

**Minutes of the Tullow Municipal District held Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 4pm in Tullow  
Community Centre**

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

**In Attendance:** M. Brennan, Director of Services  
K. Comerford, Head of LEO  
E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer  
N. Lawlor, Senior Executive Officer  
B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer  
P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer  
S. Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer  
M. O'Brien, Administrative Officer

**Apologies:** None

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. McDonald, as seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to deal with an issue in camera.

After a brief in camera discussion the meeting then resumed.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Proposed by: Cllr. B. O'Donoghue**

**Seconded by: Cllr. J. Murphy**

**And Resolved.**

**2. Business prescribed by statute, standing orders or resolution of the Municipal District Members**

**2.1 Fix Date for Budget Meeting for Municipal District of Tullow**

The date of the Budget Meeting for the Municipal District of Tullow was agreed as Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. to be held prior to the monthly meeting of Tullow Municipal District. It was noted that the meeting will commence in camera.

**2.2 Casual Trading bye Laws**

K. Comerford, LEO advised the Members regarding the proposed new Casual Trading Bye Laws for each Municipal District in County Carlow. It was noted that the proposed Casual Trading Area for Tullow Municipal District was Tullow Town Park and Members were encouraged to propose any other suitable areas within the Municipal District for consideration. Issues surrounding historical rights to hold a fair at Tullow Square and The

Fair Green Tullow were noted. The Bye Law document will cover public areas only. Queries raised by Councillors were answered by K. Comerford in detail.

The draft Bye Law document was

**Proposed by Cllr. J. McDonald,**

**Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue**

**And Resolved**

*"That Tullow Municipal District Members agree to proceed to public consultation process with the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2022 for the Municipal District of Tullow in accordance with the provisions of the Casual Trading Act 1995, the Local Government Act 2001 and Local Government (Reform) Act 2014."*

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

#### **3.1 Rathvilly Vision Plan**

K. Comerford, LEO gave an update to the meeting on Vision Rathvilly 2040. It was noted that the Vision Rathvilly Rural Regeneration and Development project is progressing. Elements including the former Phoenix Centre, Public Realm Plan and a funding application are progressing. It is intended that the eventual outcome of the process will be developed into a Rural Regeneration and Development Scheme application subject to planning and business case development in 2023. Members welcomed the progress to date in Rathvilly.

#### **3.2 Tullow Courthouse**

E. Brophy, SEO informed the meeting that the services of Margaret Quinlan, Grade 1 Conservation Architect have been engaged to assess the required works and possible future uses of Tullow Courthouse. Members welcomed the progress to date on this issue.

#### **3.3 Tullow Master Plan**

N. Lawlor, SEO updated the meeting on progress to date on the Tullow Master Plan. Stage 1 meetings will commence the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> of September with meetings proposed between the Design Team and various groups including Develop Tullow Association and Tullow Town Traders. A working group will be established and in person public consultation will be held. Following this process Stage 2 will see a Preliminary Master Plan for Tullow drafted by the end of November, 2022. Stage 3 will involve a second round of public consultation. The Members welcomed N. Lawlor's report and the opportunity to involve all interested parties in this non-statutory process. Queries raised by Members were answered in detail by Ms. Lawlor.

#### **3.4 Safe Routes to School – Programme Update**

S. Loughlan, S.E.E. briefed the meeting on the Safe Routes to School Programme. The Safe Routes to School scheme is administered through the NTA with co-ordination through An Taisce and the Green Schools Programme. Members welcomed the inclusion of St. Patrick's National School, Rathvilly in the 2022 programme of works.

#### **3.5 Cycling Orbital Route**

S. Loughlin, S.E.E. gave an update on the proposed Cyclin Orbital Route for Tullow town. It was noted that the Part 8 process was approved in July, 2022 however an Archaeological Impact Assessment is now required and it is anticipated that the scheme will now progress in Q1 2023.

### **3.6 Housing Progress Report**

B. O'Donovan, S.E.O. gave an update on the provision of housing units in Tullow Municipal District. Members noted the updated position and expressed concerns in relation to issues at certain sites and delay in commencement. It was noted that Respond are to meet the Department of Housing in relation to the Shillelagh Road site and commencement is imminent on the Tullowbeg AHB site. Members welcomed the completion of units at Mill Street, Tullow. Members welcomed the news that the Minister for Housing has announced the next stage of Craoi Conaith funding which will see serviced sites being made available. Queries raised by members were responded to by B. O' Donovan.

### **3.7 Area Engineers Report**

P. Harrington, S.E.E. gave an extensive update to Members on progress under Departmental schemes during 2022. The Active Travel project is completed in St. Oliver's Park, Myshall. Works are proposed to encourage pedestrian movement in Tullow from the town to the GAA pitch. In particular, it was noted that the Discretionary Improvement funding stream was noted and Councillors who have not yet expended their discretionary fund were encouraged to do so imminently.

### **3. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

### **4. Correspondence**

M. Brennan, D.O.S. informed the meeting that a reply to correspondence had been received from the Department advising that no additional funding for Taking in Charge is available.

### **5. Any Other Business**

None

**This concluded the business of the Meeting.**