

Minutes of the June Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

Date: Wednesday 8th June, 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Meeting conducted at Callan Area Office, Prologue, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

Cathaoirleach: Cllr Matt Doran

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms Mary Mulholland, Director of Services; Ms Anne Beck, Clerical Officer.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 11th May, 2022

The minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 11th May 2022 were proposed by Cllr Cullen, seconded by Cllr O'Neill and agreed.

2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Monthly Roads Update (Declan Murphy)

Mr D. Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer updated the members on the following road related matters, outlining various projects updates and timelines.

- Road Works Programme 2022 – Mr Murphy listed Restoration Improvement works for June commencing on 7th June and 27th June, surface dressing works to commence on 13th June.
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes – Updates given on footpath and public lighting at Stoneyford-Ennisnag and Public Realm, footpath and parking works at Hugginstown;
- Active Travel/TII Projects – the NTA has now formally approved the scheme for Callan One-way system/Public realm and Flaggly lane. Part 8 drawings and documentation will go on display on 17th June subject to formal approval by the planning department.
- Speed Limits – deadline for submissions on draft Bye-laws will end on 10th June.
- Local Improvement Schemes – Funding has been secured to repair depressions on the N76 carriageway at the Callan By-Pass. These works will be carried out week commencing 20th June. Maintenance works at the Clonmel road, Callan will be carried out at the same time.
- N10 Danesfort -Design works continuing with regard to Junctions, overlay and line marking works. Documents are being prepared for tender with a view to having a contractor on site for Q4 of this year.

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

- Thanks were expressed for works at Bridge Street, Callan;

- Update requested on clearing the eye of the Bridge in Callan. D. Murphy confirmed that KCC bridges engineer has contacted Inland Fisheries. Opening up the eyes of the bridge would necessitate having to put in place some other measure for fish.
- Very few signs for walkers on Annamult Road to Bennettsbridge end.
- Thanks were expressed for works carried out at Callan Bacon. Request that these works be extended under Low Cost Safety scheme.
- Update requested on feasibility study for the bridge in Bennettsbridge. Also, the River walk in Bennettsbridge. Agreed that an update would be provided for the members at the next meeting.
- School area at Ballyhale should be entered for the speed limit review.
- More public lighting requested from Silaire Wood to the school in Graiguenamanagh. Declan Murphy confirmed that money has been allocated for lighting at Silaire Wood.
- More Signage was requested for the public toilets in Graiguenamanagh
- The bridge in Graiguenamanagh is becoming a Health & Safety issue. It is a crossing for tourists and is dangerous. It was suggested that a footbridge such as that recently installed in Castlecomer be considered. A speed count on the bridge was suggested. Declan Murphy confirmed that consultants are examining the bridge and he will revert in due course.
- Feasibility study for village of Bennettsbridge-Waterford road surface. The 3rd ramp on the Danesfort road in a bad condition.
- Lighting at the Ennisnag school for the bus on the Kells side quite dark.
- Speed limit at Mount Juliet side and Knocktopher side needs examining.
- Stoneyford public lighting, no grants available.
- Dumping, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour at Calvary cemetery – more litter bins are needed. It was also suggested that CCTV would be an option depending on GDPR.
- Further works are needed at Callan Bacon and the Rice Home. Speed limit submissions for both areas quite low.

(b) Monthly Rural Development Update (Mary Mulholland)

Ms Mary Mulholland stated that Under Rural Regeneration Development Funding projects, the process to transfer the Friary Complex to Kilkenny County Council is complete with formal handover expected in the autumn. Acknowledgement was made of the contribution of the Augustinian order to the Callan community.

Under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, 11 applications were received. Applications are assessed from areas with a population of 10,000 or less and 5,000 or less. There is also a new application for marketing. A grant is also available to purchase property to a maximum of 2 buildings. The maximum grant available is €400,000a. Expressions of interest by 11/11/2022.

Kilkenny County Council to update members on Feasibility studies for Bennettsbridge and Graiguenamanagh at the next meeting.

Members made several suggestions on possible buildings appropriate for grant application. Cllr. Cullen requested that the criteria for the Town & Village Renewal Scheme be sent out.

3) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District members for transaction of such meeting.

Agree format for holding the July Municipal District meeting

It was proposed by Cllr D Cullen, seconded by Cllr M Doyle and agreed that the July Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown would take place on MS Teams at 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13th July 2022. It was also agreed to conduct every second meeting virtually, with every other meeting for the coming year to alternate between Callan and Thomastown.

4) **Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting**

There were no items for discussion

5) **Notices of Motion**

There were no items for discussion

6) **Correspondence**

There were no items for discussion

7) **Any other Business**

There were no items for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 16.50 pm

Chairperson: Mark Doyle Date: 14-09-2022

