

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
on Thursday 19th June, 2025 at 5 pm.**

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

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer
John Shortall, County Librarian
John Patton, Librarian
Jim Woods, Administrative Officer
Marian Hand, Vacant Homes Officer
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 Meeting of Tullow held on 15th May, 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. Ben Ward

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 updates to the Members on the following:

- Surface dressing

- Allocations under D.I. – Members to contact the Area Engineer’s office
- Repair of bridges
- Drainage in Hacketstown – works have been carried out including pedestrian crossings and repairs at car park and cemetery
- Cranmore Lane
- Kilbrannish project
- Active Travel
- Tullow Seating Project - completed
- Myshall wall plastering project
- Cutting at 125 junctions is 90% complete
- Japanese knotweed in Ardattin – rotavating works carried out by local person(s) have set back the works there. Two years of the three year treatment programme had been completed, however must now commence the three year programme again.
- Local Area Plan – Outer Relief Road
- Templeowen lighting - will raise with the relevant parties
- Potholes from Hawkins Lane to Tullowbeg
- Car park at Flynns and Aldi (privately owned)
- Cuanahowen – developer has ripped up the green area. This will be raised with the Housing Department
- Speeding cars at GAA entrance Tinryland – private road but will discuss with the relevant parties
- Speeding on Tinahely Road coming into Hacketstown – will look at the signage on the road
- Bendinstown – complaints from public regarding noise and the condition of the road due to works by a developer. Mr. Harrington informed the Members that any requests he had made to the developer previously had all been addressed to the satisfaction of Carlow County Council. However, M Brennan to contact the Planning Dept and revert to elected members in the matter.

The Members thanked Mr. Harrington and his team for their work.

3.2 Community Development – Presentation by Carlow Local Development Company

Ms. Annette Fox, Chief Executive Officer of Carlow County Development Partnership CLG gave a comprehensive presentation to the Members.

The Members thanked Ms. Fox for her report. The following was also discussed:

- The Deprivation Index and the Standard of Living Index
- Community supports in marginalised areas
- Carlow Women’s Centre
- Care and Repair
- Rural Social Scheme
- Tús Scheme
- LEADER funding

3.3 Tullow Library Presentation

Mr. John Shortall, County Librarian and Mr. John Patton, Librarian gave a presentation to the Members on Tullow Library and the services offered there to members of the public including My Open Library.

The Members thanked Mr. Patton and Mr. Shortall for their presentation and congratulated them on the services offered there and for the valuable free space it offers to communities.

3.4 Update on Leagh Bends

Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer, Transportation provided an update on Leagh Bends. She informed the Members that an application had been submitted to An Bord Pleanála and submissions have been replied to. Progress can be followed on the An Bord Pleanála website www.pleanala.ie

She further informed the Members that bringing the speed limit on the N80 down to 80km per hour and the introduction of average speed cameras will act as a deterrent to speeding.

3.5 Tullow Area Based Traffic Assessment

Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer, Transportation informed the Members that the Tullow Area Based Traffic Assessment records how people are moving around the town and will inform a proposal list of what can be improved in the town. She further informed the Members that she would be meeting with representatives from the Department of Transport regarding the Tullow Relief Road.

The Members enquired regarding the opportunity to make submissions on transport plans for the town. Ms Barrett advised that this can be done as part of the preparation of the Tullow Local Area Plan.

4.0 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

5.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6.0 Any Other Business

Mr. Jim Woods, Administrative Officer, Capital informed the Members that a property at Cappawater, Myshall, County Carlow which was the subject matter of a Compulsory Purchase Order by Carlow Council, having now vested in Carlow County Council, having been advertised on the open market and having received an acceptable bid on the property, a Section 183 to dispose of the property is to be brought before the July 2025 Plenary Council Meeting for approval.

Proposed by: Cllr. Charlie Murphy

Seconded by: Cllr. Ben Ward

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Section 183 Disposal Notice proceed to the July meeting of Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.