

**Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Tullow held
on Thursday 14th January, 2021 at 6.00 p.m. 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
P. Harrington, Area Engineer
Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise

In advance of meeting Cllr. Pender requested that training be arranged in accessing remote meetings.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2021.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th December, 2020

The minutes, taken as read, were:
Proposed by: Cllr. John Murphy
Seconded by: Cllr. Wm. Paton

Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise Department made a presentation to the meeting outlining the background to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in particular successful project in the Municipal District of Tullow which the members welcomed. Tullow Municipal District has benefitted from funding under this programme since its introduction. It was agreed that there was a need to examine the reasons why some projects were unsuccessful – maybe there is a need for training to be provided to Community Groups. To date, 21 projects were successful in the Municipal District. It was noted it is easy to work with community groups that are active and engaging, and suggested there should be more engagement with unsuccessful groups to encourage the same level of active engagement from them.

Members warmly welcomed the funding to date and congratulated the Enterprise Team on all the work done to date.

Community Groups should commence working on projects now for submission in 2021.

Four Public Realm projects for Tullow Town have been identified and it was agreed to circulate the details to the Members.

Communities should not feel they have been left behind, they should contact the Community Department in Carlow County Council where every assistance will be offered which will include training and capacity building if required.

The Director advised that the COVID Emergency Response line is open and is manned 24 hours daily. The number of calls currently being received is low and this is reflected countrywide due to infrastructure put in place since the Pandemic commenced The Community Response Forum is meeting this week – members/communities are encouraged to contact the COVID Emergency Response Line for assistance if required. A 2nd round of COVID-19 funding has been announced and details were circulated today which will be advertised next week in the paper and on social media. Members were encouraged to circulate to the community.

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

None

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.

Correspondence has issued to Service Provider who expressed an interest in the Group Home in the RESPOND development on the Shillelagh Road requesting them to confirm that they are proceeding with this proposal.

It was noted that a response from Irish Water has not been received yet in order to progress the proposed Housing Development at Ardattin. It was agreed to follow up with Irish Water on this.

3.2 Update from Area Engineer

Issues discussed included:-

- Preparation of Roads Programme for 2021. COVID 19 lockdown has interfered with the programme. Members requested to submit projects before Monday morning next in order for time to assess them in advance of meeting to be arranged for next Thursday evening
- Macadam works at Clonegal due to commence whilst school is closed
- Continued flooding at Clonmore – to be investigated
- Flooding at Grangeford – to be investigated.

- Report on Fast Charging Points for February Meeting – Area Engineer advised that he made contact with eCar – Tullow Area will be considered for the request. eCar is looking at a plan to identify fast charging units. Members supported the creation of an energy masterplan for Tullow which should include more fast chargers. Area Engineer will continue to correspond with eCar and give progress report at February Meeting.
- Speed limit signage on N81, Area Engineer to take this up with TII Waterford Office.

4.0 Notices of Motion

None

5.0 Correspondence

Correspondence received from ESB Networks regarding the recent interruptions to the supply in the Tullow and Carlow areas which was noted.

6.0 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised:

Lack of consultation with local communities on proposed Windmill Farm Development at Mount Leinster by Coillte.

Repairs to mast on Mount Leinster and the lack of prior notice to consumers in the context of TV outages

Bunclody Slaney Search and Rescue proposal to extend further up the river to Tullow to be pursued.

Enhancement of Tullow Park and Provision of Play Infrastructure

Request for full progress report on Tullow Outer Relief Road and By Pass for next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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