

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Thursday 20th February, 2025
at 5 pm.**

Present: Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue, Chairperson
Cllr. John Pender
Cllr. Jim Deane
Cllr. William Paton
Cllr. Charlie Murphy
Cllr. Ben Ward (online)

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development and Enterprise
Linda Culleton, Economic Development Officer
Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer
Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer
Hilda Minchin, Staff Officer

Apologies: None

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on 16th January, 2025

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

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

AND RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

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

None.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Active Travel

Mr. Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on the Active Travel Programme which included an explanation of what Active Travel is and an outline of

the Active Travel programme. He informed the Members of the Active Travel projects in the Municipal District of Tullow which were completed in 2024:

- Tullow Orbital Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme – Phase 3
- SRTS – St. Patrick’s National School, Rathvilly

He further informed the Members that the following projects would be progressed in 2025:

- Hillbrook Estate Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme
- SRTS – St. Brigid’s National School, Grange

The Cathaoirleach and the Members thanked Mr. Loughlin for his report. A discussion followed on:

- Safe Routes – The Members complimented the works at St. Patrick’s National School and enquired if the scheme was still open for applications. Mr. Loughlin advised that applications were currently closed and there was no indication when it will be re-opened. Answering a query on whether An Taisce liaise with school principals in advance of works, Mr. Loughlin advised that An Taisce have a Schools Officer who liaises with schools
- The pedestrian light at Phelim Wood which is not working. Mr. Loughlin advised that he would follow-up with the ESB.
- The route options for Hillbrook Estate, Tullow and noted that emergency vehicles have reported issues in accessing that estate due to cars parked on the road. Mr. Loughlin informed the Members that three route options would be forwarded for consideration.
- The depth of ramps – Mr. Loughlin advised that ramp depths are standard and must be worked with.
- Speed cameras in Grange – Mr. Loughlin advised the speed cameras were outside the range of Active Travel.
- Ballon to Pavilion route – Mr. Loughlin advised that this project had been suggested.
- Footpath at Tinryland – Mr. Loughlin informed the Members that a number of worthy projects with significant footfall were with the National Transport Authority for consideration.

3.2 Area Engineer’s Report

Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer advised the meeting that his report would be discussed in-committee following the meeting.

3.3 Annual Service Plan – Economic Development

Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development and Enterprise presented the Economic Development Annual Service Plan 2025. The Plan comprised of three elements:

1. Christmas Programme
2. Streetscape Enhancement Programme
3. Maintenance and Management Industrial Areas

The Cathaoirleach and the Members thanked Mr. Comerford for his plan and a discussion followed on:

- Christmas Lights – Mr. Comerford informed the Members that the fund was for the operation of Christmas lights. Communities must fundraise for the purchase of lights.
- Tullow is the only district town in the Plan - Mr. Comerford informed the Members that the Development Plan outlines the settlements
- New groups not understanding the application process
- Lights on trees – The Service Plan is presented in partnership with the Area Office and such lights can be requested through that office
- It was noted that Develop Tullow CLG would like to put a Christmas Tree in The Square, Tullow.

The Economic Development Annual Service Plan 2025 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. Jim Deane

And following a show of hands, it was RESOLVED

‘That the Economic Development Annual Service Plan 2025 was approved.’

4.0 Notices of Motion

“That the Municipal District of Tullow supports the twinning of Tullow Town with Maria de Huerva and aims to enter into a friendship agreement as soon as possible.” – Cllr. Ben Ward and Cllr. Brian O’Donoghue.

Cllr. Ward and Cllr. O’Donoghue informed the Members that they had met with representatives of Maria de Huerva in Spain and all parties would like to enter into a friendship agreement. It was noted that this proposal had not come to the Twinning Committee. It was suggested that further exploration of the request should take place.

Further exploration of the proposal to support the twinning of Tullow Town with Maria de Huerva and aim to enter into a friendship agreement as soon as possible was

Proposed by: Cllr. Ben Ward

Seconded by: Cllr. Brian O’Donoghue

And following a show of hands it was RESOLVED

‘That Further exploration of the proposal to support the twinning of Tullow Town with Maria de Huerva and aim to enter into a friendship agreement as soon as possible was agreed.’

5.0 Correspondence

Mr. Michael Brennan informed the Members that correspondence was received from the Health Service Executive regarding the proposed Primary Care Centre advising that the developer was working on completing plans and a planning application was to be lodged. Mr. Brennan informed the Members that he has requested the location of the proposed Primary Care Centre.

6.0 Any Other Business

The Members raised the issue of dog fouling in Tullow Town and requested signage and an awareness campaign. Mr. Michael Brennan informed the Members that the Environment Department will support their request including 'No Dog Fouling' stencils, signage and an information/awareness evening which Members could also take part in. It was agreed that dog fouling be placed on the agenda for the March 2025 meeting.

The Members also requested signage for cemeteries and Mr. Brennan advised that he would raise same with the Environment Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.