

**Minutes of the Meeting of Municipal District of Tullow held in Tullow Civic Offices,
on Friday, 23rd October, 2020 at 6.00pm**

Present: **Cllr. J. McDonald, Cathaoirleach**
Cllr J. Murphy (by Microsoft teams)
Cllr C. Murphy
Cllr J. Pender (by Microsoft teams)
Cllr W. Paton
Cllr. B. O'Donoghue

In Attendance: M. Brennan, Director of Services
J. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer
P. Harrington, Area Engineer
Eamonn Brophy, Senior Executive Officer

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th September, 2020

The minutes, taken as read, were:

Proposed by: Cllr. Wm. Paton

Seconded by: Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue

And adopted.

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

2.1 Draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws – Control Area Maps (for consideration)

Members were circulated with maps in advance of the meeting outlining the areas within the Municipal District of Tullow to which the control areas will apply in respect of the draft Control of Horses Bye Laws in respect of Tullow and Carrigduff. Having examined and considered same, the Members agreed to extend the Tullow map to Knocklow Bridge.

Proposed by Cllr W Patton

Seconded by Cllr C Murphy

and resolved that the maps, as circulated, in respect of the draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws control areas are hereby approved and agreed.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Area Engineer's Report

Report circulated by Area Engineer to Members and progress was noted.

Issues discussed included:-

- Myshall pedestrian crossing (MMD project 2019) to be carried out during mid-term break
- Active Travel projects at Grange and Ardattin
- Wall at Bishops Cross

3.2 Lease of Lands at Castlemore

Members were informed that Tullow Town, now Castlemore United, were not in a position to use the grounds at Castlemore in 2020 and consequently were surrendering the lease voluntarily.

Expression of interest to lease the land has been received from Tullow Rugby Club to lease the lands on a short-term basis, whilst work is being carried out to reconfigure the pitch at the current location. Following discussion and consideration it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. John McDonald

Seconded by: Cllr. John Murphy

and following a roll call, Members agreed unanimously to lease of lands at Castlemore to Tullow Rugby Club on a short-term lease, for the purpose as outlined above.

3.3 Housing Progress Report

Members were circulated with details of Housing Progress report for the Municipal District of Tullow and briefed on same.

Issues raised:-

- Proposed development at Ardattin
- Requirement for housing in Clonegal and issues in relation to provision of sewerage facility
- Extension of Tullow Graveyard

4. Notices of Motion

4.1 Standing in the name of Cllr. Brian O’Donoghue: “That the Local Authority in Carlow begin the next phase of the part 8 planning for 63 houses in Rathvilly at the site adjacent to Fr. Flood Avenue, with particular emphasis on the hard play area included in the initial drawings. A phased process of building houses may be preferable”.

The Director of Services advised that there is planning permission in place for additional houses in Rathvilly and that the Housing Department are currently progressing a proposal for the construction of more houses in Rathvilly, which was noted.

4.2 Standing in the name of Cllr. Brian O’Donoghue “That Tullow Municipal District begins a minor works grant scheme, funded through development contributions, to install three ‘Super Charge’ electric vehicle charging units in suitable areas (to be investigated by the Area Engineer’s Office) in the district within six months from the date of passing this Motion. Fast Chargers will be a necessity in the third largest town (and its’ surrounds) in Carlow/Kilkenny constituency if Ireland is going to meet its target of 1,000,000 electric vehicles in 2030. A fast charger, in general, can give an 80% charge to most EVs within one hour, whereas a standard charger needs 8 hours to reach the same level. These chargers could pay for themselves with the passing EV users they could attract to the Tullow Area and the charging units can display advertising for local businesses. Tullow MD notes that ESB are conducting a nationwide project in relation to EV charging facilities, however, this MD seeks to be a leader in this field and refuses to wait for the ordinary when the extraordinary is within our means”.

Proposed by: Cllr. Brian O’Donoghue

Seconded by: Cllr. Wm Paton

It was agreed that a full report would be prepared for the next meeting to include costings.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Any Other Business

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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