

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullow  
held in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
at 5 pm**

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**Present:** Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr. Ben Ward  
Cllr. William Paton  
Cllr. Charlie Murphy  
Cllr. John Pender

**In Attendance:** Michael Brennan, Director of Services  
Pat Harrington, Area Engineer  
Victoria Kavanagh, Community Development Officer  
Jennifer Dempsey, Sports-Physical Activity Co-Ordinator

**Apologies:** Cllr. Jim Deane

As the Cathaoirleach was not present to open the meeting, Ben Ward, Leas Cathaoirleach, opened the meeting and welcomed everybody..

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- 1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Tullow held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. The Minutes were taken as read and as there were no matters arising, the minutes were:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. William Paton  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. John Pender  
**AND RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

- 1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Municipal District Of Tullow held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. The Minutes were taken as read and as there Were no matters arising, the minutes were:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Charlie Murphy  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Will Patton  
**AND RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

Brian O'Donoghue, Cathaoirleach arrived at the meeting and proceeded to chair the meeting, thanking Ben Ward for stepping in.

### **2. Business Prescribed by Statue, 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, distributed a very comprehensive report to the members, outlining progress on projects to date, with the majority of these projects being either complete or nearing completion. Pat advised the members that Japanese knotweed had been identified during works to the footpath in Ardattin and this was causing delays, but apart from this project, all others are moving along with no complications.

Pat advised the members that 76% of total expenditure for this year has been spent to date. He also requested that the members meet in committee for one hour prior to the next monthly meeting to discuss the three-year programme.

Pat answered queries raised by the members in relation to:

- Traffic safety and road speeds at Shillelagh Road, Grange, Castledermot Road and Ardattin Road
- Tree cutting and Biodiversity in the Tullow Area
- Climate Change – Pairc Mhuire
- Improvements to road markings at the bridge in Tullow
- Improvements to the roads in Tullow town.
- Drainage at Carrigduff
- Tullow Cemetery and parking within the area of the cemetery

### **3.2 Tullow Sports Hub**

Jennifer Dempsey, Sports-Physical Activity Co-ordinator attended the meeting and introduced herself to the members. She spoke about the following activities that are currently being undertaken in the Municipal District of Tullow.

- Functional Fitness Classes for 55+
- Forever Fit Myshall – Expert led research-based resistance training
- Wednesday Wanderers – social walking group as seen on Ireland AM
- Wellness Wednesday including yoga, archery and Zumba dancing
- Couch to 5k in Brother Leo Park
- Buggy Buddies Pilates – baby friendly post pregnancy pilates class
- Move It Mondays – Baby friendly class suitable for all levels to improve fitness
- Positive Aging Parkwalk

The members thanked Jennifer for her time and complimented her on the numerous activities underway in the municipal district.

### **3.3 Community Development Officer**

Victoria Kavanagh, Community Officer attended the meeting and introduced herself to the members. She advised the members that she would work with Community groups to share knowledge and skills, stimulate action, empower, promote teamwork and shared responsibility and encourage an open and progressive outlook. Victoria told the members that she is available to meet with them and Community Groups to discuss gaps, areas for improvement and need for changes. Victoria also advised that she will

guide groups to access funding, advise on the setting up of committees and give guidance and support for forward planning, action plans and collaborative community led projects.

The members thanked Victoria for her time and asked that emphasis be put on some of the weaker groups in the community.

### **3.4 Tidy Towns & Community Groups Need Analysis**

A brief discussion took place regarding the needs of Tidy Towns and Community Groups, with Michael Brennan, Director of Services, advising that a workshop had been held in Ballykealy House earlier this year and experts had attended to share knowledge. He also advised that further workshops would be held in the future.

### **3.5 Schedule of Monthly Meetings**

The meeting dates were agreed for the third Thursday of each month, commencing at 5pm.

### **4.0 Notices of Motion**

None

### **5.0 Correspondence**

Correspondence from Irish Water had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting which was noted.

### **6.0 Any Other Business**

*The following issues were discussed:*

- Lack of funding for private grants, i.e. Mobility Aids Grants, Housing Aid for Older People and Housing Adaptation Grants
- What is the position of the lease on the lands at Castlemore, Tullow.
- Tullow Cemetery
- Residential Zoned Land Tax

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**