

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

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

Venue: Remote access via MS Teams.

Chair: Cllr Deirdre Cullen.

Present: Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons.

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

Apologies: Cllr Patrick O'Neill, Fiona Deegan.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 13th September, 2023.

The minutes of the September meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 were adopted, proposed by Cllr M Doyle and seconded by Cllr M Doran.

2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Winter Maintenance P3 Routes (Declan Murphy)

Mr D. Murphy, Area Engineer, gave a presentation to the members on the 2023-2024 Winter Service Plan, outlining the ranking of roads for salting services into Priority 3, 2 and 1 routes (P3, P2 & P1) within the Municipal District, with P3 being the highest priority.

He explained that service on routes will be provided following close monitoring of weather conditions and anticipation of severe weather conditions including low temperatures and precipitation.

In response to a query from the members, Mr Murphy explained the criteria for deciding to service P3 routes, saying if there is 3 – 4 consecutive days of severely low temperatures, or if road surfaces are wet and freezing follows, salting will take place.

The members thanked Mr Murphy for his presentation and information.

(b) 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 13th September, 2023.

- All Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance works programme projects now completed, including 4 Local improvement Scheme and 1 Community Involvement Scheme jobs;
- Footpath works completed in Hillview Bennettsbridge, works in progress at Woodlawn, Bennettsbridge and works will commence late October in Mill Street, Thomastown and Phase 3 Rosbercon;
- Drainage works completed in Kells, works in progress in Ennisnag and Graiguenamanagh;
- Bridge Street, Callan, Active Travel Scheme update – works to commence 23rd October on Lower Bridge Street;
- Low Cost Safety Projects – Hedging removed and new fence in place on Norelands Road Stoneyford, main works will be carried out over school midterm break; first section of footpaths, drainage works and line marking complete in Kells;

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**

Ms Anne Marie Shortall confirmed no correspondence was received since the last Municipal District meeting.

7) **Any other Business**

The members agreed to revert to New Ross Municipal District with a proposed date and time of 12pm on Wednesday 8th November in New Ross for the next joint meeting.

The members agreed to hold the November Municipal District meeting at the earlier time of 2pm in the Thomastown Community Centre.

The members also agreed to hold the Municipal District Budget Meeting on Monday 23rd October at 12.30pm via remote access MS Teams.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairperson:

