

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

Date: Wednesday 9th February, 2022 at 4.00p.m.

Venue: Meeting conducted via MS Teams remote access.

Chair: Cllr Michael Doyle

Present via MS Teams Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

Apologies: None

In attendance via MS Teams: Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator; Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms Mary Mulholland, Director of Services; Ms Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 12th January, 2022

The minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 12th January 2022 were proposed by Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Lyons 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 said essential drainage works and emergency maintenance road repairs are continuing in all areas.
He informed members that the final budget figures from the Department of Transport have yet to be received, when they are released the Area Office will meet with Elected Members for discussion prior to drafting the Road Works Programme for approval at the March Municipal District meeting;
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes – Updates given for 2020 applications at Stoneyford-Ennisnag and Hugginstown;
- CLÁR 2021 – works delayed due to Covid related staff shortages have now recommenced;
- Active Travel/TII Projects – preliminary designs for Callan one-way system/public realm and Flaggy Lane to be approved by NTA prior to proceeding to Part VIII planning, clarification is being sought regarding the removal of the Callan by-pass project from the NTA remit and whether it is included in remit of TII. Waiting on clarification on the make-up of allocations for other Active Travel projects as the allocation announcement was for a combination of rural and urban allocation;
- General – Installation of ramps in Kilmoganny and Bennettsbridge complete, ramp at Instioge school to be constructed week commencing 21/02/22, works to Killarney

Bridge to commence 16th February, update given on public lights at Bennettsbridge and Ballyhale/Knocktopher.

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

- Disappointment expressed that 2022 allocations for Road Works not yet received from the Department
- Stones falling from ditch onto footpath on Graiguenamanagh to Thomastown road – stones have been removed but an issue with subsidence remains and can be looked at under Discretionary Funding;
- Update on repair of lights at pedestrian crossing on Dublin Road, Thomastown – new panel being fitted, works expected to already completed;
- Timeline for works at Mill street – works to commence 1st March;
- Possibility of any funding to complete footpath from Stoneyford to Ennisnag – it is planned to construct footpath 300 metres in length and then examine potential to complete the remaining 700 metres to Ennisnag;
- Funding for continuation of footpath on Thomastown Road, Bennettsbridge – Initial aim is to reduce speed limit, funding stream will then need to be identified for footpath works;
- Update on removal of silt from eye of bridge in Callan – responsibility for bridge maintenance lies with the Machinery Yard Engineer, who is waiting for 2022 budget to be announced;

(b) Monthly Rural Development Update (Annette Fitzpatrick & Mary Mulholland)

Ms Mary Mulholland informed the members that there was no update on Town & Village Renewal 2021 applications.

She said that a large portion of the recent funding announced for the Callan Friary Complex and Bridge Street projects will provide for preliminary studies and surveys to be completed. The consultants and engineers who will be engaged will require the Complex to be vacant, and in this regard everyone who has been identified to the Callan Friary Trust as having items stored within the Complex have been communicated with in relation to removal of their property. However, the Friary Trust would not necessarily be aware of everyone who might have stored items there over previous years and asked that people are made aware of the need to remove items.

Cllr Doyle and the members thanked Ms Mulholland for her update.

(c) Monthly Greenway Update (Fiona Deegan)

Ms Fiona Deegan said there were no updates regarding the Greenway since the January meeting update.

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

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

Cllr Lyons raised the possibility of a recycling facility in Windgap village, and improved signage to the facility in Callan.

Cllr Doyle requested details of the 2022 household electronic waste collections by WEEE Ireland. Cllr Cleere proposed and Cllr Lyons seconded a suggestion by Ms Mulholland to invite the Environmental Awareness Officer to brief the members at the March meeting on existing recycling facilities, upcoming collections and potential new locations for recycling facilities.

Members were asked to contact the Meetings Administrator if they would like update reports from various sections of the Council or if they have items to add to the agenda of future meetings.

Best wishes were extended to Ballyhale Shamrocks in the upcoming Club All Ireland Final.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 16.27pm

Chairperson: Cllr Michael Doyle Date: 6/5/22

