

**Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Tullow held in Tullow Civic Offices,  
on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 6.00pm by Microsoft Teams**

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

**In Attendance:** M. Brennan, Director of Services  
J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer  
Padraig O'Gorman, Director of Services  
Kieran Cullinane, Senior Engineer  
P. Harrington, Area Engineer  
Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

The minutes, taken as read, were:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy

Seconded by: Cllr. Brian O'Donovan

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

**Draft Annual Service Plan 2021**

Copy of Draft Annual Service Plan 2021 was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The amount provided for the Municipal District of Tullow for 2021 is €33,000 under the following headings:-

- Environmental Grant Scheme
- Tidy Towns
- Building Community Leadership Support Scheme

In addition, Members have €6,000 each as a special fund for their own discretion – total €36,000 for the Municipal District of Tullow. This can be used individually or aggregated with the agreement of Members. Queries raised by Members were responded to by Brian O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer.

Following discussion and consideration by Members, it was:

**Proposed by: Cllr. William Paton**

**Seconded by: Cllr. B. O'Donovan**

**AND REOLVED**

That the Draft Annual Service Plan 2021 for the Municipal District of Tullow is hereby approved.

### 3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

#### 3.1 Housing Progress Report

Members were circulated with details of Housing Progress report for the Municipal District of Tullow, which was noted.

Members raised the following issues which were responded to by the Director of Services and Senior Executive Officer:

- Proposed construction of 3 dwellings at Kildavin, which Members welcomed and agreed
- Proposed development at Rathvilly
- Land at Courtview, Tullow
- RESPOND Development at Shillelagh Road, Tullow
- Proposed development at Ardattin
- Proposed development at Ballypierce, Kildavin
- Rural Planning Policy in respect of proposed dwelling at Constable Hill, Hacketstown

#### 3.2 Update from Area Engineer

Issues discussed included:-

- Clonegal project completed
- Footpath in Hacketstown to be completed
- Agreed programmes for 2021, subject to allocations being confirmed
- Macadam works on Rathoe Road due to commence

#### 3.3 Progress Update – Tullow By-Pass

Members were updated on the position with this proposal. A Strategic Assessment Report will be required to be carried out and a particular set of criteria will need to be met, the cost of which will be borne by Carlow County Council. The current Development Plan includes for a bridge over the river – does this need to be reviewed when preparing a new Development Plan. This project will be competing with the N81 Outer Relief Road which is a National project. Carlow County Council owns the land required for the Tullow By-Pass. Recommendation is to proceed with the proposal and Senior Engineer to prepare report, outlining the options.

Next step will be to have a reference in the County Development Plan.

**Active Travel:** Mr P. O’Gorman, Director of Services advised that this is a new programme launched under the July 2020 Stimulus Package. Carlow County Council received €528,000 in 2020. For 2021, a total of twenty projects were submitted for funding, including three projects for the Tullow Municipal District Area, to the value of €415,000. Initial reaction to the funding submission is positive and we are hopeful of a good outcome.

Issue discussed:

- Funding welcomed by the Members
- Members of MD not consulted in advance of funding submission
- Funding from Town & Village programme also being availed of for one of these projects
- The Moate Walkway in Rathvilly to be included as a project in any future submission

- Provision of walking infrastructure on the Shillelagh Road, Tullow
- Funding has been confirmed from the Department of Environment for two additional posts to support this programme

**4.0 Notices of Motion**

None.

**5.0 Correspondence**

None received.

**6.0 Any Other Business**

Dog Fouling in Clonegal and Lower Barrack Street, Tullow – request Environment Section to erect notices at these locations.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_