

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

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

**Venue:** Kilkenny County Council Area Office, Prologue, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

**Chair:** Cllr Patrick O'Neill

**Present:** Cllr Peter Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons.

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** Mr. Stephen O'Connor, Administrative Officer; Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator; Mr. Declan Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. Carmel Brett, Staff Officer; Ms. Sian Moloughney, Kilkenny People.

**1) Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 was proposed by Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Doyle and agreed.

**2) Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

**(a) Monthly Rural Development Update**

Mr. Stephen O'Connor circulated a report to members outlining community rural regeneration projects underway in the Municipal District covering the following areas:

- Town & Village 2019 – The Rower and Thomastown
- Rural Regeneration Fund 2019 – Graigenamanagh;
- Town & Village 2018 – Inistioge and Ballyhale/Knocktopher;
- Rural Regeneration 2018 – Callan and Thomastown;
- Town & Village 2017 – Callan, Windgap, Newmarket and Hugginstown;

Cllr O'Neill thanked Mr. O'Connor and members raised the following items:

- Proposed start date for works on footpath Ballyhale/Knocktopher – subject to planning, works to commence Jan/Feb 2020. Mr. Declan Murphy will revert to the members on costings;
- Disappointment at lack of successful outcomes for funding applications relating to Graigenamanagh – members informed this is a nationally competitive process with the successful outcomes decided on the merits of applications made and not on geographical elements;
- Announcement of recent Town & Village Renewal funding of €91k for The Rower welcomed;
- Reduction in funding allocations for County Kilkenny a concern; track trends of successful applications to increase successful outcomes;

- Preference expressed for previous structure of direct allocation of funding to Kilkenny County Council with local autonomy on decision making for schemes to be developed;
- Timeline for Sessions House and Community Centre, Thomastown.

Cllr O'Neill thanked Mr. O'Connor for his update.

It was then proposed by Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Cullen and agreed that the meeting would go into committee to discuss a housing matter.

#### **(b) Monthly Roads Update**

Mr. D Murphy, A/Senior Executive Engineer circulated a report updating the members on the following roads related matters:

- Footpath Works (Discretionary Improvement);
- Drainage Works;
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes;
- Rural Regeneration Roads Projects;
- General – Mobility Management Plans, Upcoming Irish Water works, Callan Christmas Festival

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

- Timeline for decision on Low Cost Safety Schemes: in line with roads grants announcements;
- Winter Maintenance callouts;
- Ballinaboola Cross update;
- JetVac drainage works at Fennellys, Callan and Ballyhale/Knocktopher;
- Impact on traffic during Thomastown quayside works: traffic management will be in place but road won't be closed;
- Wider public consultation on Thomastown Mobility Management Plan;
- Provision of updated listing of LIS & CIR applications;
- Updated list of footpath and public lighting works;
- Illegal dumping in Callan and surrounding areas: discuss installation of mobile cameras with Environment Section;
- Request for traffic survey on Haggard Road, Kells;
- Request for road lining and signage Collins Park and from former Health Centre to Mill Street;
- Provision of new footpath at Chapel Lane Callan facilitating better quality of life for visually impaired residents in the area;
- Difficulty accessing Gardaí on site in Callan.

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

There were no items for discussion

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**

7) **Any Other Business**

Ms Fiona Deegan informed the members that the "Shop Kilkenny" campaign was launched the previous day, stating it is a Kilkenny County Council initiative to encourage people to shop local, especially in the lead up to Christmas. She further stated that KCLR96FM will be visiting eight towns throughout the County with their new outside broadcast unit in the coming weeks to promote businesses in the area, with visits to Callan on 26<sup>th</sup> November and Thomastown on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting of the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District would take place at 4p.m. on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the Community Hall, Marshes Street, Thomastown.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Patrick O'Neill

Date:

11/12/19

