

**Minutes of the
Municipal District of Muinebheag
Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th June 2026 at 4.00 p.m.
in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag, Co. Carlow**

Members Present: Cllr. Michael Doran – Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Daniel Pender – Leas Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Tommy Kinsella
Cllr. Willie Quinn (*Remote*)
Cllr. Andy Gladney

In Attendance: Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services
Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer
Ms. Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag MD
Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Planning (*Remote*)
Tommie Hickson, Meeting Administrator

Cllr. Michael Doran, Cathaoirleach, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A proposal to start the meeting early at 3.45 p.m. was proposed by Cllr. A. Gladney and seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella. **All Agreed.**

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag 1st April 2026

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. A. Gladney and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran, following a show of hands that the draft minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting held on the 1st April 2026 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

2. Business Prescribed by Statue, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at such meeting

None.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Urban Speed Limit Review

Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer gave this presentation and the following points were clarified:-

- National 2023 Speed Limit Review –
Proposed National Urban Speed Limit Review
- Practicalities and Safety discussed
- All housing estates 30 kph
- Speed limits depend on street types and shopping areas
- Non-statutory – Proposed Public Consultation at pre-draft stage
- Phase 1 – Rural speed limits review
- Phase 2 – Urban speed limits review
- Phase 3 – National Secondary Roads
- Phase 4 - Schools to be reviewed

Councillors were made aware that most schools will be addressed under the Urban Speed Limit Review, and Newtown, Borris, which is on a regional road, will be caught in Phase 4.

The Members agreed to review the R448 on completion of the Urban Speed Limit Review in 2027.

Orla took this opportunity to thank the Members for all the feedback received after a recent Members' workshop on the Urban speed limits. As this is a 'Reserved Function' approval is sought from Members to bring the non-statutory public consultation to main Council meeting. She advised that a public consultation is planned for July/August. Draft Bye-laws will be completed and brought to the September MD and Council meeting. A second workshop will be held for the Members on completion of the Draft Bye-laws for discussion and statutory public display.

Queries were raised in relation to the speed limit in Glynn and schools that are not in urban areas. All queries were answered.

3.2 Housing Report

Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing, gave a brief update on the Housing Progress Report. The following areas were discussed:-

- Housing Stock Muinebheag MD
- Upper Main Street, Borris
- Tinteán, Borris
- Tinnahinch
- Funding to buy further houses

All queries were answered.

3.3 Roads Report

Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on the Roads Report. The following areas were discussed:-

- Additional works due to Storm Chandra
- Town Improvement Works Projects – Bagenalstown, Borris, Leighlinbridge
- Borris Viaduct
- St. Mullins car park
- St. Mullins public toilet upgrade
- St. Mullins conservation works to Bath

All queries were answered. Lilly confirmed that all works are on target, with several already complete.

Pádraig O’Gorman advised that following a recent meeting held in May, the Chief Executive is hopeful to receive extra funding to cover the additional works required after Storm Chandra. However, he is currently waiting for official confirmation from the Department.

Cllr. Andy Gladney acknowledged how well Bagenalstown is looking and how the whole community appreciates all the works which have been completed.

Cllr. Michael Doran agreed with Cllr. Gladney, acknowledging that at times it has been difficult, but worth it now. He also wished to compliment the Bloom Team.

3.4 Planning Matters

Barry Knowles, Senior Executive Officer, Planning gave this update. The following queries were raised:-

- Unauthorised work on Mount Leinster
- Staffing levels in Enforcement

All queries were answered and Barry suggested that any queries the Members had can be sent directly to him.

3.5 Bagenalstown Cemetery Update

Pádraig O’Gorman gave this update. He confirmed that all surveys have been completed and tenders for construction were published in April. Three tenders were received and a letter sent to the successful contractor. There is a mandatory standstill period of 14 days prior to signing contracts. An immediate start on site is expected end of June, early July, with a timeframe of approximately 6 – 8 weeks, with completion end of August. All planned works to be completed for September meeting.

Queries were raised in relation to:-

- Trees on dividing ditch in Bagenalstown cemetery
- Tinnahinch cemetery
- St. Mullins update
- Ballinabranna cemetery

All queries were answered. Cllr. Andy Gladney and Cllr. Daniel Pender complimented all the work that has been done to reach this stage in the process and welcomed it as great news for the area.

4. Notices of Motion

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Any Other Business

Cllr. Tommy Kinsella queried the temporary diversion of traffic caused by the bridge rehabilitation works on Ferrymountgarrett bridge that are being carried out by Kilkenny County Council.

Lilly Slye advised that a 24 hour closure of this road R700 at Ferrymountgarrett Bridge will be at 8.00 a.m. Wednesday 24th June to 6.00 p.m. Friday 28th August 2026 inclusive. Alternative routes are in place and hedgecutting along the entire diversion.

Cllr. Willie Quinn raised a query in relation to overgrown junctions and surveys on stop signs around the county. Orla Barrett answered all queries.

Queries were raised in relation to the current Iarnród Éireann services and the Executive agreed to examine same.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th 2026

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: Michael Doran Date: 8th July 2026
Cllr. Michael Doran
Cathaoirleach

Signed: Tommy Hickson Date: 8/7/26
Meetings Administrator