

**Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Tullow held in Tullow Civic Offices,  
on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at 4.00 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** M. Brennan, Director of Services  
P. O'Gorman, Director of Services  
K. Comerford, Head of Enterprise  
P. Harrington, Area Engineer  
M. Griffin, Administrative Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr J. McDonald  
J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer

Members welcomed P O'Gorman, Director of Services attending his first Municipal District of Tullow Meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The minutes, taken as read, were:

Proposed by: Cllr J. Pender

Seconded by: Cllr J. Murphy

And adopted.

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

There was none.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

Members raised the issue of Access to Decision Time in the Meeting Room, Tullow Civic Offices, M Brennan, Director of Services to discuss with Corporate Services and ensure issue resolved asap.

**3.1 Housing Progress Report**

Members were circulated with update in relation to Housing Projects in the Municipal District as follows:

**Carlow County Council**

- Dublin Road, Tullow - 21 Units Completed Q4 2019
- Fr Flood Avenue, Rathvilly - 8 Units Completed Q4 2019
- Crowsgrove, Kildavin - 1 Unit Substantial Completion Q1 2020

- St Olivers Crescent, Myshall - 4 Units Substantial Completion Q1 2020

### **Approved Housing Bodies**

- Co-Operative Housing Ireland, Tullow, 12 Units: At funding application stage. Delivery at 10 Units - Q1 2020 and further 2 Units will be delivered in Q2 2020.
- RESPOND, Shillelagh Road, Tullow, 50 Units: Delivery date to be confirmed.

### **Developments at Proposal Stage**

- Carlow County Council - Brownbog, Hacketstown, 1 Unit; Drumpeha, 1 Unit; Kildavin, 3 Units; Ballypierce, Kildavin, 1 Unit: Part VIII in progress.
- Irish Homes - Riverview, Tullow 14 apartments (6x1 bed and 8x2 bed): Pre Contract Stage

Rent Review in progress, forms to be returned on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Members sought clarification regarding Number of Units to be delivered in the RESPOND development Shillelagh Road, Tullow.

## **3.2 Draft Annual Service Plan 2020**

Report circulated to Members outlining Grants proposed for 2020 which included Environmental Grants; Tidy Towns; Community Development; St Patricks Day/Easter Parades and Discretionary Grants. Overall Total Grants €69,000. Other contributions specifically provided in the Budget is for Carrigduff Swimming Pool €12,000.

Members welcomed report.

Proposed by: Cllr B O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Cllr C. Murphy

And adopted.

## **3.3 Town & Village Renewal Scheme - Hacketstown**

Members were circulated with update report in relation to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme for Hacketstown.

The process will commence in April 2020 and conclude in Qtr 4 2020. The draft document will be presented to the members of the Municipal District prior to finalization.

Members commended the good work of the communities in Hacketstown.

## **3.4 Draft Roads Programme**

Members were provided with details of Draft Roads Programme as presented by P Harrington, Area Engineer.

P O'Gorman, Director of Services acknowledged the work of the Roads Department Staff and the endorsement by Elected Representatives.

Proposed by: Cllr C. Murphy  
Seconded by: Cllr W. Paton  
And adopted.

In preparation for the National Ploughing Championships the 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting has taken place.

Members raised concerns regarding parking in Tullow Town during the event and also requested an opportunity for Traders to consult with Gardaí and the Local Authority in preparation for the event.

M Brennan, Director of Services to consult with representative group from Tullow and forward concerns to P O’Gorman, Director of Services for discussion at the next planning meeting scheduled to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

### **3.5 Environment Report**

Members advised of issue over Christmas with the paper bank in Tullow being filled with material other than paper, therefore contaminated and had to be treated as waste. Management would like to maintain the service, Environment Department does not want to withdraw the service. The site is kept well, clean and tidy. Unfortunately, because waste is being disposed of in the paper waste bin at the moment it is a subsidised waste service therefore a cost to the Local Authority.

Members expressed concerns about the facility being abused. A suggestion that additional signage be placed on site, obtain clear CCTV Footage to result in the issuing of litter fines.

Members requested update in relation to why the bottle bank was removed from Clonmore and when will it be returned.

## **4. Notices of Motion**

No Notice of Motion to be considered.

## **5. Correspondence**

No Correspondence to consider.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- Cllr W. Paton requested update in relation to Castlemore United Lease of Grounds. M Brennan, Director of Services confirmed the Club will be back playing on the grounds in August 2020.
- Estates Not Taken in Charge Update Report to be provided at the next Municipal District Meeting.
- Local Authority Representative to be invited to attend next Municipal District Meeting to provide update in relation to Rollout of Broadband.
- Issue of Twinning with Hacketstown, New Jersey was raised. Matter will be discussed at the Twinning Diaspora Meeting scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

- A request for the Tullow Park Boundary Fence to be repaired. Sanitary Services Department due to complete works in that area, boundary fence to be repaired at the same time.
- Members congratulated all concerned in relation to the recent Local Authority Members' Association Award in respect of Fr Flood Avenue, Rathvilly for the Social Housing Category and the Energy Smart Initiative
- Residents of new housing schemes are still having trouble getting Eircode for broadband. Eircode are notified on a quarterly basis of any new postal addresses which require an Eircode. Next update is scheduled for May 2020.
- Update on status of wall that needs to be repaired at the Parkville United Football Club. P Harrington, Area Engineer advised onus is on the club to fix the wall. It was suggested it might be an opportunity for the club and the local authority to open up access between the facility and the local housing estate. Members agreed for the Council to start an engagement between the Local Authority, the Soccer Club and the estate.
- Cllr B. O'Donoghue advised of a direct clash most months with dates of the Health Forum Meeting schedule and the dates for the Municipal District of Tullow Meetings. Proposal to move the Municipal District Meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. M Brennan, Director of Services to consult Corporate Diary and circulate a revised schedule of Municipal District meeting dates. Next Meeting to take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in March.
- Community Involvement Scheme Request to change order of Priority for Knockbrack from Number 8 to Number 10 and change Ballickmore from Number 10 to Number 8.

Proposed by Cllr C. Murphy  
 Seconded by Cllr W. Paton.  
 Agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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