

**Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Tullow held in Tullow Civic Offices,
on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 4.pm.**

Present: Cllr. B O'Donoghue, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. J. Murphy,
Cllr. J. Pender
Cllr. W. Paton
Cllr. J. McDonald
Cllr. C. Murphy

In Attendance: M. Brennan, Director of Services
P. O'Gorman, Director of Services
B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise
P. Harrington, Area Engineer

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of MD Meeting held on the 15th December 2021

The minutes, taken as read, were:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy
Seconded by: Cllr. William Paton

Matters Arising/Matters Raised

Cllr W. Paton wished to record his appreciation for the TMD staff for their response to the extreme weather on Christmas Day. Concern was raised for the wall and Moodys and it was requested that this be examined.

Cllr J. Pender added his thanks but expressed concern about the out of hours telephone emergency line.

Cllrs J McDonald, J. Murphy, C. Murphy & B. O'Donoghue wanted to be associated with the thanks expressed to the TMD crews.

Cllr J. McDonald enquired as to whether there was an update regarding Primary Care.

2.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Municipal District Members

None

3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Discretionary Improvement Projects

Pat Harrington, Tullow MD Engineer presented the 2022 DI Programme for members consideration. Members unanimously supported the programme.

Proposed by: Cllr William Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. John McDonald

3.2 CIS & LIS Projects

It was agreed to hold an in person meeting on the 26th January 2022 at 5pm to discuss the projects.

3.3. Tullow Relief Road

Padraig O Gorman, Director of Services updated members on the Tullow Relief Road.

- A meeting is scheduled with the Department to discuss a preliminary business case for the project
- The Part 8 granted in the past could no longer be relied on due to changes in environmental legislation

Cllr W. Paton enquired as to whether the project was in competition with Bagenalstown

Cllr J. Pender stated that he was not happy with the position and that €27 million was a large amount for the project. Asked the Director to leave no stone unturned and ensure that Tullow was not at the back of the queue. Noted that the land was already in the ownership of Carlow County Council.

Cllr B. O'Donoghue stated that this was a relief road and not a bypass. It was also asked could the section to Rathoe Road be advanced.

Cllr J. McDonald questions the costs estimated at €9 million/km

P. O'Gorman clarified that this is a project the Department and not TII. The project would involve brown field development and would support the Town Centre first policy. The Tullow scheme differed from Bagenalstown as that scheme was mainly developer led. The EIS required for the Tullow project is a new piece of work that would be required.

3.4 Update on the South Leinster and Wicklow Way

Brian O'Donovan, SEO updated members on the ORIS scheme for the connection of the walking/cycling route at Clonegal/Kildavin. The scheme is at design stage and preparation of environmental reports

Cllrs C Murphy & J Murphy noted the importance of getting agreement with Landowners

3.5 Housing Report

Brian O'Donovan, SEO updated members on Housing Activity in the Tullow MD.

Cllr B O'Donoghue noted that it would be good to progress the Hacketstown Project

Cllr C Murphy welcomed progress in Ardattin and Hacketstown

3.6 Rural Regeneration Development Fund/Vision for Rathvilly 2040

Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise updated members on the funding for the Phoenix Centre and progress on the fund.

Cllr J. Pender enquired about the availability of consultants

Cllr W. Paton enquired about consultants and their cost and when the Town & Village was going to be announced

4.0 Notices of Motion

None

5.0 Correspondence

None received

6.0 Any Other Business

Cllr J McDonald enquired about the Primary Care Centre and an update on active travel.

Cllr W Paton enquired: -

- why the Part 8 for the Tullow active travel scheme was not ready
- the availability of funding for footpath repairs including Patricks Park
- traffic measure to reduce speed on the Shillelagh Road
- lights at Rathsillian
- Flooding at Rathglass Bridge
- Flooding at Olivers Villas

Cllr C Murphy enquired about how projects were submitted under active travel

Cllr J Pender enquired: -

- Flooding at St Olivers Villas
- Water coming off land onto Road at Shillelagh Road

P. O’Gorman and P. Harrington responded to the queries and would investigate matters raised.

Michael Brennan informed members that there would be a meeting regarding the Tullow Masterplan on the 24th January at 5pm

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for 16th February 2022.

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