

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow**  
**Held in Teach Bride, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**  
**At 4.00pm**

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**Present:** Cllr. Charlie Murphy  
Cllr. John Murphy  
Cllr. William Paton  
Cllr. John Pender  
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue (Remotely)

**In Attendance:** Michael Brennan, Director of Services  
Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer  
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer

The chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Pender

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

- 2.1 Draft Environmental and Tidy Towns Grant Schemes 2023.  
Cllr. William Paton thanked the Council for their support, no further queries were raised.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. William Paton  
**Seconded:** Cllr. John Pender

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**3.1 Housing Progress Report**

Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update to members on housing progress in the Tullow Area. He also spoke of the challenges being faced by the Council with the huge exodus of landlords from the market and made reference to the inaccurate reporting in the media of the Council being in a position to purchase properties where tenants have been served with a Notice to Quit. It was pointed out that Local Authorities would be fuelling the market if this was the case. He advised that each property will be examine on a case by case basis.

**3.2 Area Engineer's Report**

The members were advised that all their reps will be dealt with in the coming months. The recycling process will commence in the coming weeks. The first phase of footpaths, roads and lanes will be complete by June. Re-surfacing will commence in the third week in May. Pat advised the members that he did not have the manpower to pick litter on the Carlow Road when attention was drawn to the large amount of litter that is visible since the ditches were cut in that area.

Gratitude was expressed to the Area Engineer for all the work that has been completed to date.

### **3.3 Selection of LIS Lanes**

Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer, advised the members that ten LIS Schemes had been prioritised. Present funding allows for the following four lanes to be in Priority One, but further funding will be requested.

- Sean Murphy, Ballinvalley
- Mark Richardson, Aghade
- Thomas Byrne, Ballyshane
- Myles Brennan, Drumquin.

Pat also pointed out that as the cost of Lane No. 4 exceeded 20% of the total allocation, further justification is required from the Department. The importance of having all contributions paid was also emphasised.

**Proposed:** Cllr. William Paton

**Seconded:** Cllr. John Murphy

### **3.4 Proposed Presentation- Carlow/Kilkenny F.C (April Meeting)**

Cllr. William Paton advised the meeting that this Presentation will not now take place.

### **3.5 Land at Castlemore, Tullow, Co. Carlow.**

Michael Brennan, Director of Services, advised the meeting that the lease is coming to an end at the end of April and as there have been a number of queries regarding this land, an advertisement will be placed in The Nationalist inviting submissions accompanied with a letter from the governing body.

## **4. Notices of Motion**

**Proposed:** Cllr. William Paton

**Seconded:** Cllr. John Pender

“Are there any plans to increase the presence of gardai in Tullow”

## **5. Correspondence**

No

## **6. Any Other Business**

- Cllr. John Murphy queried if there was any land available that could be used as a dog playground.
- New retail business in The Square, Tullow. It was clarified that this did not require planning permission as it had previously operated as a flower shop.

A query was raised enquiring if there were any funds available to provide a pedestrian crossing in Ballon enroute to the school as funding had been refused from Active Travel. Michael Brennan agreed to raise this issue with the appropriate Director of Services.

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