

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
Held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday, 15th February , 2023
at 4.00 pm.**

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

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 18th January 2023.

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

Proposed:by: Cllr. William Paton.

Seconded by: Cllr. John Murphy.

And Resolved.

2. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Municipal District Members.

2.1 Draft Annual Service Plan 2023:-

Michael Brennan advised of details of funding proposed under the following grants:-

- (1) Environmental.
- (2) Building Community Leadership Support Scheme.
- (3) St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- (4) Contribution to Carrigduff Swimming Pool.

Queries raised by members were answered by M. Brennan.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy.

Seconded by :Cllr. William Paton.

And Resolved that the funding proposals outlined in the Draft Annual Service Plan 2023 is hereby approved.

2.2 Part VIII process – Rathvilly Schoolhouse Community and Enterprise Hub.

Cllr B O' Donoghue declared that he had a conflict in respect of this project and left the meeting at this point.

Kieran Comerford gave a presentation and answered queries from the members in connection with this proposal. The members were fully supportive and thanked Kieran Comerford.

It was proposed by Cllr W Paton and seconded by Cllr. John Murphy

And Resolved that the Part VIII Planning process in respect of Rathvilly School House and Enterprise Hub be initiated.

3.0 Area Engineer's Report.

Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer briefed the members on progress to date in the Tullow Municipal District. Pat advised he has met with Irish Water in relation to Sewerage Works in Tullow. A map was provided for the members. He also discussed the annual programme and provided the list of Discretionary Improvements. Maps of the following were also provided – Restoration Improvement (Macadam /Recycling), Restoration Maintenance (Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Surface Dressing and Ralumac). Pat also provided a partial list to the elected members of the Supplementary Discretionary Improvements Increased Fund – Proposed. Handouts were provided.

3.3. Housing Progress Report

B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update to members on housing progress in the Tullow Area. The members were advised that a high percentage of housing applications are deemed "invalid" due to incomplete application forms and missing supporting documentation. A discussion followed on the housing application form, which is a National form. It was agreed that the Housing Department would compile a list of the most common mistakes, for applicants, when completing the application form, which should help applicants to complete the forms correctly. Members were advised that the Self Help Scheme would be advertised in the coming week, with a closing date of 31/03/2023. B. O'Donovan advised the members that the Council had a meeting with Respond in connection with CALF scheme at Shillelagh Road, Tullow, which is currently under review.

Members expressed concerns that Tullowbeg may not proceed. A Discussion ensued on the merits of the Tullowbeg scheme. It is noted that the Council have received a CALF application in respect of this project and are awaiting Departmental approval for this scheme.

Queries raised by members in relation to payment of grants, and the possibility of assigning the grant payments directly to the builders. B. O'Donovan advised that he is reluctant to assign grant payments directly to builders. Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue complimented staff dealing with acknowledging housing representations. A Discussion took place on the submission of representations process in other Local Authority areas. Members were advised that Carlow County Council dealt with 3,000 housing reps. in 2022.

Cllr. B. O'Donoghue proposed that a meeting be held to come up with a better system for dealing with representations which was Seconded by Cllr. Charlie Murphy.

3.4 Cathaoirleach's Award 2023.

This matter was noted.

4.0 Notice of Motion.

There were no notices of motion.

However a discussion took place in relation to a proposed Notice of Motion for the next meeting of Tullow M.D. in respect of proposal by Cllr. William Paton, in relation to an increased Garda Present in Tullow.

This will be listed on the March Agenda for the Municipal District Meeting

5.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Any Other Business

The following issues were raised:-

- (1) Redevelopment of Tullow Courthouse.

The Director of Services advised that an application had been submitted under the Historic Structures Fund for works to this property.

This concluded the business of the meeting.