

Minutes of the Municipal District of Tullow held on Wednesday 19th October, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

Present: Cllr. C. Murphy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. B. O'Donoghue
Cllr. J. McDonald (via Microsoft Teams)
Cllr. J. Murphy
Cllr. J. Pender
Cllr. W. Paton

In Attendance: M. Brennan, Director of Services
E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
M. O'Brien, Administrative Officer

Apologies: P. Harrington, S.E.E.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 19th September, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Proposed by: Cllr. B. O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Cllr. W. Paton

And Resolved.

2. Business prescribed by statute, standing orders or resolution of the Municipal District Members

2.1 Disposal of Land

E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer informed the meeting that it is proposed to dispose of a portion of land at Ratheen, Kildavin, Co. Carlow being an old section of land and roadway abutting the Kildavin by-pass. The purchaser is the property owner adjoining the parcel of land. There were no objections to this matter proceeding to full council for consideration of the Members. It was noted that the transaction will be cost neutral to the Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Murphy

Seconded by: Cllr. W. Paton

And Resolved.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Tullow Courthouse Update

E. Brophy, SEE gave an update on Tullow Courthouse informing Members that Margaret Quinlan, Architect has completed a report and advised that preservation works are required immediately to secure the building. Going forward, it is suggested that the building could have potential as a library building. It is proposed to retrain the services of Ms. Quinlan, Architect and make an application for Historic Structures grant in Q1 2023. A proposal for the future use of the building is a medium to long term project.

3.2 Housing Progress Report

B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer briefed the meeting on housing progress in the Tullow Municipal District area. Concerns raised by members in relation to proposals for Rathvilly were clarified by Mr. O'Donovan. Members welcomed news of upcoming affordable housing scheme. Queries raised by Members were answered in detail.

3.3 Area Engineers Report

Due to the absence of P. Harrington, S.E.E., B. O'Donovan read the Area Engineers report to the meeting.

(i) Footpath Improvement Works Update

Footpath improvement works are up to date with paths at Myshall and Rathoe complete. Works on the footpath at Castledermot Road, Tullow are ongoing with an expected completion date of November, 2022. Works will commence in Hacketstown before the end of year.

(ii) LIS Lanes Update

All lanes are completed under the LIS scheme for 2022.

(iii) Macadam Update

All macadam projects for 2022 are complete including works at the junction of the N81 and R717.

(iv) Junction Narrowing Update

The junction narrowing project at St. Olivers Park, Myshall is complete. Junction narrowing at Court Lawns is at planning stage to commence before end of year.

(v) Bridge Projects for 2023

Principal inspection have been completed at Lisnavagh and Rathvarrin. A funding application has been submitted to the Department of Transport for 2023 and a tender process has commenced to engage consulting engineers for the proposed works. It is anticipated that the projects will commence in Q1 2023.

4. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Any Other Business

Cllr. Paton raised the issue of life buoys at Thomas Traynor Memorial Park and was advised by the Director of Services that the issue is in hand and the Water Safety Officer is in the process of securing 3 no. buoys for that area.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

