

Minutes of the
Municipal District of Muinebheag
Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September, 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:

Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services
Ms. Lily Slye, Senior Executive Engineer
Kieran Comerford, Head of Local Enterprise
Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Community
Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer
Máiread O’Brien, Administrative Officer, Housing
Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer
Róisín Hennessy, A/Meetings Administrator

Cllr Daniel Pender welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 16th July, 2025.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Willie Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Andy Gladney following a show of hands that the draft minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag held on the 16th July, 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.

None

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Graiguenamanagh/Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme Update

Joe Scully, Executive Engineer, Kilkenny County Council, Philippie Beubry Senior Executive Engineer, Kilkenny County Council attended with Dr. Sean Harrington of Ayesa Consultants. A presentation including a map of the works was given by Dr. Harrington and the following areas were discussed.

- Overview of the Scheme.
- Areas which will benefit specifically from the Scheme
- Flood control structure
- Ongoing works in Graiguenamanagh

Dr. S. Harrington, J. Scully and P Beubry answered all questions from Councillors.

3.2 Housing Report

Cllr. Daniel Pender congratulated Niall Barrett on his new appointment in Housing Department.

Niall Barrett, SEE Housing Department gave a progress report on Housing in the Muinebheag MD area. The following areas were highlighted.

- Housing development at Ballyknockan and Leighlinbridge allocated
- Housing development at Upper Main Street Borris (2 Units) due to be delivered in Quarter 3 2025
- 17 units in Borris due to be delivered in Quarter 4 2025
- 3 units at Bilboa due to be delivered in Quarter 3 2025
- 1 unit at Ballymurphy still at design/proposal stage. Due to be delivered 2026/2027
- The number of housing stock of Muinebheag MD, along with the housing requirement

All questions raised were answered by both Máiread O'Brien, A.O. Housing and Niall Barrett SEE Housing Department.

3.3 Active Travel Update

Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel circulated handouts and gave an update on his Section. The following projects were discussed and the current status was given on each:

- Ballyellen Footpath Scheme – Completed awaiting ESB connection
- Goresbridge Pedestrian Improvement Scheme – New Bicycle Parking installed
- SRTS St. Brigid's National School, Muinebheag - Completed

- SRTS Queen of the Universe NS, Muinebheag – Part 8 stage completed.
- SRTS, Presentation De La Salle, Muinebheag – At proposal stage.

S. Loughlin answered all queries raised by the Councillors.

3.4 Roads Report

Lily Slye Senior Executive Engineer Muinebheag MD gave a progress report on current MD projects. The following items were raised:

- MMD Projects
- Drainage Works 2025
- Restoration Improvements
- Projects including: Bagenalstown, Leighlinbridge, Road Marking and Sinage
- Low Cost Safety 2025
- LIS 2025
- CIS 2025

All queries were answered.

3.5 Review of Casual Trading By-Laws

Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise, gave a report to the Members on the proposed review of the current Casual Trading Bye-laws. The reason for the review - a number of requests have been received looking for additional casual trading locations. The process for review of the Bye laws was explained in full and Members were advised that the closing date for receipt of proposals for change and/or new locations is the 30th September, 2025.

All queries were answered by K. Comerford.

3.6 Bagenalstown Cemetery Update

Pádraig O’Gorman Director of Services, gave a brief update on the status of Bagenalstown Cemetery. The Part 8 process was slightly delayed and will Commence Tuesday 9th September, 2025.

3.7 Funding Allocation – Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer circulated handouts in relation to ORIS and highlighted the following:

Measure 1 –

- Borris Village Looped Walk – Final phase
- Clogrennane Forest – Extension to carpark, installation of signage and picnic area.

Carlow Project Development Measure – Measure 2

- Nine Stones Feasibility Study - Design, assessment and Part 8 Planning.

3.8 Twinning

An invitation has been extended from Wales to a delegation in the hope of exploring mutual links with Carlow following the Pan Celtic Festival. This will be discussed further at the full Council Meeting on Monday 8th September.

4. Notices of Motion.

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. A.O.B.

Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services advised that P.J. Leonard, Head of Finance proposed a date of Wednesday 22nd October, 2025 at 3.30 p.m. for the annual Budget Meeting. This was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doran and seconded by Cllr. Willie Quinn.

This concluded the business of the meeting