

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

Date: Friday 14th June, 2019 @ 4.20p.m.

Venue: Meeting Room 1, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny

Chair: Cllr Patrick O'Neill

In attendance: Cllr. Peter Cleere, Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Joe Lyons.

In attendance: Ms. Mary Mulholland, Director of Services; Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator; Mr. Declan Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer; Ms Carmel Brett, Municipal District Staff Officer, Mr. Sam Matthews, Kilkenny People.

1) Roads Update

Mr. Declan Murphy, A/Senior Executive Engineer presented a report to the members on roadworks and road closures in the Callan/Thomastown area during quarter 3 of 2019.

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

- Local residents to be kept fully informed as part of any road closure process to minimise unexpected disruptions.
- Possible works to improve the bend at the junction of Dunbell and Caryn Lane
- Suggestion that relevant technical engineers from the other Municipal Districts could be invited to attend Callan-Thomastown meetings to provide updates on the new areas of the Municipal District as required.
- Night-time roadworks in Bennettsbridge
- Need for increased discretionary funding
- Survey of footpaths in towns and villages to compile 5 year rolling programme of works
- Cost of Ballyhale/Knocktopher footpath
- Mobility Management Plan Thomastown – potential to widen entrances for cars on Maudlin Street.
- Condition of approach to Dunamaggan at Baurascoob Cross following IW works
- Irish Water night-time works in Thomastown– need for full consultation with both residents and businesses
- Entrance to St. Columbas Hospital, holes to be patched.
- Works to the Kings River, Callan
- Safety concerns from Legan onto Thomastown road.

Ms Mary Mulholland advised that when the Consultants have finalised the Draft Thomastown Mobility Management Plan they would make a presentation to the members.

She also advised that while the initial plan for the Kings River in Callan involved desilting the river, the Consultants are now finalising categorisation of all material involved and will then firstly communicate with the committee who initiated the project and then with the wider community on their findings and the associated costs of a clean-up.

Ms Mulholland also confirmed that the cost of the proposed footpath between Ballyhale and Knocktopher are in excess of the allocated funding for same.

2) Any Other Business

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown would take place at 3pm on Friday 19th July in the County Council Area Office at Prologue, Callan.

It was agreed that a Rural Development Update be added to the agenda as a standing item to allow discussion monthly on projects in the municipal district.

It was agreed that items for inclusion under AOB would have the agreement of the Chair, where possible. Any items to be raised under AOB should be forwarded to the meetings administrator, Fiona Deegan or the Chair in advance of the scheduled meetings date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Patricia O'Neil

Date:

19/7/19