

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

Date: Wednesday 14th June, 2023 at 4.00p.m.

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

Chair: Cllr Deirdre Cullen

Present: Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

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

Apologies: None.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 10th May, 2023.

The minutes of the May meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 were adopted, proposed by Cllr Matt Doran and seconded by Cllr Joe Lyons.

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 10th May, 2023.

- Restoration Improvement works planned: L5032 Killaloe, L8215 Moneen, L1031 Killamery;
- Restoration Maintenance works planned from 19th to 23rd June were listed;
- Bridge Street, Callan, Active Travel Scheme update – following receipt of tender prices, and due to costs, the project is to be retendered reducing the scope of works for 2023 which will incorporate the junction elements of the project at Upper and Lower Bridge Street, with a value engineering exercise required to review the main works;
- Town and Village renewal/ORIS Projects - the Dock Road, Graiguenamanagh and Wood Road footpath link works now complete;
- Low Cost Safety Projects – lights operational on R701 Newmarket with ramps scheduled for late June.
Drawing provided depicting proposed safety improvement works on Clonmel Road, Callan at junction of R692 and L5136.
Kells Village and Stoneyford projects currently at design stage.
- General – fast charging electric points are currently being stalled in Callan, Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh through Easy-Go and Kilkenny County Council partnership.

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

- Some maintenance works required on Clonmel road from junction of R692/L5136 and Windgap road;
- Clarification given on Bridge Street Active Travel works, the Cross junction is included with two pedestrian crossings;

- Possibility to install fast charging point in Inistioge – currently the programme is being rolled out in the district towns, D Murphy will revert with information on how to widen the programme;
- Proposed safety improvement works on Clonmel Road, Callan at junction of R692/L5136 – residents concerned about parking, a courtesy crossing was recommended here as more appropriate than a pedestrian crossing;
- D Murphy will revert regarding timeframe for fast charging points in the district towns becoming operational;
- Request for feedback following 6 months usage of these points;
- It is intended to install raised a pedestrian crossing at the school at top of slipway at Graiguenamanagh boathouse to improve safety;
- Concerns regarding visibility on Annamult road (coming down Danesfort Road) can only be addressed with full low-cost safety scheme works, line marking needs to be refreshed also.

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

Ms Anne Marie Shortall updated the members on the Community Recognition Fund, saying seven projects had funds totalling €120,000 allocated to the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District. The purpose of the fund is to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution of communities to the Ukraine crisis. Ms Shortall listed all the projects in the Municipal District which benefited from the fund.

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

Timeline was requested for the cleaning of the eye of the bridge in Callan.

Cllr Cullen proposed and Cllr Doran seconded a request for a letter to issue from the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District elected members to the Minister outlining their support for and solidarity with the Countys' firefighters during the ongoing industrial action.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairperson:

