

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

Date: Wednesday 11th January, 2023 at 4.00p.m.

Venue: Remote access via MS Teams.

Chair: Cllr Matt Doran

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

In attendance: Anne Marie Shortall, Meetings Administrator; Mr Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

Apologies: None

1) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 14th December, 2022.

The minutes of the December meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 were adopted, proposed by Cllr Deirdre Cullen and seconded by Cllr Michael Doyle.

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 14th December, 2022.

- Road Works Programme 2023 – Mr Murphy said Departmental budgets are expected to be available around end of January.
A draft list of discretionary works and Restoration Maintenance projects will be presented to the Elected Members for consideration, Restoration Improvement works will proceed in line with the agreed 2022-2024 Multi Annual Programme. Low Cost Safety Schemes to be determined by the Department, CIS and LIS project works to be determined from existing list of current applications.
Climate Action Projects will derive from works already submitted for Departmental approval, Active Travel Projects will be those as budget approved by NTA;
- Low Cost Safety Works update – works continuing R701 Newmarket, lighting works expected to be completed early February with ramps following once lights connected;
- Active Travel – Bridge Street Callan expected to be tender ready in February, footpaths currently being prepped on Flaggy Lane;
- N10 Danesfort – Hot roll asphalt surfacing works require more favourable weather conditions so works scheduled for March;
- N76 by-pass and ring road footpaths – at design stage, on track for tendering with commencement of works envisaged later in 2023.

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

- Agreed to carry out traffic count of heavy goods vehicles on the old Ennisnag bridge where conservations works are now complete;
- Potential for traffic calming southbound after bridge in Thomastown;
- Any possible additional funding avenues from Department to remedy effects in areas of repeated flooding – works are funded under Climate Action and drainage grants, 2023 funding will be announced around end of January.

(b) Monthly Rural Development Update (Mary Mulholland)

Ms Anne Marie Shortall confirmed the members would receive a Rural Update report at the February Municipal District meeting.

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

Ms Anne Marie Shortall said a decision would be made in the coming weeks regarding a joint meeting with the New Ross Municipal District members.

It is envisaged that this would take place immediately prior to the February Municipal District meeting in the Thomastown Community Centre.

Cllr Cullen extended best wishes to the Ballyhale Shamrocks team in the upcoming All-Ireland Senior Club Hurling Championships final.

Cllr Doran thanked the members.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairperson: Walter Doran