

**Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Tullow held in Tullow Civic Offices,
on Wednesday 15th September, 2021 at 4.pm.**

Present: Cllr. B O'Donoghue, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. J. Murphy,
Cllr. J. Pender
Cllr. W. Paton
Cllr. J. McDonald

In attendance S. Doran, Enterprise Office
N. Kinsella, Carlow Co. Co.
N. Carroll, Carlow Co. Co.
T. O'Toole, Carlow Co. Co.
B. Redmond, Carlow Co. Co.

In Attendance: B. O'Donovan, A/Director of Service
P. Harrington, Area Engineer

Apologies: Cllr. Charlie Murphy
M. Brennan, Director of Services

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 21st July, 2021

The minutes, taken as read, were:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy

Seconded by: Cllr. John Pender

Matters Arising

Cllr. John Pender enquired as to having hybrid meetings available.

Brian O'Donovan stated that this can be facilitated on request.

Cllr. William Paton stated that it was important to allow the Press to have a link if available for the next meeting and also to have it made available to members.

Brian O'Donovan stated that the Library had to close today to facilitate the meeting and that he would check with IT Section to see if a link can be made available for the October Meeting.

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

2.1. Disposal of 0.3 hectares at Ardristan, Tullow, Co. Carlow

Agreement to the disposal of 0.3 hectares at Ardristan – Item deferred.

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

2.2. Disposal of 0.45 hectares at Rathbawn, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

Agreement to the disposal of 0.45 hectares at Rathbawn

Proposed by: Cllr John Pender
Seconded by: Cllr. John McDonald

2.3. Fix Date for Budget Meeting for Municipal District of Tullow.

20th October, 2021 at 3.30pm was agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. John Murphy
Seconded by Cllr. John Pender

3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Following agreement and with the consent of the Cathaoirleach it was decided that the “Reports on Active Travel Programme” and “Colour Carlow Scheme 2021 Scheme” be taken first.

3.1 Active Travel Programme 2020 & 2021

Members were circulated with an update on the Active Travel Programme by Niall Kinsella and Niall Carroll.

Niall Kinsella stated Active Travel was a new funding programme and that €70m is being spent nationally on Active Travel.

Carlow received €2.4m for 15 projects in total of which 7 projects were selected in the Tullow Municipal District. Niall also outlined that €60,000 is being spent on the Tullow Mobility Plan.

Niall advised that as part of the funding process for developing future funding applications that the Active Travel Team will be consulting with the Elected Members for their insights from discussions with local communities that will improve opportunities to constituents for travelling with a purpose using their own energy.

Type of scheme that may be considered:-

- Cycle Schemes, walking routes, new footpaths, low-cost junction measures, safe routes to schools programme, Orbital Walk & Cycle Projects.

Cllr. William Paton stated that €60,000 on Tullow Mobility Plan was a huge amount of money that needs to be justified.

Niall agreed with Cllr. Paton and went on to say that they will need to appoint consultants, traffic studies will be required to be undertaken, school surveys and preparation of plan which would be costly but hoped that there will be some savings made also.

Niall stated that not only new but existing footpaths could be looked at.

Cllr. John Pender enquired if Templeowen could be put on the list.

Pat Harrington stated that the Active Travel Plan will form a Part 8 at which stage observations can be made.

Cllr. John Pender stated that the Local Area Plan will take at least one year at the earliest to be adopted.

Cllr. John Murphy enquired where does the €60,000 Tullow Mobility Plan fit into Tullow Area Orbital Plan.

Niall Kinsella stated that the time-lines were a valid concern but advised that the Active Travel Team are in discussion with the Planning Section as to how to progress without pre-empting the Local Area Plan.

Cllr. John Pender enquired if footpath extension works around Killerig pub and cross could be undertaken under this scheme.

Pat Harrington stated that once the existing project is finished, that proposal could be looked at later.

Cllr. John Pender also enquired if fencing could be included under this scheme.
Pat Harrington advised that it may fall within the remit of the scheme.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue thanked both Niall Kinsella and Niall Carroll for their report.
Both then left the meeting.

3.2 Town & Village Renewal- Colour – Streetscape Scheme

Brian O'Donoghue welcomed Seamus Doran, Carlow Enterprise Office to the meeting.
Seamus presented a report to the Elected Members on Colour Carlow – Street Enhancement Scheme which set out the level of funding available/eligibility/funding levels and application process.

Seamus stated that 91 Valid Applications were received to the value of €309,552 for County Carlow. The total number of applications received are as follows:

Tullow – 33 applications (2 refused) – value of applications - €105,593.86
Rathvilly - 14 applications (4 refused) - value of applications - €34,450.40

Cllr. William Paton stated that Tullow Tidy Towns are very grateful to have 31 premises upgraded and stated that the Tidy Towns Committee did a lot of work together with the LEO Office undertaking door to door enquiries and Flyer drops.

Cllr. John McDonald enquired if this scheme could be extended to other towns & villages.

Seamus Doran stated that it was dependent on Central Government funding in the future but he had no reason to see why it could not be extended to other towns and villages.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue stated that this scheme is not just for paint it also includes signage.

Cllr. John Murphy stated that this Scheme will give Tullow Town a face lift as 31 properties will be transformed.

Cllr. John Pender enquired if there was any guidance for paint colour.
Seamus Doran stated that he would look into it and come back to him on it.

Cllr. William Paton stated that he would have major concerns as the deadline for completion of works under the paint Scheme is 30th October. He stated that this timeframe was too tight as it was the wrong time of year and it would be hard to get contractors as they are very busy. Health & Safety and weather aspects would also have to be considered.

Seamus Doran stated that he would bring the foregoing concerns to the Department and see if they can give some leeway/extension on the closing date.

Cllr William Paton enquired as to who would be checking to see if works were complete.
Seamus Doran replied that he will have to check this out and revert back.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue requested that a list of the Approved Premises selected under the paint Scheme be made available to the members for the next meeting.

Seamus Doran undertook to circulate the requested list of approved premises.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue thanked Seamus Doran for his report.

Seamus Doran departed the meeting.

3.3. Housing Progress Report

Brian O'Donovan updated the members in relation to Housing Progress

Items discussed:-

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| BROWNOG | - | In Progress |
| RESPOND | - | Development at Shillelagh Road, Tullow
Project at tender evaluation stage.
Brian O'Donovan to meet with RESPOND
with a view to getting a start date. |
| TULLOWBEG | - | Calf Application for funding to be made to the Department. |

Brian O'Donovan stated that the above housing schemes when complete will meet the needs of approx. 100 persons on the Tullow Housing List.

Cllr. Paton stated that the Council was doing very well in obtaining these 93 houses as under the "Housing for All" the targets for County Carlow was 80/90 houses.

Cllr. William Paton also enquired if there were any 4-bed houses planned in the 93 houses.
Brian O'Donovan stated that he would circulate a list of house types for the next meeting.

Brian O'Donovan stated that there were a further 3 houses proposed for The Grove in Tullow.

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| CONSTABLE HILL | - | Awaiting Departmental Approval |
| MAIN SREET, | | |
| HACKETSTOWN | - | Housing Agency preparing proposals for site. |
| RATHVILLY | - | Proposal with Irish Water. |

Lackabeg, Kildavin	-	ABP Planning Decision due by 27/01/2022.
ARDATTIN	-	Pre-tender – Tender Documents being prepared.
THE GROVE	-	Pre- Planning. Fence Line Agreed. Wall to be built.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue enquired in the absence of Cllr. Charlie Murphy if the Ardattin issue would be resolved. Brian O'Donovan stated that it will be resolved.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue enquired if the Rathvilly Road from Fr. Flood Avenue will proceed to the next stage.

Brian O'Donovan stated that the Council were moving forward to deliver on this proposal.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue enquired if another Housing Needs Assessment was due this year by 19/11/2021.

Brian O'Donovan stated that the advert will be in next week's Nationalist.

Brian O'Donoghue stated that there was a considerable amount of work done last year and enquired if it was needed.

Brian O'Donovan advised that the HNA is required to be carried out on an annual basis, as provided for under statutory regulation and involves a sizeable volume of work.

Cllr. Paton stated that there was a huge amount of people seeking Transfers from houses in recent times. He was glad to hear that Brian was seeking a meeting with Respond to see if they were committed to start building in Tullow at all.

Cllr. John Pender enquired of the up to-date position with The Grove.

Brian O'Donovan advised that The Council will be constructing the wall and preparing a Part 8 planning application.

3.4 Painting of Houses in Hacketstown, Co. Carlow.

Tina O'Toole circulated particulars in relation to a paint scheme for Hacketstown to the Members.

This paint scheme originally formed the 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme for Hacketstown and was the last item of the plan to be undertaken – there were 9 Properties – 5 Council, 4 Private and 1 Commercial – Super Valu. However Super Valu was already painted and consent could not be obtained from the Private property owners.

After Town & Village discussion 13 houses were undertaken to be painted.

Tina & Ger Monaghan met with Tidy Towns Committee and had discussions re paint scheme. Tenders were sought for painting of 13 Houses at Water St/Eagle Hill Road & for Hacketstown Hall.

There was one reply out of the 77 tenders sought and the paint contract was awarded to Rigars. The Colour scheme proposed is similar to that in Barrack Street in Carlow town.

Painting works are ready to commence and is being funded by the LEO and the Municipal District Office.

Brian O'Donoghue thanked Tina for the Report.

Cllr. John Pender stated that the colour scheme proposed would look too gaudy and suggested that a more neutral colour be used to blend in with the existing buildings.

Tina stated that she spoke to a couple of tenants and they were happy with the colours chosen.

Brian O'Donoghue stated that he would be worried about some of the tenants been approached and not all tenants.

Cllr. William Paton enquired as to the cost involved.

Tina advised that the cost is €24,600. The painting involves cleaning of gutters and traffic management and that paint works undertaken should last 10-20 yrs.

Cllr. John McDonald complimented Tina & Ger on their initiative.

3.5 Works Programme 2021.

Pat Harrington circulated a report to the members on the works completed to date and works remaining to be undertaken.

National Secondary Maintenance

<i>Kilbride</i>	-	<i>Sightline works to be undertaken</i>
<i>Ballintrane</i>	-	<i>Drainage Works to be undertaken</i>
<i>Rathvilly</i>	-	<i>Drainage/Ped Safety Imp/Traffic Lights Works to be undertaken.</i>
<i>Ardristan</i>	-	<i>Footpath.</i>

Discretionary Improvement Projects

<i>Park Junction</i>	-	<i>Safety Improvement works</i>
<i>TMD</i>	-	<i>Local Roads Tree Removal</i>
<i>Clonegal</i>	-	<i>Safety Improvement works</i>
<i>Carrigduff</i>	-	<i>Safety Improvement works</i>
<i>Kilcarrary Junction</i>	-	<i>Safety Improvement works</i>
<i>Tesco</i>	-	<i>Footpath adjacent to Tesco</i>

Active Travel Measures

<i>Tullogh Town & Orbital Walk & Cycle</i>	-	<i>Detailed drawing – Part 8 Planning</i>
<i>Grange footpath</i>	-	<i>Works being undertaken tomorrow</i>

Community Involvement Schemes

<i>CIS</i>	-	<i>Williamstown (Keogh)</i>	-	<i>Complete</i>
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Climate Change & Adaptation Grant

<i>LIS</i>	-	<i>Killalongford-Redbog</i>	-	<i>Complete</i>
		<i>Ricketstown/Bigstone</i>	-	<i>To start next week</i>

All LIS now complete except for 2 namely Rathmore and Coolnasnaghta which are almost complete.

Cllr. John Pender complimented Pat on the works and stated that great credit was due to him on the works undertaken to-date.

3.6 3 Year RI Programme.

Pat Harrington discussed a 3-year RI/RM Programme with the members and undertook to supply the members with a map indicating the Roads/Areas that he would recommend to be included in the 3 Year Programme for the approval of the members.

3.7 CIS 2 Year Programme

Pat Harrington stated that the CIS Programme has now changed to a 2-year programme which now requires only a 10% Contribution from the householder.

Pat stressed to the Members the importance of not losing out on this programme as it is great value for money and encouraged the members to build a programme of works.

Proposed by: Cllr. Patron
Seconded by: Cllr. John McDonald

3.8 Upgrade Lighting at Tesco

A Part 8 planning process will be sought to improve existing surface, remove trees, widen footpath and provide fence later this year.

3.9 Lighting & Improvement at Rear of Fr. Murphy Terrace.

Works gone to Tender.

Cllr. John Pender complimented Pat on the amount of works done to-date.

4.0 Notices of Motion

None

5.0 Correspondence

None received

6.0 Any Other Business

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for 20th October, 2021.

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