

## Minutes of the July Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

**Date:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 4.00p.m.

**Venue:** Remote access via MS Teams.

**Chair:** Cllr Deirdre Cullen

**Present:** Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

**In attendance:** Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer; Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Carmel Brett, Staff Officer, Fiona Deegan A/Director of Services.

**Absent:** Cllr Peter Chap Cleere

**Apologies:** None.

### **1) Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.**

The minutes of the June meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were adopted, proposed by Cllr M Doyle and seconded by Cllr J Lyons.

#### **(b) Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June were adopted, proposed by Cllr J Lyons and seconded by Cllr P O'Neill.

### **2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

#### **(a) Monthly Roads Update (Declan Murphy)**

Mr D. Murphy, Area Engineer, updated the members on the following roads related matters, outlining updates and timelines of various projects since his previous report of 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

- Restoration Improvement works planned: L8218 Tomnahaha, L5097 Tullahought, L1034 Ballynalínagh, L1026 Kells, L8202 Station Road Thomastown;
- Restoration Maintenance works planned from 11<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July were listed;
- Bridge Street, Callan, Active Travel Scheme update—reduced scope of works incorporating the junction elements of the project at Upper and Lower Bridge Street, have not gone back out to tender, return date 21<sup>st</sup> July;
- Safe to Schools Programme for the boys' school Wood Road, Graiguenamanagh progressed, drawing shown for new raised pedestrian crossing and footpath with link to new footpath at boathouse;
- Low Cost Safety Projects – drawings shared showing proposed safer pedestrian crossing point, improved sightlines, driver feedback and raised ramp at Stoneyford, and a larger safety scheme for Kells village, a portion of which will be progressed this year in line with available budget;
- Community Recognition funded roads projects updates – Bus shelter for Ballyhale on order, seating and fencing ordered for the amenity area and scouts den carpark, Thomastown and seating also ordered for the Dock Road, Graiguenamanagh with purchase of lands in motion;
- General – electric car chargers in Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown live with Callan scheduled to go live this week, with all relevant information and live status available on the Easy go app or on Easygo.ie.

Contractor appointed to carry out cleaning work on eyes of the Kings River Bridge, scheduled for August/September, works are weather dependant.

Ms Fiona Deegan added that two other projects in the Municipal District are progressing, i.e. the playground in Bennettsbridge and the 50 Shades of Grey scheme in Graiguenamanagh.

The members thanked Mr. Murphy and Ms Deegan for their updates and raised the following items:

- Issue with drainage at Kells will be investigated;
- Timeframe for works to Kings River bridge in Callan envisaged to be one week, to take place during the months of August or September;
- General condition of Kings River & concerns raised regarding flood risk to Bridge Street impeding mortgage approval – Cllr Lyons proposed, Cllr Cullen seconded a proposal to request a meeting between the Executive and officials of Kilkenny County Council and the local Kings River Committee;
- Safe to Schools Programme projects for 2023 & 2024 - three schemes funded for design in Graiguenamanagh in 2023, it is hoped that 2024 funding will allow these three schemes to progress to the next stage & an update will be sought from the Active Travel department;
- Low Cost Safety Scheme in Stoneyford is currently at design stage and being assessed regarding timeframe for works;
- Timeline of between 6 and 8 weeks is envisaged for works by Uisce Éireann on Annamult Lane
- Issue with recent fallen debris on Rock Road Inistioge – topography of the area renders it vulnerable to these occurrences, and while it is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure hedgerows are safe it was agreed that vegetation will be cut back to assess the condition of the location.

**(b) Monthly Rural Development Update (Anne Marie Shortall)**

Ms Anne Marie Shortall informed the members that over 700 people attended the recent community basketball event in Thomastown which was a huge success.

Regarding Thomastown library, tender documents have been received and will be assessed by an independent tender evaluation review board prior to going for Departmental approval. Bluett and O'Donoghue Consultants have been appointed to conduct a feasibility study on the Friary Complex in Callan.

It was confirmed that the official opening of the South East Greenway will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July with Minister Jack Chambers in attendance.

The members thanked Ms Shortall for her update.

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

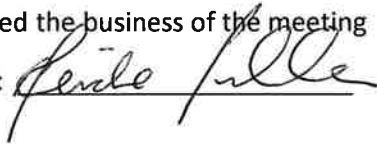
**(a) Agree a proposed date, time and venue for joint meeting with Municipal District of New Ross**

It was agreed to propose to New Ross Municipal District to hold the next joint meeting at 12pm on October 11<sup>th</sup> in New Ross.

The Callan-Thomastown Municipal District October meeting will take place on the same date at 4pm via remote access MS Teams.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairperson:

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