

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow  
held in Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow,  
on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 4.30pm.**

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**Present:** Cllr. John Pender, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr. Jim Deane  
Cllr. Ben Ward  
Cllr. William Paton

**In Attendance:** Michael Brennan, Director of Services  
Fiona O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer  
Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer  
John Daly, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ben Woodhouse, A/Chief Fire Officer  
Darrell Duty, Fire Chief, Tempe, Arizona, U.S.A.  
Markus Green, Chief Fire Officer, Räddningstjänsten Fyrbodal,  
Sweden.  
Hilda Minchin, Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Charlie Murphy  
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue  
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer

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 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

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

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Jim Deane

**Seconded by:** Cllr. William Paton

**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 Roads – Local Improvement Scheme**

As Mr. Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer, could not attend the meeting. It was agreed that this item be brought to the June 2026 meeting for approval.

## **1.2 Carlow's Pride of Place 2026 Grant Approvals**

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services presented the Carlow's Pride of Place 2026 grant recommendations as set out below to the Members for approval:

### **Estates Section**

|           | <b>Residents Association/Community Group</b> | <b>Recommended Grant €</b> |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Dun A Ri Committee                           | <b>500</b>                 |
| <b>2</b>  | Forge Meadow Residents                       | <b>500</b>                 |
| <b>3</b>  | St. Patricks Park Residents (61-76)          | <b>600</b>                 |
| <b>4</b>  | 1-20 Community Group (St. Patricks Park)     | <b>300</b>                 |
| <b>5</b>  | Rath Felim Residents                         | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>6</b>  | The Rise Residents                           | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>7</b>  | Phelim Cresent Residents                     | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>8</b>  | Rathsillan Residents                         | <b>950</b>                 |
| <b>9</b>  | Courtlawns Residents                         | <b>300</b>                 |
| <b>10</b> | Hawthorn Drive Residents                     | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>11</b> | Delacy Abbey Residents                       | <b>950</b>                 |
| <b>12</b> | Bellwood Drive                               | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>13</b> | Castlerock Estate                            | <b>950</b>                 |
| <b>14</b> | Hacketstown Playground                       | <b>400</b>                 |
| <b>15</b> | Wolseley Village Management                  | <b>750</b>                 |
| <b>16</b> | Hillbrook Estate                             | <b>450</b>                 |
| <b>17</b> | Beech Wood Drive                             | <b>433.20</b>              |
| <b>18</b> | The Meadows, Myshall                         | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>19</b> | Cairdeas Centre                              | <b>350</b>                 |
| <b>20</b> | Michael Collins Park                         | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>21</b> | Cranavane Holy Well                          | <b>473.36</b>              |
| <b>22</b> | Carrigduff Residents                         | <b>1000</b>                |
| <b>23</b> | Biodiversity Garden Hacketstown              | <b>473.36</b>              |
| <b>24</b> | Rathvilly Community Garden                   | <b>473.36</b>              |
| <b>25</b> | Tullow Bio-Diversity Garden                  | <b>473.36</b>              |
| <b>26</b> | Tullow Men's Shed                            | <b>473.36</b>              |
| <b>27</b> | Mountain View Estate                         | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>28</b> | Marian Terrace Eagle Hill                    | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>29</b> | Hillview Drive                               | <b>500</b>                 |
| <b>30</b> | Ballon Business and Training Services Ltd    | <b>0</b>                   |
| <b>31</b> | 21-60 St. Patricks Park                      | <b>700</b>                 |
| <b>32</b> | St. Patricks & Phelan Street                 | <b>700</b>                 |
|           | <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>€19,000.00</b>          |

### **Tidy Towns Section**

|           | <b>Tidy Towns Groups</b>    | <b>Recommended Grant €</b> |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Tinryland Tidy Towns        | <b>900</b>                 |
| <b>2</b>  | Myshall Muintir Na Tire     | <b>1400</b>                |
| <b>3</b>  | Tullow Tidy Towns           | <b>2500</b>                |
| <b>4</b>  | Hacketstown Community Group | <b>1400</b>                |
| <b>5</b>  | Kildavin Development Group  | <b>1000</b>                |
| <b>6</b>  | Ardattin                    | <b>1000</b>                |
| <b>7</b>  | Rathvilly Tidy Towns        | <b>1400</b>                |
| <b>8</b>  | Clonmore                    | <b>1000</b>                |
| <b>9</b>  | Tiknock Tidy Towns          | <b>1000</b>                |
| <b>10</b> | Ballon Village              | <b>1400</b>                |
| <b>11</b> | Clonegal                    | <b>1000</b>                |
|           | <b>Total</b>                | <b>€14,000.00</b>          |

The Carlow's Pride of Place 2026 grant recommendations were:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. William Paton

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Ben Ward

**AND following a show of hands RESOLVED** that the Carlow Pride of Place 2026 grant recommendations be approved as presented.

### **1.3 Proposal for the Naming of a Plaque in the Tullow Bio-Diversity Garden**

Cllr. Ben Ward proposed that a plaque be placed in the Tullow Bio-Diversity Garden stating that the garden was dementia inclusive. Cllr. William Paton stated that the new Town Park, when it is complete would be a better fit for the plaque and should be considered.

The deferral of a decision on this item was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. William Paton

**Seconded by:** Cllr. John Pender

**AND following a show of hands RESOLVED** that the proposal for the naming of a plaque in the Tullow Bio-diversity Garden be deferred to the June 2026 meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow.

## **3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

### **3.1 Municipal District Engineer's Report**

Mr. John Daly, Senior Executive Engineer presented his report to the Members:

- The Members were informed that due to the recent bad weather that some roads had disintegrated in parts and the task to repair them is weather dependent. Cllr. Deane advised that while diversions were in place, there are also very large potholes in parts of the county causing

delays and danger. He advised that at McArdles Cross in Tinryland pedestrian access was blocked.

- It was noted that works by Uisce Éireann on the water main and drainage at Phelim Street, Rathvilly was delayed.

The following was also discussed:

- Cllr. Ben Ward requested an update on the reinstatement of the Rathoe Road and Mr. Daly advised he would revert with an update.
- Pedestrian safety at school drop-off points was raised.

The Members thanked Mr. John Daly, Senior Executive Engineer for his report.

### **3.2 Housing Annual Service Plan 2026**

Mr. Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer and Mr. Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer presented a Housing Report to the Members.

Mr. Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer provided an update on Thomas Traynor Road, The Brigidine Convent, Moffet's Lane and An Cúirt, Hacketstown.

Mr. Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer provided an update on Housing Adaptation Grants, guidance on fossil fuel boilers, prioritisation of essential repairs, capital projects, housing stock and housing requirements.

A discussion followed on the following:

- The high quality of the units being delivered on the Thomas Traynor Road.
- The Housing Department was thanked for work on the upcoming delivery of social housing units.
- The Members requested that they be provided with information in advance of allocations for social housing being announced.
- The Members requested that they be given a tour of the social housing units being allocated

### **3.3 Fire Service Operation Section 26 Plan**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Darrell Duty, Fire Chief, Tempe, Arizona, U.S.A. and Mr. Markus Green, Chief Fire Officer, Räddningstjänsten Fyrbodal, Sweden to the meeting.

Mr. Ben Woodhouse, A/Chief Fire Officer gave a presentation to the Members on the Fire Station Operation Section 26 Plan.

Mr. Woodhouse also informed the Members that the Fire Service installed 500 free smoke alarms across County Carlow. He further informed the members that a Major Incident Room can be mobilised in County Carlow at very short notice, should it be required.

The Members thanked Mr. Woodhouse, A/Chief Fire Officer for his presentation and the work carried out by the Members of the Fire Service and the horrific sites and incidents that they attend was noted and the Members extended thanks to all Members of the Fire Service.

### **3.4 CLÁR Scheme 2026**

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services informed the Members that the CLÁR Scheme had been revised and that from 2026 four new CLÁR areas in County Carlow had been added. A maximum of fourteen applications could now be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for consideration.

The Members welcomed the addition of four new areas for County Carlow but noted that there are still areas of disadvantage in the County which have not been included in the Scheme. They urged that smaller statistical areas be considered for inclusion in the Scheme.

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services informed the Members that the CLÁR Scheme had not been reviewed for a number of years and Carlow County Council had made a submission to the Department regarding this. He further informed the Members that the Pobal Deprivation Index and areas of depopulation had been considered and the addition for four new areas in County Carlow must be welcomed.

### **3.5 Cathaoirleach's Awards**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Pender informed the Members that the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2026 would proceed on a date to be confirmed in June 2026.

## **4.0 Notices of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **5.0 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **6.0 Any Other Business**

### **6.1 Joint Meeting Between the Municipal District of Tullow and the Municipal District of Enniscorthy**

The Cathaoirleach informed the Members that a joint meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 to take place in Bunclody Golf Club. Further details including the agenda will be issued once available.

## **6.2 Disposal of Property at Cappawater, Myshall**

Mr. Michael Brennan, Director of Services 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 April 2026 Plenary Council Meeting for approval. This item was:

**Proposed by: Cllr. Ben Ward**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Jim Deane**

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.**

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Cllr. John Pender,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Tullow.

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Date