

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday 15th May
at 11am.**

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

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
Nicola Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer
Linda Culleton, Economic Development Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 17th April, 2024.

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

Proposed by: Cllr. John McDonald

Seconded by: Cllr. William Patton

AND RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the March meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow are hereby approved.

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

None

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Town & Village Renewal Scheme Funding

Nicola Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer, advised members that €794,610 has been made available under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to be divided as follows:

Tullow	€406,600
Clonegal	€110,240
Carrigduff	€277,770 with remainder of funding subject to LEADER
Rathvilly	€2.2 million

Cllr. John McDonald, supported by other members, queried if funding can be made available for Rathoe and it was suggested that funding could be applied for when a project has been decided and if it meets the criteria.

The members welcomed the funding package and were happy to see some of the smaller villages included.

3.2 Streetscape Report 2024

Linda Culleton, Economic Development Officer, addressed the meeting advising that The Streetscape Enhancement Scheme is strategically deployed to bolster the aesthetic appeal and functional quality of streetscapes and public areas within the Tullow Municipal District. The scheme targets a variety of upgrade works, including painting, repairs, decluttering (such as the removal of outdated infrastructure), installation of new signage, exterior lighting, and the design of captivating window displays. Successful applicants are expected to complete their projects by 31st October, 2024. An average grant of €1,666.67 was awarded to ten successful applicants.

3.3 Area Engineer's Report

M Brennan Director of Services advised in respect of report circulated by the Municipal Engineer. He indicated that the weather has put all contractor's and works back approximately six weeks, however works that are most weather dependent are being prioritised and the remaining works will be carried in Quarters 3 and 4.

Among the updates given on ongoing projects in the Municipal District of Tullow were the following:

- Macadam projects have been tendered and are 80% complete with the exception of regional roads, these are programmed for Quarter 4.
- Recycling projects have been tendered and are expected to be completed in the first two weeks of June.
- It is hoped that surface dressing will commence on 27th May but it is weather dependent.
- Two CIS Schemes are complete (Blindennis / Crosslow)
- Pedestrian crossing in Hacketstown is underway and will be complete in two weeks.
- Members projects

Footpath Tinryland	Complete
Footpath works at Rath Felim / Ballymurphy Road	Complete
Footpath N81, Rathvilly	Complete
Footpath Clonmore,	Tendered, commence in 3 weeks
Pedestrian crossing in Ballon and extension to soccer club	Complete
Footpath remediation Clonegal	Commence in 3 weeks
Plastering of walls at Carrigduff	Waiting on contractor

The members were advised that Mr. Myers, who was a successful applicant for an LIS Scheme, has written to the Local Authority advising that he is withdrawing from the scheme on the upper lane..

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed by all members that works would continue with LIS in respect of application from Mr Deacon which would be No 1.

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

AND RESOLVED that LIS works in respect of Mr Deacon's application is hereby approved as No 1

3.4 Housing Progress Report

Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, addressed the meeting with very positive news that there are currently sixty-nine units on the ground, forty-eight of these units are in Tullowbeg and twenty-one units are on the Castledermot Road. There are currently nine units in progress under Repair to Lease Scheme with another application in for an additional nine units. Brian also advised the members that €9 million has been spend on private grants, there are 100 HAP tenancies in the Municipal District of Tullow area and 1,000 maintenance calls have been answered. There is currently no issue in Tullow with homelessness. Brian thanked the members for their support during this term and advised them that the Housing Staff had asked him to pass on their best wishes in the upcoming elections.

Brian also advised that 106 retrofits have been completed to date, the target was 40 and this has been exceeded with the target set for 2028 being reached already.

The members welcomed the positive news but expressed disappointment that there had been no progress in Ardattin or Shillelagh Road in Tullow. It was also mentioned that while the provision of social housing is progressing, there is no progress in the provision of private houses.

4.0 Notices of Motion

None

5.0 Correspondence

None

6.0 Any Other Business

As this is the final meeting of this Municipal District of Tullow, Cllr. John Murphy expressed his sincere gratitude to his fellow councillors and to the staff of Carlow County Council and said it was a great privilege to work alongside them.

On behalf of the executive, Michael Brennan, Director of Services thanked the members for their ambition over the last 5 years and wished them the best of luck in the upcoming election. He also wished Cllr. John Murphy well for his retirement. The other members also wished to be associated with this sentiment.

This concluded the business of the meeting.