

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

Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 3.30pm

Venue: Callan Area Office

Chair: Cllr Deirdre Cullen.

Present; Cllr Brian Cleere, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Joe Sheridan, Cllr Michael Doyle (online via MS Teams).

In attendance: Mr. Adrian Morrissey, THRDO: Mr. Harry Shine, Roads: Ms. Fiona Deegan, Director of Services: Ms. Anne Marie Shortall, Meetings Administrator: Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer: Ms. Jennie O'Connor, Clerical Office.

Apologies: Cllr Stephanie Doheny

1) Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 6th May 2026.

The minutes of the May meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 6th May 2026 were adopted, proposed By Cllr Joe Lyons and Seconded by Cllr Brian Cleere.

2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Presentation on the N76 Callan Bypass Pavement Scheme (Road Design)

Mr. Adrian Morrissey, Executive Engineer, Tramore House RDO, gave a briefing presentation to the members on the proposed Section 38 scheme for the N76 Callan Bypass.

Adrian explained that the works will look at the Pavement Asset Repair and Renewal, Gateway Locations, Active Travel Facilities, Existing uncontrolled crossings upgrade and Existing junctions' crossings upgraded.

The members thanked Adrian for his update and discussed the following items:

- N76 Bypass has been on the agenda to have works done and this will be a game changer.
- Public consultation will include notice in the KK People, Observer, Online and public display of the proposed works at the Area Offices.
- Cllr Lyons asked to consider the possibility of an extra filter lane on the West St junction.
- Also, to consider using the underground section by the river for pedestrian crossing at the Moate Field steps up/down.
- Reduction of the speed limit to 80 km for entire roads will be incorporated as part of the national review for secondary national roads.

(b) Monthly Roads Update (Declan Murphy)

Mr. D Murphy, Area Engineer, updated the members on the following roads related matters:

- Restoration Improvement works completed in May, with further locations listed for intended work in June.
- Restoration Maintenance works at Rathculblin, Blackbog, Carrigatna, Knockanore and the Regional road Graiguenamanagh were completed.
- A design is now complete for Low Cost Safety R700 Bennettsbridge.
- Bennettsbridge and Ballyhale Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme, works have commenced in Bennettsbridge, walls and bases complete, kerbs/lights and pavement should be completed in the next month and then move onto Ballyhale.
- Thomastown and Callan Bus stops, as these stops are in an Architectural Conservation Area an impact assessment must be carried out before we proceed with a Section 38.
- Section 38 for Dangan Terrace Active Travel scheme, Section 38 now complete, closing date for submissions has passed. 2 submissions received which will be considered. Approval now sought by the NTA to proceed to construction.
- Ferrymountgarrett Bridge, Glas Civil Engineering is the preferred bidder and will commence mobilization on site w/c 15th June. The decision to close the road has been published and is scheduled from 24th June to 28th August 2026.
- Thomastown quay wall and road, the tender is closing this week 5th June. Tenders to be assessed in early June with works scheduled to commence thereafter. ESB has removed the overhead cables to allow works to commence.

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

- To work closely with Carlow and Wexford County Council on verge cutting and breasting for diverted routes.
- DM advised National and Regional junctions are being breasted along with some busy roads.
- Cllr Joe Lyons asked about Japanese Knotweed on the Windgap road. This is an invasive species where it is the landowner's responsibility, we would continue to put up signage and if specialised spraying is needed.
- Toilets in Callan closed at the moment as few destroying it, being power washed and painted.
- Kilbride graveyard committee along with Molloy undertakers and County Council have reached resolution regarding the removal of excess soil.
- Cllr Brian Cleere asked has support schemes been set up for locals towards the extra cost of travel while works being carried out on Ferrymountgarrett Bridge.
- Cllr Deirdre Cullen expressed her thanks and delight as bollards installed in Chapel Lane.
- Cllr Michael Doyle enquiring if any update on parking in Market street, Thomastown. If we could maybe implement 2-hour limit, survey is to be carried out.
- Cllr Joe Sheridan enquiring about funding for footpath repairs in Stonyford, Dm advised funding available and is on list for works.

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

Anne Marie provided an update on Community Funding and the CCIF Community Centre Investment Fund which is currently open with a closing date of the 13th July, 2026.

Anne Maire provided details of recent grant funding allocated to the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District under the Community, Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme, the Clár programme and the Community Climate Action Programme for 2026.

3) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Municipal District member 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 Motions

There were no items for discussion.

6) Correspondence

There were no items for discussion.

7) Any other Business

There were no items for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Cllr Geraldine Pullen

Date:

13/07/26

