

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow  
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024  
at 4 pm**

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**Present:** Cllr. John Pender, Chairperson  
Cllr. John Murphy  
Cllr. John McDonald  
Cllr. William Paton  
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue (Online)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Charlie Murphy

**In Attendance:** Michael Brennan, Director of Services  
Linda Culleton, Economic Development Officer  
Pat Harrington, Area Engineer  
Carroll Melia, Senior Executive Planner  
Jannette O'Brien, Climate Action Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 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

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

**2.1 Annual Service Plan 2024 – Economic Development**

Linda Culleton, Economic Development Officer clarified that there were no geographical restrictions in the Annual Service Plan 2024 and confirmed that streetscapes are being focused in Tullow and Ballon. As there were no further queries, it was agreed to adopt the Annual Service Plan 2024.

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

“That the Annual Service Plan 2024 for Economic Development is hereby approved”

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**3.1 Area Engineer's Report**

Pat Harrington presented the members with a very comprehensive programme for 2024.

Projects that have been agreed with the members for €42,000 allocation (€252,000) are as follows:

- Tinryland Footpaths
- Rath Felim and Ballymurphy Road
- Rathvilly footpath N81
- Footpaths and car park at Clonmore
- Footpath and pedestrian crossing in Ballon
- Footpaths at Valley View, Clonegal

Pat advised the members that the LIS 2024 prioritisation of lanes subject to eligibility are as follows:

Liam Sheppard	Glenogue, Bennekerry	Eligible	4
Barry Waddock	Moorestown, Killerig	Eligible	3
John Doyle	Kellistown Lodge @ Moyle Little	Eligible	11
James Myers	New Deerpark, Bunclody	Eligible	1
John Kelly	Milltown, Kilbride	Eligible	2
George Corrigan	Cappagh, Ballon	Eligible	10
James Fitzharris	Deerpark Old, Bunclody	Eligible	13
Ian Hodges	Kilbranish South, Bunclody	Eligible	5
Patrick Kelly	Kilcarr, Clonegal	FI Requested	8
Natalie Dowling	Rathcroogue, Carlow	FI Requested	9
John Fanning	Aghade, Kilbride	FI Requested	14
Ann-Marie Broomfield	Aghade, Kilbride	FI Requested	12
Michael Byrne	Davishill, Clonmore, Hacketstown	FI Requested	6
Kevin Kennedy	Craanmore, Kildavin	Eligible	7

The members welcomed Pat's report and acknowledged the very full programme of works to be undertaken in the coming year.

### 3.2 E-Bikes

Jannette O'Brien attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the members on the Pilot scheme with e-bikes that is currently underway in Carlow town. Jannette advised that extensive work was undertaken before the pilot scheme was launched in 2023, she also pointed out that the launching of this pilot scheme was not without expense to the Local Authority because there was extensive ground work needed and also signage and markings. Jannette advised that there is currently a fleet of fifty-one bikes and this is due for expansion and that it is working well as a short mode of transportation.

A brief discussion took place among the members, where they were advised that a working group would need to be established in the Municipal District of Tullow before any expressions of interest could be welcomed. It was proposed by Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue and seconded by Cllr. William Patton to further investigate the need for an e-bike system in Tullow.

A vote of members was taken with the following result:

Cllr. John Pender	Against
Cllr. John McDonald	Against
Cllr. John Murphy	Against
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue	For
Cllr. William Patton	For

The proposal was defeated.

### **3.3. Housing Progress Report**

Brian O'Donovan advised the members that there are currently no rough sleepers on the streets of County Carlow. The Housing Section are aiming to inspect 1,000 private rented properties this year. There is also planned maintenance and inspections on the housing stock within the county and it is expected that will confirm a very good housing stock.

€2m was spent on providing private grants in 2023 with over 400 applications, which was one of the highest in the country. Brian pointed out the importance of these grants Which enable applicants stay in their own homes.

There have been an additional three Repair and Lease queries for the Tullow area, with the Slaney Hotel expected to be complete in the first quarter of this year.

### **3.4. Tullow Local Area Plan Update**

Carroll Melia, Senior Executive Planner, gave a brief outline of the timeframe for the making of a new Tullow Local Area Plan. The current Plan expires at the end of April and it is not expected that a new Plan will be adopted until 2025. Carroll advised the members that the current plan will continue to be used when assessing applications until the new one has been adopted.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Carroll for attending the meeting and looked forward to working with him on the making of the new Local Area Plan.

### **3.5 Tullow Court House**

Padraig O'Gorman, Director of Services, advised the members that the option of pursuing the Court House as a multi-purpose community building is currently being looked at. It has been decided not to move the public library to this building as it is too small.

Cllr. William Patton asked if the scouts could store their equipment in a shed that is currently located at the rear of the courthouse and regularise holding their meetings in the courthouse. Padraig O'Gorman reiterated that the building would be multi purpose for community use.

The members acknowledged the excellent work undertaken to date on the court house and it was agreed that they would visit the building before the February meeting.

**4.0 Notices of Motion**

None

**5.0 Correspondence**

None

**6.0 Any Other Business**

Cllr. William Patton asked if the single light at Monastery Court could be repaired. Padraig O’Gorman advised that until the estate is taken in charge, the Local Authority would not be in a position to repair the light and he gave an undertaking to examine having the estate taken in charge.

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