

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhride, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday 26th July
at 4 pm**

Present: Cllr. John Pender (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. John Murphy
Cllr. Charlie Murphy
Cllr. John McDonald
Cllr. William Paton
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue (Remote)

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Eamonn Brophy, Senior Executive Officer
Nicola Lawlor, Administrative Officer
Brigid Deenihan, Senior Staff Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Officer

Apologies: Brian O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday 14th June, 2023.

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

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy
Seconded by: Cllr. John McDonald

Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow held on Wednesday, 14th June, 2023.

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

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy
Seconded by: Cllr. William Patton

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

2.1 Approval of the Tullow Town Centre First Plan.

Having circulated a draft copy of the Tullow Town Centre First Plan to each member prior to the meeting, Nicola Lawlor outlined the work undertaken and the progress made in preparing the draft plan. She advised that there were eleven project interventions within the plan which would allow Tullow to apply for funding in the future under a variety of schemes. She advised that further extensive public consultation would take place as and when applications are

being prepared for funding. Nicola also acknowledged the invaluable involvement of local residents, stakeholders and business owners to get the Plan to this stage.

Nicola advised that a meeting of the Town Team had taken place the previous week where it was unanimously agreed by the members present that the Tullow Town Centre First Plan be brought forward to the Municipal District of Tullow Members for consideration and the Town Team recommended that the Plan be approved.

The members congratulated Nicola and her team for the excellent work done in preparing the Town Centre First Plan for Tullow. While concerns had been raised initially about the Market Square, these had been overcome and public support for the plan was acknowledged. The members also pointed out that this was a very important document in order to get approval for funding for the town going forward.

It was Proposed by Cllr William Paton and Seconded by Cllr John McDonald to take a roll-call vote for the Town Centre First Plan for Tullow.

Cllr. John Pender (Cathaoirleach)	For
Cllr. Will Patton	For
Cllr. John Murphy	For
Cllr. John McDonald	For
Cllr. Charlie Murphy	For
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue	For

Following the vote, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Draft Town Centre First Plan for Tullow.

Disposal of Lands at rear of Abbey Street, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

Cllr. William Patton left the meeting for this item on the agenda due to a conflict of interest.

Eamon Brophy gave a brief outline on expressions of interest from two parties to purchase a plot of land measuring 0.043 Ha at Abbey Street, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

There was discussion among the members and the area engineer and it was agreed to defer making a decision on this disposal until the September meeting.

2.2 Disposal of Lands at Ardattin

Eamonn Brophy advised that the approval of the members of the Municipal District of Tullow was required in order to go to Council to dispose of a parcel of land (measuring 0.035 Ha) to Ardattin National School. He advised that the school would pay the costs of the transfer and it would greatly improve safety if this land was transferred to the school. The members agreed that this matter should go forward to Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. Charlie Murphy
Seconded by: Cllr. John Murphy

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Housing Progress Report

Michael Brennan, Director of Services, briefed the members on progress to date in the Municipal District of Tullow and he answered queries raised. The members thanked Michael and commented on the good progress being made.

3.2 Area Engineer's Report

Pat Harrington circulated a progress report on all projects to date this year in the Municipal District of Tullow. He answered queries raised by the members. The members were impressed with the number of projects completed to date and they commended Pat on the excellent progress being made.

A query was raised regarding the recent damage caused at Rathmore Bridge. Pat advised that the damage to the bridge was considerable and it would be expensive to repair.

Pat also advised that parking bays in Hillbrook Estate could not now go ahead as allocation needed to cover the cost are being used for expenditure of new footpaths on Tullow Hill. Pat agreed that the item would be put forward as a Discretionary Improvements Project again in 2024.

4. Notices of Motion

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Any Other Business

Cllr. Will Patton raised the ongoing problem of life buoys not being in position at Thomas Traynor Park.

The issue of the broken light at Monastery Court was highlighted.

The ongoing problem of oil flowing into the River Slaney was addressed and members appealed to the public to come forward with any information they may have.

Cllr. John McDonald asked and was advised that there is no update on the Council funding five firefighters to travel to a competition in Lanzarote.

Cllr. John Pender asked if there would be a possibility of having a columbarium wall at Tullow Cemetery. Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer is to be requested to attend the September meeting to give an update.

This concluded the business of the meeting.