

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow**  
**Held in Mount Wolseley, Tullow, Co. Carlow on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**  
**at 4pm**

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

**In attendance:** Brian O'Donovan, Acting Director of Services  
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development and Enterprise  
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
Nicola Lawler, Senior Executive Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 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 Pender

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

**2.1 Vision Rathvilly 2040**

It was agreed that the document on Vision Rathvilly 2040 would be put on public display in the Post Office, Rathvilly. The members would then arrange a public consultation and an online portal would be opened for submissions. It was again pointed out that this document is a master plan in order to gain funding and that amendments can be made, depending on submissions made.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**3.1 Area Engineer's Report**

Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer, advised the members that the cutting of junctions will commence on 21<sup>st</sup> June and will take two weeks to complete. When queried about getting additional junctions cut, Pat advised that he can only cut the 142 junctions which were

voted on and approved by the members. He also advised that while surface dressing 51km of roadway, the junctions on either side of the roadway were cut for safety reasons.

The members were advised that three out of the four LIS Schemes are now complete and fourth one is underway.

Pat requested that the allocation from the Footpath Repair Programme for Mill Street be transferred to complete extra works and claims at Shillelagh Road, with the understanding that Mill Street would be completed next year. Councillor Patton requested that this be done with the understanding that Mill Street would be completed next year. Pat advised that this commitment could not be given and would depend on funding being available and Council selection. The members agreed to this request.

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Councillor Will Paton
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Councillor John Pender

Pat advised that the life buoys on the river will be in place this coming Friday and they will be facing towards the road, making it easier to ensure all is in order with them.

The members queried up to date position on the Park Upgrade and Brian O'Donovan advised that he would seek clarification.

The members complimented Pat on the improvements made during the recent surface dressing works and acknowledged that the roads are in very good condition in the area.

**At this point, the meeting adjourned to convene the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow.**

**The meeting then reconvened following the election of Cllr. J. Pender as Cathaoirleach.**

### **3.2 Housing Report**

Brian O'Donovan, Acting Director of Services briefed members on progress to date in the Tullow Municipal District. He advised that 48 units will commence in Tullowbeg on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, with 37 houses starting in Leighlinbridge and 85 units starting in Carlow in the coming week.

Brian answered queries from the members on the Tenant-in-situ scheme, while also advising them that the Housing List is continuing to increase.

The members expressed their satisfaction on the progress being made

in the Housing Department and welcomed the news that so many units are ready to commence.

### **3.3 Planner's Report**

Nicola Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on the progress to date in the Planning and Town Centre First Department, which included an update on the progress being made on estates being taken in charge. The members expressed their approval of the changes that are happening under the 'Croi Connaithe' Scheme and also expressed their satisfaction with the response received from the recent online survey relating to the Town Centre First Tullow 2040 Draft Plan. Nicola responded to queries put to her from the members and they thanked her for the comprehensive report and acknowledged the work undertaken in the Planning and Town Centre First Department.

#### **4. Notices of Motion**

None

#### **5. Correspondence**

None

#### **6. Any Other Business**

- Cllr. Patton queried whether a one page document could be arranged to give information in respect of loans and grants available to the public.
- The members queried whether there had been any progress made on the source of the oil spill into the river in Tullow. Brian O'Donovan advised that while intensive enquiries had been made, it was proving difficult to determine the source, but he assured the members that no stone would be left unturned to get a resolution to this problem.
- The members queried the progress on the leasing of lands at Castlemore, Tullow. Brian O'Donovan advised the meeting that there would be an update at the July meeting on the submissions that were received.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

