

**Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown**

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 @ 4p.m.

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

**Chair:** Cllr Matt Doran

**Present:** Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons.

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Cleere, Cllr Pat O'Neill.

**In attendance:** Ms Mary Mulholland, Director of Service;, Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator; Mr Declan Murphy, A/Area Engineer; Mr. Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner; Ms Naomi Scully, Assistant Planner; Mr. Wesley Keogh, Planning Department Carlow Co. Council; Ms Carmel Brett, Staff Officer; Ms Sian Moloughney, Kilkenny People.

It was agreed that Cllr Matt Doran would chair the meeting in the absence of Chairperson Cllr Peter Cleere.

**1) Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were proposed by Cllr Deirdre Cullen, seconded by Cllr Michael Doyle and agreed.

The Minutes of the Municipal District Annual Meeting of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 were proposed by Cllr Joe Lyons, seconded by Cllr Deirdre Cullen and agreed.

**2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**(a) Update on Draft Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Local Area Plan**

Mr. N Louw briefly outlined to the members the need for a joint plan for both towns and Ms Scully gave a presentation of the draft plan.

Duiske College has asked for land to be zoned adjacent to the new fire station for their potential future relocation. She listed issues which could potentially include a land swap between Duiske College and Kilkenny County Council, zoning of lands, public realm improvements, pedestrian accessibility and car parking.

The draft plan identified need for provision of 8.88 ha of land for residential development in Graiguenamanagh and 3.45ha in Tinnahinch.

Masterplan areas at the Hub and Tinnahinch riverside were identified to facilitate tourism and recreation.

Following presentation to Carlow County Council, publication of the Draft plan will take place mid to end September, followed by a public display period of eight weeks.

Mr. Wesley Keogh said Tinnahinch had a draft plan which is now expired and this is a great opportunity to bring together the two towns under one Plan.

The members thanked the Planning staff for the presentation and raised the following issues:

- Water capacity during the summer is an issue – agreement required between Irish Water, Kilkenny County Council and property developer as to how water provision will be managed. This issue has not been budgeted for in Irish Water 2024 Investment Plan but will be raised with them as an issue for consideration.
- Provision of one/two pedestrian bridge(s)
- Flooding issues – observations can be submitted online at consult.ie or directly to Ms Emir Slattery, Kilkenny County Council until September
- Empty units remain an issue, possibly due to Tenure issues.

#### **(b) Monthly Roads Update**

Mr D. Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer circulated a report updating the members on the following road related matters:

- Roadworks Programme 2020 – Restoration Improvements/Maintenance, Low Cost Safety Schemes
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes
- Rural Regeneration Roads Project
- General – Callan and Graiguenamanagh Mobility Management Plans, ORIS Abbey Meadow, N76 works.

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

- Presentation of Callan Mobility Management Plan – October 2020
- Plans for Logan/Low Street, Thomastown – Consultants have been requested to facilitate a set down area/loading bay at bottom of Low Street
- Provision of second sign for HGVs at Ballymack – local deliveries and requirement for by-laws discussed
- Provision of ramps on Bridge Street, Callan – no plans for this currently, carriageway to be reduced to three meters to facilitate one-way traffic
- Fairgreen, Callan second entrance – request for provision of chain to deter unauthorised parking
- Irish Rail works to Killarney Bridge – wall has been rebuilt, materials have been procured for crash barriers, Irish Rail to revert regarding procurement of flashing LED chevron
- Moate Lane – difficult to access due to parked cars
- Re-define junction at Cuffesgrange – Road Design works will improve safety

#### **b) Monthly Rural Development Update**

Ms Mary Mulholland informed the members that submissions had been made under the first round of Town & Village Covid funding, and there will be a second round of funding aimed at facilitating social distancing measures.

Covid-specific funding to a maximum of €500 is available under the Capital Enhancement Programme, processed through the LCDC to support community facilities reopening.

Ms Mulholland said the Friary Complex, Callan did not receive funding under the RRDF.

Regarding the Sessions House, Thomastown, closing date for receipt of submissions is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July following a period of public display of plans and Part VIII for same will be brought before the July Council meeting.

The members thanked Ms Mulholland and raised the following items:

- Provision of courses for reopening of community facilities - Ms Mulholland clarified that the PPN are offering courses and providing information packs on the safe reopening of community facilities and will circulate information on this.
- Facilitation for public viewing of Sessions House plans – clarified this was possible online or by appointment at the Thomastown Area Office.
- Friary Complex, Callan – currently working through legal and other issues with the Augustinian Order and assessment needed of what preparatory works can be done and how to fund this
- Joint meeting with Municipal District of Piltown and New Ross – request Mr. Seán McKeown to arrange same with attendance of 2/3 members from Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown.
- Provision of tennis court in Callan
- “Shop Kilkenny” campaign currently ongoing to promote local business, uptake of the restart grant for small businesses is still quite low, the trading online voucher system is very successful.

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**

There were no items for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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