

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
Held in Teach Bhride, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023
at 4.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. Charlie Murphy, Chairperson
Cllr. John Murphy
Cllr. John Pender (virtually)
Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue
Cllr. John McDonald
Cllr. Will Paton

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer
Pat Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer
Orla Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer
Padraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Engineer
Rachel Dowling, Assistant Staff Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 21st December, 2022.

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

Proposed:by: Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Cllr. John McDonald

And Resolved.

2. Tullow Car Parking Update

P. O'Gorman, Senior Executive Engineer, gave an update to the Meeting regarding a site which has been identified to replace the carpark on the Relief Road when the lease expires on 30th June 2023. A number of issues were raised regarding this site. P. O'Gorman pointed out the options are limited and it is hoped to row in behind the Town Centre Process, but there are time constraints as the Town Centre Report is not due until May and lease expires a month later. It was requested that an extension of the lease be requested. P. O'Gorman, SEE agreed but was not hopeful that negotiations would be successful. Attention was again also drawn to the dangerous condition of the railings around the Relief Road carpark and the members were advised that the landowner has been written to regarding this issue.

3. Area Engineer's Report

P. Harrington, Senior Executive Engineer briefed Members on progress to date in the Tullow M.D. regarding macadam projects. Due to construction inflation, it may not be possible to complete all projects (report attached). Tenders are back for macadam and

allocations are expected in the next three weeks. The councillors were advised that the tenders were competitive and contractors were enthusiastic for work

P. Harrington S.E.E. requested Councillors to finalise projects under D.I. and get their submissions in within the next week.

Drainage projects are being identified and will be considered for approval.

Members expressed their thanks to P.Harrington S.E.E. for works completed and for his report.

4. Housing Progress Report

B. O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update to members on housing progress in the Tullow Area. The members were advised of the increase in income limits to qualify for social housing. Queries relating to sewerage problems in the new units in Mill Street were raised and the members were advised that the landlord is aware of the problems and is addressing them at his expense. B. O'Donovan advised the members that the deadline for progress on the Tullowbeg site is 31st January, 2023 and this date is final. Members expressed their support in progressing further sites under Repair and Lease Scheme in Tullow Town. B. O'Donovan advised that in order for RLS Schemes to get approval, there must be a need in the area and he pointed out that the need would not be as great in Tullow as in other towns. The members were also advised that the Self Help Scheme for 2023 would be advertised in the coming weeks.

5. Notice of Motions

There were no notices of motion.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr. John Murphy raised the issue of illegal dumping and was supported by Cllr. John McDonald.

Cllr. Will Paton raised the issue of vandalism in Tullow, which has been increasing in recent times. It was suggested that the members be pro-active in canvassing for twenty-four hour cover in the Garda station. This was supported by Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue.

It was requested that somebody from the Planning Department be present at the next MD meeting.

Cllr. Will Patton congratulated LEO and committees involved in the Light Fest Festival, which over 2,000 people attended and commented on the huge success it had been.

This concluded the business of the meeting.