

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
on Thursday 18th September, 2025 at 4.30pm.**

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

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer
Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer
Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise
Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner
Wesley Keogh, Senior Executive Planner
Hilda Minchin, Staff Officer

Apologies: Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer

The Cathaoirleach was online and had arranged for the Leas-Cathaoirleach to chair the meeting.

Until the Leas-Cathaoirleach was present, it was proposed that Cllr. Ben Ward would chair the meeting:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. John Pender

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that Cllr Ben Ward would chair the meeting until the Leas-Cathaoirleach was present.

The Chairperson welcomed all present to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District of Tullow meeting held on 17th July, 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. 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.

2.1 Confirmation of Amended Standing Orders

The Amended Standing Orders were taken as read and were:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. Ben Ward

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Amended Standing Orders were adopted.

2.2 Schedule of Meetings

The Schedule of Meetings for 2025/2026 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. Ben Ward

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings 2025/2025 was approved.

2.3 Date for Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting

The proposed date of 16th October, 2025 for the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Ben Ward

Seconded by: Cllr. William Paton

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting would be held on 16th October, 2025.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Municipal District Engineer's Report

Apologies were given on behalf of Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer who was unable to attend the meeting.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian O'Donovan took the chair.

3.2 Housing Progress Report

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

- Timing of allocations to be made later in 2025 and the importance of allocations going to people who want to live in a particular area.
- Expressions of Interest for Affordable Housing.
- Mr. Madden confirmed that he had been unable to establish contact with Respond regarding land on the Shillelagh Road that they had previously

advised was not viable and would not be proceeding with the development of.

- Infrastructural issues in Parkgate, Tullow which cannot be addressed until the estate is taken in charge.
- The cost of affordable housing and the income levels required to qualify for same.
- The development of the property known as Kiely's Pub.
- Mixed tenure properties.
- Engagement of Housing Department to address issues at Fr. Flood Avenue, Rathvilly.
- Housing construction plan for future years

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

3.3 Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws

Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development and Enterprise presented the Review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws to the Members.

The Review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws was:

Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. Ben Ward

AND following a show of hands RESOLVED that the Review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws be adopted.

3.4 Draft Tullow District Plan

Mr. Wesley Keogh, Senior Executive Planner presented a report on the Draft Tullow District Plan to the Members.

Mr. Keogh and Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner discussed the following issues which were raised:

- The process stages for the Draft Tullow District Plan. A workshop will be held at a date and time which will facilitate the Members.
- Housing targets in the Plan and the infrastructure to support housing development.
- Section 28 Guidelines.
- The provision of bus shelters was raised and Ms. Sweeney advised that this was an operational issue.
- The impact of the Zoned Residential Land Tax.
- The issue of adequate future planning for a school in Tullow was raised and Ms. Sweeney advised that the Planning Department would be engaging with the Department of Education and Youth.
- The requirement for an outer relief road and areas on that route to be prioritised.

The Members thanked Mr. Keogh and Ms. Sweeney.

4.0 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

5.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6.0 Any Other Business

The continued closure of Tullow Town Park was raised and when it would be re-opened. Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services advised the Members that he would check with Uisce Éireann and revert.

The future plans for the old fire station in Tullow were raised. Mr. Brennan advised that consideration was being given to developing the building for arts and culture use.

This concluded the business of the meeting.