

**Minutes of the May Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown**

**Date:** Wednesday 1st May, 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Meeting conducted at Thomastown Community Centre.

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr Deirdre Cullen

**In Attendance:** Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill, Cllr Michael Doyle.

Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms Anne Beck, Clerical Officer.

**Apologies:** Ms. Fiona Deegan, A/Director of Services

**1) Confirmation of Minutes**

**(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

The minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were proposed by Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Doyle 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 2024 – Mr Murphy listed Restoration Improvement works for May commencing on 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May, surface dressing works to commence on 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- LIS scheme – funding has been secured for two years. The amount for 2024 is €257,800 which will cover the cost of two or possibly three projects.

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

- It was noted that the May meeting was the final meeting before the Local Elections. Thanks were expressed to Declan Murphy and the teams in each area for their working during the year so far.
- It was noted by Cllr. Cullen that no increase in funding had been announced for CIS schemes and that councillors should continue to press for an increase.

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

Ms Shortall stated that 2 schemes for Town & Village funding had been announced for the Callan Thomastown Municipal District. A scheme for the Kings River in Callan will receive €247,500. Delivery will require reports and assessments to deliver the maximum benefit for the limited funds available.

A scheme proposed for Dunnamaggin will include green spaces, amenity areas, landscaping, playground and perhaps a stage.

Members expressed appreciation for the cooperation that resulted in the funding being secured.

The CRF and CCFS grant schemes are still open and applications will be accepted until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

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**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**

Cllr. Cullen noted that it was the final meeting for retiring members, Cllr. Pat O'Neill and Cllr. Matt Doran. Appreciation was expressed by all members for the work and dedication of both Councillors during their tenure in the Callan Thomastown Municipal District. Cllr. Doran and Cllr. O'Neill both expressed thanks to all the staff and members and acknowledged how well everyone worked together during their respective tenures.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 16.35 pm

Chairperson: *Cllr. Feride Cullen*