

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
on Thursday 17th July, 2025 at 5 pm.**

Present: Cllr. John Pender, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Charlie Murphy
Cllr. Ben Ward
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue
Cllr. Jim Deane
Cllr. William Paton

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer
Nicola Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer, Town Centre First
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise
Hilda Minchin, A/Administrative Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District of Tullow meeting held on 19th June, 2025

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

Proposed by: Cllr. Charlie Murphy

Seconded by: Cllr. William Paton

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District of Tullow Annual General Meeting held on 19th June, 2025

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

Proposed by: Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Cllr. Charlie Murphy

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

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

None.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Area Engineer's Report

Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer gave updated the Members on possible supplementary funding for LIS Schemes.

3.2 Christmas Lights Funding and Christmas Programme

Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development and Enterprise presented details of the proposed Christmas Lights Funding and Christmas Programme to the Members.

The Christmas Lights Funding and Christmas Programme was:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. Charlie Murphy

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Christmas Lights Funding and Christmas Programme be adopted.

3.3 Housing Progress Report

Mr. Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer gave a Housing Progress Report to the Members. The following was also discussed:

- Increase in number of Notices to Quit in private rented accommodation and increases in rent.
- Respond had advised that the land on the Shillelagh Road was not viable and they were not proceeding with the development. Respond will be contacted to enquire if there is any change in this regard.
- Tullowbeg Road is expected to be completed by the end of Quarter 4, 2025.
- Importance of allocations going to people who want to live in a particular area.
- Leases on land.
- Fr. Flood Avenue, Rathvilly – damage to fence, boundary to estate and GAA grounds and the green area requires attention.
- Concern was raised regarding housing applicants who were seeking accommodation in the south of the County and the availability of same.

The Members thanked Mr. Madden and the Housing Team for their work.

3.4 Regeneration of the Municipal District of Tullow

Ms. Nicola Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer, Town Centre First gave a presentation to the Members on regeneration in Municipal District of Tullow. The following was discussed:

- Difference between acquiring properties under Compulsory Purchase Orders and under the Derelict Sites Act.

- Properties within a one kilometre radius from Town Centres are currently being examined but will be surveying properties in estates next.

The Members thanked Ms. Lawler and her team for their work.

4.0 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

5.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6.0 Any Other Business

The Members welcomed the planning application made for a Primary Healthcare Centre by Westcourt Healthcare.

The members raised the Kendra road closure and noted that reports had been received advising that the road was not re-opening at 6pm every day and on occasion was not being re-opened at all. There have also been reports of road diversion signs which are pointing into fields. Mr. Barry Knowles informed the Members that he would raise these matters with the Area Engineer.

The Members raised the issue of re-starting the treatment for Japanese knotweed in Ardattin as discussed at a previous meeting. They advised that local residents had informed the Members that there was no signage at the area in question advising that the area was undergoing treatment for the presence of Japanese knotweed. The Members requested that signage be erected in any location where Japanese knotweed is present and that local residents be corresponded with and kept informed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.