

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday 20th March
at 4 pm**

Present: Cllr. John Pender, Chairperson
Cllr. John Murphy
Cllr. John McDonald
Cllr. William Paton

Apologies: Cllr. Charlie Murphy
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Area Engineer
Claire Cahill, Local Co-ordinator, Healthy Age Friendly Home Programme

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 21st February, 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 Draft Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2024

Michael Brennan, Director of Services presented the Draft Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2024 to the members, who welcomed the very valuable funding for the 39 groups and also acknowledged the work undertaken by them.

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

AND RESOLVED THAT the Draft Environmental & Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2024 be adopted.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Tullow Relief Road

Ray Wickham, Acting Senior Engineer, updated the members in respect of the project and advised that the Council is applying for funding to progress the scheme. The scheme is not yet a recognised project and as it is necessary to follow statutory procedures, it will be a number of years before construction commences. Queries raised by members were responded to by Mr Wickham

The members complimented the Cheshire Home on cutting back the hedge to make the road safer.

3.2 Area Engineer's Report

Pat Harrington, Area Engineer, advised the members that the macadam programme is almost complete, with the exception of two and they will be complete in the coming weeks.

Of the 109 Hedge Cutting Notices issued, 107 have complied. The response from the agriculture community has been fantastic and has greatly improved road safety.

All Discretionary Projects will be complete by mid-May.

Pat also advised that C.I.S. and L.I.S. schemes are progressing well.

3.3 Healthy Age Friendly Home Programme

Claire Cahill, Local Co-ordinator, Healthy Age Friendly Home Programme gave a very detailed presentation to the members. Her role is to help people in the 65+ age group to remain in their homes as part of their community. There are over 9,000 people living in County Carlow who are over 65 years old. Over 14,000 people living in Carlow identify as having a disability or an enduring medical health need as per Census of Population 2022. They may need help accessing funding, Public Health Nurse, GPs, technology, social connection, etc. When the needs have been identified, the co-ordinator will provide information and facilitate and implement actions and overall empower and enable the person to live more comfortably. Queries raised by members were responded to by Ms Cahill, who is currently based in the Housing Department, Civic Offices, Tullow.

4.0 Notices of Motion

None

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

This concluded the business of the meeting.