COMHAIRLE CONTAE
CHEATHARLACH

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

August 26th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Muinebheag Municipal District Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2026** at **4:00 pm** in **McGrath Hall, Muinebheag, Co. Carlow.**

Tommie Hickson

Staff Officer/

Meetings Administrator.

Agenda

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 DRAFT Minutes Muinebheag Municipal District Meeting 8th July 2026

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3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

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4.0 Notices of Motion

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6.0 Any Other Business

Invitees

Cllr Michael Doran

Cllr Andy Gladney

Ms Tommie Hickson

Cllr Thomas Kinsella

Mr Pádraíg O Gorman

Cllr Daniel Pender

Cllr William Quinn

Minutes of the
Municipal District of Muinebheag
Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th July 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
Cllr. Andy Gladney

In Attendance: Mr. Pádraig O'Gorman, Director of Services
Ms. Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag MD
Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing
Eilish Langton, Creative Places Bagenalstown Coordinator
Tommie Hickson, Meeting Administrator

Apologies: Tadhg Madden, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer

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

1. Confirmation of Draft Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag AGM 10th June 2026

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Pender and seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney, following a show of hands that the draft minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag AGM held on the 10th June 2026 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.
All agreed

Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag 10th June 2026

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Pender and seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney, following a show of hands that the draft minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting held on the 10th June 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

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Housing Report

Niall Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing, gave this update and advised of the following:-

- Keys received today for 2 units on Upper Main Street in Borris. Ready for allocation in approximately 2/3 weeks
- Uplift to 17 Tinteán units in Borris approved and submitted Expected completion by end of this month
- Tinnahinch property at Pre -Part VIII stage
- Refurbishment of existing HSE building to residential Ready for planning Q3 2026 - Commencement on site Q1 2027 Approximate completion Q2 2027

All queries were answered.

3.2 Creative Places Bagenalstown

Eilish Langton, Creative Places Bagenalstown Coordinator, introduced herself and provided an overview of the Creative Places programme and its current development with a comprehensive presentation.

Eilish explained that Creative Places Bagenalstown is working to cultivate a creative ecology in Muinebheag by supporting socially engaged arts practice, strengthening community connections, and creating opportunities for people to actively shape the town's cultural life. Managed by Carlow Arts Service and funded through the Arts Council's Creative Places programme, with support from Carlow County Council and local partners, the initiative is aligned with the ambitions of *Arts for a Flourishing Carlow – Carlow Strategic Arts Plan 2025 - 2035*, alongside wider local development goals and national cultural policies.

She outlined where the programme is at in the emerging framework, *Cultivating a Creative Ecology 2025–2027*, which is centred on five interconnected roles or pillars: Activator, Associate, Ambassador, Architect, and Advocate. Together, these pillars have provided a structure for building relationships, encouraging collaboration, and supporting creative participation across the community. The framework focuses on creating lasting connections between artists, residents, organisations, and local leaders, laying the groundwork for sustainable cultural development.

Eilish noted that the Coordinator role has evolved into that of Activator, helping to spark and sustain networks, initiatives, and opportunities that strengthen the creative ecosystem in Muinebheag. Key areas of focus include:

- Supporting socially engaged artists and creative practitioners
- Encouraging inclusive community participation
- Connecting communities of interest and place
- Developing leadership and collaborative capacity
- Building sustainable models for long-term cultural growth

She emphasised that the programme is shaped by the experiences, aspirations, and knowledge of people living and working in Muinebheag, with a
strong commitment to co-creation, shared decision-making, and collective action.

Eilish also informed members about a series of visioning workshops taking place from 20th to 24th July, facilitated by New York based artist Abraham Burickson. These sessions will contribute to the development of an *Experience Insights Blueprint,* a participatory process designed to gather local perspectives, identify opportunities for growth and mentoring, and help shape future creative and cultural pathways for Muinebheag. The resulting blueprint will inform a shared vision and practical actions to support the continued development of the town's creative ecology.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Eilish and acknowledged the wonderful work that can be seen throughout the town. An example is the great success of supporting the Bloom Festival and Carlow Arts Festival on the Road, which is so important in this age of social media, bringing people together which.

All the Members complimented Eilish and acknowledged that these projects were great for the area. A lot of work has also been done behind the scenes and building links with New York is fantastic for Bagenalstown.

3.3 Roads Report

Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer gave this report. She confirmed that surface dressing started last Monday. However, due to the very high temperatures, it was too hot to continue and it is hoped to resume next week. This work will take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete.

Lilly advised that €2.8m funding has been approved from the Department, with €2.4m approved for Muinebheag Municipal District.

Pádraig O'Gorman acknowledged that this extra funding was a great welcome

Lilly advised of the following works:-

- Contractor appointed – LIS and CIS
  These works to commence the 2nd week of August
- Footpath at Leigh Bends – Complete
- Ballyellen carpark – Complete
- St. Mullins – waiting for Ministerial consent from Department
- Final planting to be completed by end of August

The following queries were raised:-

- Parking spaces in Bagenalstown
- Possibility of ramps in certain areas
- Update on Royal Oak
- Entrance to Borris House
- Signage in Borris
- Eastwood Lane
- Graiguenamanagh bridge
- Roadside verges/hedge cutting – guidelines
- Wheelchair & Disabled parking
- Clashganny – ramp on road to river
- Wastewater treatment system - Borris

All queries were answered by Pádraig O'Gorman and Lilly Slye. Members were advised that the Roads Act supersedes the Wildlife Act.

3.4 Bagenalstown Cemetery Update

Pádraig O'Gorman, Director of Service gave an update on Bagenalstown Cemetery and circulated a map showing the new layout. He advised that GH Groundworks Ltd. have been appointed as contractor and works have now commenced. Expected completion date is end of August. Pádraig advised the members that this new extension will provide an additional 12,010 burial plots and also includes 41 car park spaces for Bagenalstown cemetery. He confirmed that mature trees will be retained and trimmed, while the dividing ditch will be removed.

4. Notices of Motion

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Any Other Business

Pádraig O'Gorman advised the meeting that Iarnród Eireann provides a very good train service in Bagenalstown, with 8 stops per day Monday to Friday, and 5 stops on a Sunday. He also acknowledged that the train station car park is working very well.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd September 2026

This concluded the business of the meeting

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cllr. Michael Doran
Cathaoirleach

COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHEATHARLACH
CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

18th August 2026

To: The Cathaoirleach & Members of the Municipal District of Muine Bheag

Projects in Progress

AHB/ CCC	Project	No. of Dwellings	Status	Delivery
CCC	Upper Main Street Borris	2 Units	Completed, allocation stage	Q3 2026
Tintean	Borris	17 Units	Uplift approved by Department. Allocation stage. Developer to furnish BCAR then transaction can be completed.	Q3 2026
CCC	Ballymurphy	1 Unit	Design proposal stage	2028

Total Stock Muine Bheag MD
488
Figure as at 19/08/2026

Housing Requirement – Muine Bheag MD			
Location	**Total on List**	**Gross Need**	**Net Need**
Muine Bheag MD	142	99	43

A total of 230 applicants have expressed a preference tor accommodation in Muine Bheag MD. The figures above are based on first preference only.

Tadhg Madden
A/Senior Executive Officer
Housing

Transportation Report

Muinebheag M.D. 2nd Sept 2026

Remedial Works Projects (Carlow Revenue) €14,390		
	Spcial Projects - M.Doran	
	Special Projects - A.Gladney	Footpath at Regent street
	Special Projects - T.Kinsella	Surfacing of Ballyellen Carpark
	Special Projects - D.Pender	
	Special Projects - W.Quinn	Surfacing of Ballyellen Carpark
Non-National Restoration Improvement (DTTAS)		
	R729 Ballyblake - Newtown	Complete
	R705 Kilree Street, Muinebheag	Complete
	L71233 Knockagarry - Seskin Upper	
	L7027 Skahanrane - Dunroe	Complete
	L70243 Rathnageeragh - Coolnasneachta	Complete
	L7021 Kilcruit - Kilgraney	Complete
	L7001 Ballycormick - Seskinryan	Complete
	L3052 Ballyloo X - Nurney	
	L3044 Ratheaden - Rathwade	
	L3039 Milford - Raheendoran	Complete
	L30373 The Ridge - Knockbaun	
	L3024 Regent St. Muinebheag	Complete
	L3007 Ballyglisheen - Gowlin	
	L3003 Garyhill - Knockclongard	Complete
	L3001 Killoughternane - Tomduff	Complete
	L3001 Ballycormick - Corries Cross	
Non-National Restoration Maintenance (DTTAS)		
	L3001 Tomduff - Killoughterane	Complete
	L3001 Dunore- Ballycormack	Complete
	L70601 Mullanaskeagh- Newtown	Complete
	R703 Coolnamara X - Ballyhegan	Complete
	L3052 Ballyloo-Nurney	Complete
	L7002 Donore - Seskinryan	Complete
Non-National Supplementry Restoration Maintenance (DTTAS)		
	L7026 Ballnasillogue - Ballynattin	Complete
	L3044 Oldtown - Rathwade	Complete
	L70241 Drumphea - Knockdrumagh	Complete
	L7063 Ballybeg - Slievedurada	Complete
	L3048 Newtown - Nurney	Complete
	L3037 Old Leighlin- Ballynolan	Complete
Low Cost Safety Improvement Projects (DTTAS)		
	R705 Kilree Br to Slyguff Br	
	R448 Rathvindon	In progress

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	R702 Borris Village (Roadmark Pedestrian crossing)	Complete
Bridge Repair Projects (DTTAS)		
	L30089 Turra Br, Glynn	
	L3036 Closutton Br, Bagenalstown	Complete
	R729 Ballyling Br, Glynn **(Bahana Br)**	
	L3048 Agha Br, Leighlinbridge	Complete
Drainage Improvement Grant (DTTAS)		
	L-70501- walshestown	Complete
	L-30016 Tomduff	Complete
	L-3008 Knockeen	Complete
	L-71302 Craanluskey	Complete
	L-3031 Wells	
	L-7143 Rathellen	
Comminuty Involvement Schemes (DTTAS)		
	L-70291 Kiledmond (B. Warren)	Complete
	L-30001 Kilgreaney (L. Buggy)	Complete
	L-30018 Donore (P. Purcell)	Complete
	L-71012-9 Fr Cummins Park	
	L-70511 Woodlwan park	Complete
Climate Change & Adaptation Grant (DTTAS)		
	R702 Coonogue (Drainage)	Complete
	L3001 Ballinree (Drainage)	Complete
Local Improvement Scheme		
	Innachapoocha	In Progress
	Knockmanus- Doran	In Progress

Additional works

- L-30088 Dranagh
- L-3007-49 Marley – Ballymurphy (various sections)
- L-7060-0 Tinnacarrig Complete
- L-70642 Ballygrinnigan Complete
- L-30074 Goolin
- L-7045 Tomduff Complete
- L-70611-0 knockeen Complete
- L-7061- Coolyhne Complete
- L-70641 ballyling Complete
- L-7064-0 Turra- Knockduff Complete
- L-30034-0 knocklongad-Drumphea Complete
- L-30376-0 Johnsduffwood

Additional Works Project

- Borris Viaduct -recommence in coming weeks Completion Q4 2026
- St Mullins Public Toilets upgrade – In progress
- St Mullins conservation works to Bath – In Progress