

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

Wednesday 10th June @ 4.00pm

Thomastown Community Centre, Marshes Street, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

Chair: Cllr Peter Cleere

Present: Cllr Pat O'Neill, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle,
Cllr Joe Lyons.

In attendance: Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator, Mr Declan Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer, Ms Annette Fitzpatrick A/Senior Executive Officer, Ms Mary Walsh A/Staff Officer.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Wednesday 11th March, 2020 were proposed by Cllr Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr Pat O'Neill and agreed.

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Wednesday 13th May, 2020 were proposed by Cllr Pat O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Joe Lyons and agreed.

2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Monthly Roads Update

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

- Roadworks Programme 2020 – Restoration Improvements/Maintenance, Low Cost Safety Schemes
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes
- Rural Regeneration Roads Project
- General – Callan Mobility Management Plan, ORIS

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

- ORIS Funding for the Motte Field now transferred to the Abbey Meadows
- Bennettsbridge Low Cost Safety
- Chestnut Trees Kilkenny side of Bennettsbridge at turn for Annamult
- Seven House Cross Roads Low Cost Safety Scheme
- Dangerous Swim areas
- Letter to outdoor staff from members thanking them for their services.

b) Monthly Rural Development Update

Ms Annette Fitzpatrick informed the members that applications are now open for CLAR, Town & Village (T&V) Renewal and ORIS and provided details of each fund, closing dates and levels of funding. Ms Fitzpatrick said both T&V and CLAR had an emphasis on response to COVID-19 with grants increasing to 90%. Ms. Fitzpatrick further stated that T&V had a new scheme for 2020 as well as the Standard Town & Village Renewal Scheme, i.e. 'Town and Village

Accelerated Measure in response to COVID 19' which focuses on immediate interventions that can be delivered in the short-term to assist towns and villages to respond to COVID-19. CLAR also has a COVID-19 focus in 2020 with suggestions for outdoor areas i.e. outdoor cinema, handball alleys, picnic areas and communities are asked to be innovative and creative in their applications.

The members thanked Ms Fitzpatrick and raised the following items;

- If 10 applications are to be put forward for T&V from Kilkenny, 4 should be from this area;
- A handball alley in Ullard would be suitable for CLAR;
- Previously there was a dedicated fund for Kilkenny and not a national scheme and it was suggested that a letter should be sent to the Department in relation to the benefits of same and to ask the Department to consider reverting to a dedicated fund for Kilkenny;
- Inistioge would also be in the mix for the T&V Accelerated Measures applications;
- Suitability of the handball alley in Windgap as suitable for funding.

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

There were no items for discussion

7) Any other Business

There were no items for discussion and it was agreed going forward that this item be amended to Any Other Business with prior permission of the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 5.30p.m.

Chairperson: Neil Deen

Date: 08/07/20