tullow Town Orbital, St. Oliver's Park Myshall, Court Lawns, Tullow, De Lacey Abbey and the safe route to school.

It was noted that any future proposals for the Tullow Area will be in conjunction with Tullow 2040 proposals. Queries raised by Members were answered in detail by Mr. Loughlin.

3. Housing Report

M. Brennan, Director of Services gave an update to Members on housing progress in the Tullow area. Members welcomed updates on projects and requested that for future MD meetings the report would issue in advance of the meeting and clearly outline progress. The ongoing proposals for Ardattin were discussed in detail. Members noted a meeting has taken place between officials of Carlow County Council and Irish Water staff. It was

agreed to await correspondence from Irish Water on the Ardattin proposals and respond as required.

4. Engineers Report

P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer briefed Members on progress to date in the Tullow M.D. area under the various roads grant funding streams. Works for 2023 are now being planned with tender documents for surface dressing, chips and footpath programmes currently being progressed.

Amendments to the 2023 programme will be required due to the rise in inflation and an in-committee meeting will be held before the next MD meeting to agree same.

P.Harrington, S.E.E. informed Members that AA Screening Report, Bat surveys and topographical surveys have been completed in relation to proposed works at Rathvindin and Lisnavagh bridges.

Members thanked P. Harrington, S.E.E. and his team for works completed during 2022. Following discussion it was agreed that the Roads Administration office would write to the landowner of the carpark on the Relief Road in Tullow re fencing issues. It was further noted that the carpark lease renewal date is June 2023.

A discussion took place on changes to the LIS scheme for 2023 and P. Harrington is to clarify the issue in relation to the requirement for area aid in relation to LIS applications.

4. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Any Other Business

Cllr. W. Paton raised the issue of ring buoys in Tullow town and was advised the purchase of ring buoys is in hand and they should be in place in Q1 2023.

Cllr. C. Murphy raised the issue of Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) as introduced under the Finance Act 2021 and as part of the Housing for All programme. Identification and mapping of lands will be carried out by the Local Authority and administration of the tax will be undertaken by the Revenue Commissioners. Carlow County Council RZLT is currently open for public consultation and Cllr. Murphy encouraged landowners to engage with the process.

M. Brennan, D.O.S. to follow up with Cllr. Murphy in relation to Carlow Road lands.

This concluded the business of the meeting.