

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
on Thursday 16th October, 2025 at 4.30pm.**

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

In Attendance: Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Paula O'Brien, Director of Services
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise
Nicola Lawler, Town Regeneration Officer, Town Centre First
Hilda Minchin, Staff Officer

Apologies: Michael Brennan, Director of Services

The Chairperson welcomed all present and online to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District of Tullow meeting held on 18th September, 2025

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

Proposed by: Cllr. Ben Ward

Seconded by: Cllr. Jim Deane

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 Municipal District Engineer's Report

Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer presented his report to the Members:

- The Winter Maintenance Plan was circulated to the Members for noting.

- The Members were informed that part of the construction at Phelim Street, Rathvilly would be delayed until at least Spring, 2026.
- The Members were also informed that their allocations were being administered by staff at the Tullow Area Office.

The following was also discussed:

- Ability of contractors awarded tenders to complete contracts.
- Zebra crossings at schools. Mr. Harrington encouraged applications for the Safe to School Funding from An Taisce when it re-opens for applications.
- Repairs carried out on the Rathoe Road have caused an uneven surface. Mr. Harrington advised that this surface would be finally reinstated after Spring 2026 to allow for settlement.
- An overground pipe at Cuanahowan was raised and Mr. Harrington advised the Members that he was not aware of this and it may be an Uisce Eireann issue.
- It was confirmed that LIS and CIS works are close to completion.
- The Members were informed that a tender had been carried out for the removal of trees and they were advised to prepare requests for tree removal.
- Requirement for a footpath from Tinryland Village to the N80 was raised again.
- The availability of salt should a snow event occur.
- The inspection of works carried out by contractors repairing roads was discussed.

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

3.2 Christmas Lights Funding 2025

Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise presented the proposed Christmas Lights Funding 2025 as set out below to the Members with the €1,240.00 balance of funding recommended to be awarded to Tullow Town for a nativity scene.

Name of Town	Amount	Recommended
Rathoe	€1,000	€1,000
Tullow	€6,760	€6,760
Hacketstown	€1,000	€1,000
Carraigduff	€1,000	€1,000
Aradattin	€5,096	€1,000
Rathvilly	€1,000	€1,000
Clonegal	€1,000	€1,000

The Members thanked Mr. Comerford and his team for their work on this.

The Christmas Lights Funding 2025 as presented was:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton
Seconded by: Cllr. Ben Ward

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Christmas Funding 2025 be adopted.

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 were advised that there were two options for the proposed enhancement of the 1798 Park and the provision of a new pre-teen playground adjacent to Páirc Mhuire:

Option 1: Proceed with the Part VIII planning application as proposed.

Option 2: Seek alternative locations for the playground if possible.

Following a vote by roll call, option 2 'to seek alternative locations for the playground if possible' was carried by four votes in favour to two votes against **AND following a show of hands RESOLVED** that alternative locations for the playground be sought if possible.

This concluded the business of the meeting.