

Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

Date: Wednesday 15th January, 2020 @ 4p.m.

Venue: Kilkenny County Council Callan Area Office, Prologue, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

Chair: Cllr Michael Doyle

Present: Cllr Peter Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons.

Apologies: Cllr Patrick O'Neill, Ms Mary Mulholland, Ms Fiona Deegan.

In attendance: Mr. Declan Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Stephen O'Connor, Administrative Officer; Ms. Carmel Brett, Staff Officer; Ms. Sian Moloughney, Kilkenny People.

Cllr Michael Doyle and all members present extended their sympathies to Ms. Mary Mulholland and her family on the death of her father, Mr. Joseph Stephenson.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of 11th December, 2019 was proposed by Cllr Cleere, seconded by Cllr Lyons and agreed.

2) Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

(a) Monthly Roads Update

Mr. D Murphy, A/Senior Executive Engineer circulated a report updating the members on the following roads related matters:

- Drainage Works;
- Road Works Programme 2020
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes;
- Rural Regeneration Roads Projects;
- General – Mobility Management Plans for Thomastown and Callan.

The members thanked Mr. Murphy for his update and raised the following items:

- Draft list of discretionary works open to amendments;
- Locations for public display of Part VIII application for proposed footpath from Knocktopher to Ballyhale;
- Traffic Safety measures for the Fairgreen, Callan;
- Schedule of T&V renewal scheme works in Inistioge

(b) Monthly Rural Development Update

Mr. Stephen O'Connor circulated a report to members outlining community rural regeneration projects underway in the Municipal District covering the following areas:

- Rural Regeneration Fund 2020 – Application being compiled for the Callan Friary Complex
- Town & Village 2019 – The Rower and Thomastown
- Town & Village 2018 – Inistioge and Ballyhale/Knocktopher
- Rural Regeneration 2018 – Callan: Fair Green, Motte Field and Callan Residential Occupancy Pilot; Thomastown: Community Hall, Logan/Lowe Street, Sessions House, Car Park and Maudlin Street Regeneration;
- Town & Village 2017 – Callan Kings River and Newmarket

Mr. O'Connor also informed the members of the following:

- Presentation of Certificates to recipients of 2019 Community and Festivals Grants in the Rivercourt Hotel on Monday 20th January;
- Community quarterly newsletter now issued;
- Community grants booklet available by month end in Community Section, Area Offices and Libraries.

The members thanked Mr. O'Connor for his update.

3) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District members for transaction at such meeting

There were no items for discussion

4) Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting

There were no items for discussion.

5) Notices of Motion

There were no items for discussion.

6) Correspondence

There were no items for discussion.

7) Any Other Business

In response to a query regarding dog fouling in Callan, Mr. D Murphy said two new bag dispensing units and one new bin have been placed on the Callan by-pass.

He agreed to discuss the possibility of providing dispensers in the Abbey Meadow and Motte field with the Environment Section.

It was agreed that an enquiry would be made to the Environmental Section regarding the possibility of a litter warden carrying out periodic inspections in Callan, and also if a talk could be given by the Awareness Officer to local schools to raise awareness of dog owners' responsibilities.

Mr. Murphy agreed to investigate signage and safety measures for Killarney Bridge in conjunction with Irish Rail.

He also explained double yellow lines had recently been painted on Bridge Street, Callan as the original lines were no longer visible and parked cars had prevented both salting trucks and fire engines gaining access to Bridge Street.

Mr Murphy added that the pending Callan Mobility Management Plan will address any issues with parking.

Members acknowledged the success of the Christmas tree drop off locations, and welcomed the inclusion of a new drop off point in Callan; however, they also noted an increase in rural one-off illegal dumping incidents and discussed the possibility of increased fines.

Cllr Doran proposed, Cllr Cleere seconded and all agreed to facilitate a short presentation by Callan First Responders group at the February Municipal District meeting.

Members wished all Kilkenny hurling teams well in their upcoming club matches.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Michael Doyle

Date:

15-2-20

