

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Wednesday 17th April
at 4 pm**

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

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, Director of Services
Mairead O'Brien, Administrative Officer
Pat Harrington, Area Engineer

Apologies: Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 20th March, 2024.

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

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy
Seconded by: Cllr. John McDonald
AND RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the March meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow are hereby approved.

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

None

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1. Area Engineer's Report

Pat Harrington, Area Engineer, gave a very comprehensive progress report on Macadam Works and Surface Dressing and he advised that the Public Realm is very close to completion. Contributions from two of the three CIS Schemes have been paid and works are currently underway. Allocations for LIS have not yet arrived but the project is in line with priorities discussed in January. Works on the pedestrian crossing at the front of the Civic Offices in Tullow are being timetabled to cause as little disruption as possible, possibly commencing in mid-June. He also advised that Irish Water would be working in the town park at the same time so there will be plenty of activity in the area. When queries were raised regarding water flooding onto property as a result of the recent heavy rain, Mr Harrington advised that it is usually a condition

of planning permission that steps be taken to avoid problems occurring with surface water.

The members complimented Pat on the volume of work being undertaken and completed in the Municipal District of Tullow.

3.2 Housing Progress Report

Michael Brennan, Director of Services, advised briefly about the Housing Progress Report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The members acknowledged the excellent progress being made on the Housing Capital Construction Programme with 35 units planned for completion in 2024. 49 Units are currently awaiting approval for Respond on the Shillelagh Road and 12 Units are Pre-Section 179A at Kealy's Bar, Hacketstown. While there is great progress in providing social housing in the Municipal District of Tullow, it was acknowledged that the lack of private housing in the area is becoming a major challenge.

Michael Brennan gave a brief outline of First Home Scheme for First Time Buyers and he advised that this scheme is being financed by banks and not by local authorities and would circulate scheme to members.

4. Notices of Motion

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Any Other Business

- It was confirmed that agreement for the Circus to lease ground from the car park in Tullow had been written into the lease agreement.
- It was agreed that the monthly meeting for May, scheduled for 4pm on 15th May, will be moved to the earlier time of 11am.

Proposed: Cllr. Will Patton

Seconded: Cllr. John McDonald

And RESOLVED that the May monthly meeting will commence at 11am on 15th May.

This concluded the business of the meeting.