

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

Date: Wednesday 6th May, 2026 at 3.30p.m.

Venue: Thomastown Area Office

Chair: Cllr Joe Lyons

Present: Cllr Joe Sheridan, Cllr Brian Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Stephanie Doheny, Cllr Michael Doyle.

In attendance: Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer, Ms. Jennie O'Connor, Clerical Officer

Fiona Deegan, Director of Services, Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer.

Apologies: None

1) **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 1st April 2026.

The minutes of the April meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 1st April 2026 were adopted, proposed by Cllr Deirdre Cullen and seconded by Cllr Joe Lyons.

2) **Confirmation of Reports ad Recommendations**

(a) Monthly Roads Update (Declan Murphy)

Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer, updated the members on the following road-related matters, outlining projects completed and planned:

- Update on projects completed, with Restoration Improvement works completed at L5092 Carrigatna, L1022 Rathcublin/Mallardstown, L8220 Griffenstown and L8252 Derrynahinch.
- Restoration Improvement Works planned week commencing 11th May 2026 L8203 Station Road Thomastown, R703 Graiguenamanagh, L1020 Broadmore, L5085 Garranhallo/Lamoge and L5102 Condonstown.
- Surface dressing works will commence in the Callan/Thomastown Area week commencing the 25th May.
- **Drainage works** are completed on R703 Thomastown Road outside Graiguenamanagh.
- **Low Cost Safety** Update with design drawings for the R700 Bennettsbridge, Kilkenny side, Gateway signage, Driver feedback and raised ramp, Section 38 to follow.
- Design drawings for the R701 Newmarket, new public light and raised ramp, section 38 to follow.
- **Bennettsbridge and Ballyhale Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme**- Section 38 now complete works to commence on Tuesday the 12th May.
- **Thomastown and Callan Bus stops**, an archaeological impact assessment will be carried out before section 38 this is progressing in the next few weeks.
- **Dangan Terrace Active Travel Scheme** feedback from the NTA completed, scheme has now been approved to go to Section 38, a 3-week consultation period to follow.

- **Ferrymountgarrett Bridge** Tender assessment is now complete and is currently engaging with the preferred bidder to finalise the works programme. Proposed road closure of the R700 is scheduled from 24 June to 28 August 2026.
- **Kings River** we have received feedback from inland fisheries regarding the proposals submitted, while it is positive the project will require a Natura Impact Statement and will have to undergo the standard planning process.
- **Thomastown Quay wall** Tender drawings for works are now complete, the tender is scheduled for publication next week.
- **K-Cat pumps and flood relief scheme update** TBEB Ltd have planned to start work on Bridge Street 11th May.
- **Usice Eireann** works in Newtown Terrace, Thomastown to replace main and back yard services will commence 25th May for approximately 4 weeks. Phase 2 on R700 starting 22nd June for approximately 3 weeks.

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

- The elected members expressed their disappointment on the further delays to the King's River Project. KKC remains committed to progressing the project.
- The elected members held a discussion on the proposed road closure to facilitate works on Ferrymount Bridge and the disruption to locals if we could even facilitate pedestrian access. KCC will bring up same with the contractor but stated that works during the lead removal would require full restricted access for health and safety reasons.
- Addressing road safety concerns raised Cllr Cullen, Chair of the Road Safety Committee, requested that it needs to be communicated to the public that it's the time of year with large agricultural machinery on our local roads and to be cautious.
- Cllr Stephanie Doheny raised concerns over no ramps near the playground in the Fairgreen in Callan. Declan to look at list for ramps and come back on it.
- Cllr Cullen addressed the start of structural damage to bridge in Bennettsbridge, grant awarded for repairs to start in September.
- Members also addressed the lack of car park spaces available during the day in Thomastown, Callan and Graiguenamanagh affecting small businesses and that a survey is required to see how long people are parking for and for what use.
- Misuse of Chapel Lane during school times with near misses was highlighted as a concern and can it be closed with the erection of bollards, DM to explore with Road Design.

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

Anne Marie Shortall updated the members on the status of various grant schemes, advising the 2026 Clár scheme is now open for applications until 22nd May 2026. There is, a Community Safety Information Event in the River Court Hotel 11th May, 2026 from 6 – 8pm entry is free but required to register in advance.

In response to a request for an update on the Friary Complex Callan, Fiona Deegan said the project has gone for tender. Library in Thomastown is to open shortly date to be confirmed.

Cllr Deirdre Cullen welcomed the opening and paid tribute to everyone involved in getting it open.

3) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution 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 items for discussion.

6) Any other Business

There were no items for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson _____

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