

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
on Thursday 20th March, 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

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer
Victoria Kavanagh, Community Development Worker
Hilda Minchin, A/Administrative Officer

Apologies: Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer

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 20th February, 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 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.

2.1 Amenity/Community Grants

Mr. Michael Brennan presented the schedule of grants for the Environmental Grant Scheme 2025 and Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2005 for consideration and approval as set out below:

Environmental Grant Scheme 2025

Residents Association/Community Group	Recommended Grant €
1 to 20 Community Group	€300.00
Ardattin Community Group	€275.00
Bellwood Drive	€325.00

Biodiversity Garden, Hacketstown	€450.00
Cairdeas Centre	€300.00
Carrigduff Residents Association	€400.00
Castlerock Homeowners Association	€300.00
Community Garden Forward Steps	€275.00
Courtlawns Residents Association	€300.00
Cranavane Holy Well Committee	€350.00
Dún a Rí Residents Association	€300.00
Eagle Hill Road & Marian Terrace Residents Association	€350.00
Fr. Cullen Tce Residents Association	€300.00
Gortnahowan Residents Association	€300.00
Hawthorn Residents Association	€325.00
Hillbrook Residents Association	€400.00
Hillview Residents Association	€350.00
Kildavin Development Association	€275.00
Kylemore Hill Residents Association	€350.00
Michael Collins Park Residents Association	€350.00
Monastery Court Res Assoc	€300.00
Mountain View Residents Association	€300.00
Phelim Crescent Residents Association	€300.00
Rath Feilim Residents Association	€325.00
Rathvilly Community Garden	€350.00
Slate Row Rise Residents Association	€350.00
St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly	€325.00
St. Patrick's Park Residents 21-60	€300.00
The Rise Residents Association	€375.00
Tinryland Community Hub CLG	€250.00
Tullow Day Care Centre	€250.00
Tullow Graveyard Committee	€250.00
Tullow Men's Shed	€250.00
Valley View Residents Association	€300.00
Wolseley Village Management CLG	€300.00
Total	€11,000.00

Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2025

Tidy Towns Groups	Recommended Grant €
Ardattin Community Group	€900.00
Ballon Improvement Group	€1,100.00
Clonmore Development Association	€1,000.00
D.T.A Tullow Tidy Towns Committee	€2,500.00
Hacketstown Community Group	€1,500.00
Kildavin Development Association	€600.00
Myshall Muintir na Tíre	€1,500.00
Rathvilly Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Tinryland Tidy Towns	€900.00
Total	€11,000.00

The schedule of grants for the Environmental Grant Scheme 2025 and Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2005 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Ben Ward

Seconded by: Cllr. William Paton

And following a show of hands, it was RESOLVED

‘That the schedule of grants for the Environmental Grant Scheme 2025 and Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2005 be approved as presented.’

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Community Development worker Presentation

Ms. Victoria Kavanagh gave a presentation to the Members on her work with communities in the Municipal District of Tullow. The Members congratulated Ms. Kavanagh on her work and commended her on a recent talk by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and on work with the farming community and they encouraged working with groups in rural settings especially senior citizens.

3.2 Housing Progress Report

Mr. Tadhg Madden, Senior Executive Officer presented a Housing Progress Report. The Members welcomed Mr. Madden to the meeting and congratulated him on his new role in the Housing Department and wished him well.

Mr. Madden informed the Members that workshops on Housing allocations and Grants would be held on 9th April, 2025 for the Elected Members.

The following was discussed:

- The nature of the infrastructural issues which were causing delay with the delivery of social housing at Tullowbeg – Mr. Madden will investigate and revert.
- Safety concerns at the entrance of Father Flood Avenue, Rathvilly
- The speed of delivery of social housing
- Suggestion that affordable sites could be made available for self-builds
- The necessity to have plans ready should land and funding be available
- Úisce Eireann delaying the plans to build six houses in Ardattin – Mr. Madden will investigate and revert.
- Fencing and illegal dumping at Parkgate, Tullow – Mr. Madden informed the Members that the damaged fencing belonged to the developer. The fence erected by Carlow County Council remained intact. He also informed the Members that the illegal dumping was taking place on private land.
- Compliance by developers on standard of works carried out - Mr. Madden will investigate and revert.
- Mr. Madden confirmed that the Housing net need figure was exclusive of those receiving HAP and RAS.

- Mr. Madden confirmed that updated Planning legislation would be required for any persons wishing to build a small home in their rear garden.

The Members thanked Mr. Madden for his report.

3.3 Area Engineer's Report

Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that his report would be given in committee following the meeting.

The provision of seating in The Square, Tullow was raised and the Members were advised that this was a matter for the Town Team.

A discussion followed on Uisce Éireann maintenance issues where water stopcocks are located to the rear of properties, however if the stopcock is located at the front of a property responsibility is accepted. Furthermore, the issue of stopcocks not turning off fully was highlighted. The matter of payment for the relief of blockages was also raised and leaking pipes on private property. Mr. Michael Brennan advised he would raise these issues with the Water Department of Carlow County Council.

3.4 Dog Fouling

Mr. Michael Brennan informed the Members that following the issue of dog fouling in Tullow Town which was raised at the February 2025 meeting, the Environment Department of Carlow County Council confirmed availability to hold an information awareness evening, provide signage etc.

4.0 Notices of Motion

“That the Municipal District of Tullow requests that Carlow County Council donate the outdoor exercise equipment at Tullow Town Park to St. Patrick’s GAA to be installed along the route of the Walking Track at Brother Leo Park.”
– Cllr. William Paton

Proposed by: Cllr. Will Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. John Pender

And following a show of hands it was RESOLVED

“That the Municipal District of Tullow requests Carlow County Council to donate the outdoor exercise equipment at Tullow Town Park to St. Patrick’s GAA to be installed along the route of the Walking Track at Brother Leo Park.”

5.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6.0 Any Other Business

The members requested a report from the Planning Department for the April meeting to include estates not taken in charge and the actions being taken regarding same, also enforcement proceedings on cabins and caravans.

Mr. Michael Brennan informed the Members that the Tullow Local Area Plan will be progressed in Quarter 3, 2025 and that in the future Local Area Plans will no longer be prepared as they will be covered by the County Development Plan process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.