

**Minutes of the
Municipal District of Muinebheag
Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 at 4.00 p.m.
in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag, Co. Carlow**

Members Present: Cllr. Daniel Pender – *Cathaoirleach*
Cllr. Michael Doran – *Leas Cathaoirleach*
Cllr. Tommy Kinsella
Cllr. Willie Quinn
Cllr. Andy Gladney

In Attendance: Orla Barrett, A/Director of Services
Ms. Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer
Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Séamus Doran, Assistant Head of Economic Development
Tommie Hickson, Meeting Administrator

Apologies: Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transport & Infrastructure
Mr. Ray Wickham, A/Senior Engineer

Cllr. Daniel Pender, Cathaoirleach, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag
3rd September 2025**

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. W. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella, following a show of hands that the draft minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag held on the 3rd September 2025 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

**2. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the
Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting**

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Winter Maintenance Policy 2025-2026

Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer presented the Winter Services Plan 2025-2026 to the members. She emphasised that this maintenance period lasts from mid-October to the end of April each year. Lilly also advised that due to the length of road network in County Carlow, a form of prioritisation is necessary, dividing routes into 3 separate priority routes.

The following queries were raised:-

- Carlow to New Ross route
- Bus routes
- Hedge cutting
- Cleaning of gullies
- Provision of extra grit trucks
- Provision of extra depot in The Ridge
- Operation of Depots

All queries were answered.

Orla Barrett, A/Director of Services clarified Priority Routes, emphasizing that budgets are always exceeded. She highlighted how this is a great system, which works extremely well, ensuring public safety on our roads.

The members thanks Lilly and her team for the fantastic work being done.

Proposed: Cllr. W. Quinn

Seconded: Cllr. M. Doran

Following a show of hands, all agreed

3.2 Roads Report

Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer presented the Roads Report, advising that all works are now substantially complete.

All queries were answered.

Orla Barrett, A/Director of Services took an opportunity to compliment Lilly, her team, and also the support of all the members, for the amount of projects completed this year, which were remarkable.

3.3 Christmas Lights Funding 2025

Séamus Doran, Assistant Head of Economic Development, Local Enterprise Office, presented this report.

Proposed Allocation:-

Name of Town	Amount	Eligible Area as per Annual Service Plan	Proposed Allocation
Garryhill	€2,000	No	N/a
Newtown	€500	No	N/a
Leighlinbridge	€1,000	Yes	€1,000
Borris	€8,000	Yes	€4,000
Bagenalstown	€10,000	Yes	€10,000

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella as follows;

Proposed allocation to Borris to be reduced by €500

Revised allocation to Borris to be €3,500

Proposed allocation to Newtown to be €500

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Proposed: Cllr. T. Kinsella

Seconded: Cllr. W. Quinn

Following a show of hands, all agreed

3.4 Housing Progress Report

Tadgh Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer gave an update on this report.

The following queries were raised:-

- Main sewer at The Green Drake, Borris
- Bilboa completion timeline
- Local Authority mortgages
- Ballyknockan housing estate, Leighlinbridge
- Maintenance of green areas in estates
- Housing grants

- Grants for boilers
- Air-to-Water heating systems
- Regeneration Office / Croí Cónaithe grants
- Bagenalstown Town Plan
- Resources

All queries were answered.

Cathaoirleach, Daniel Pender requested that the planning department would give an update at the next meeting, and the Regeneration Office to present at the following meeting after that.

Orla Barrett, A/Director of Services advised that she will check the status of the Bagenalstown Town Plan with the planning office. An email will be sent to all members with an update.

3.5 Royal Oak Scheme

Orla Barrett, A/Director of Services presented this report. She advised that a 4 week public consultation under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act resulted in 16 submissions being received. Carlow County Council have considered all submissions and observations. A final detailed design is now being prepared for submission to the Department of Transport in November seeking consent to advertise this competition. Subject to approval, works will commence in Q1 of 2026.

The following queries were raised:-

- Bus Stops
- Access to private residence
- Parking issues

All queries were answered. Orla advised that she is available to speak to anyone that may have concerns, while Ray Wickham, A/Senior Engineer is also available to meet persons on site if required.

4. Notices of Motion

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 3rd December 2025

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:  Date: 3/12/25

Cllr. Daniel Pender
Cathaoirleach

Signed:  Date: 3/12/25

Meetings Administrator

Date: 3rd December 2025

