

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

**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 @ 4p.m.

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

**Chair:** Cllr Patrick O'Neill

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Matt Doran

**In attendance:** Ms Mary Mulholland, Director of Services; Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator; Mr. Declan Murphy A/Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. Carmel Brett, Staff Officer; Ms. Sian Moloughney, Kilkenny People.

**1) Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 was proposed by Cllr Cullen, seconded by Cllr Lyons and agreed.

The Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Cullen and agreed.

**2) Consideration of Reports & Recommendations**

**(a) Final Monthly Roads Update 2019**

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

- Drainage Works;
- Town & Village Renewal Schemes;
- Rural Regeneration Roads Projects;
- General – Mobility Management Plans, Upcoming Irish Water works.

A brief discussion was held regarding possible future connectivity of housing estates in Thomastown; the members were informed that the Thomastown Mobility Management Plan is still open to public consultation and there is no proposal in the draft plan to connect Maudlin Court with any other estate.

**(i) Update of GSS geographical areas effective January 2020**

Mr. Murphy circulated maps showing the revised GSS areas in the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District which will be effective in January 2020.

He explained the District will consist of Callan North, Callan South, Thomastown West and Thomastown East, each with their own GSS.

(ii) **Callan-Thomastown CIS (Community Involvement Scheme) and LIS (Local Improvement Scheme) pending lists January 2020**

Mr. Murphy circulated details of the pending lists for 2020 relating to the Community Involvement in Road Works Scheme (CIS) and Local Improvement Scheme (LIS).

He explained that the CIS scheme is operated on a first come, first served basis subject to available funding. The LIS applications are determined on a scoring basis.

The members thanked Mr. Murphy for his updates.

**(b) Monthly Rural Development Update**

Ms M. Mulholland informed the members that she had contacted the Department regarding unsuccessful applications made under Town & Village Renewal Schemes.

She said three of the five applications had scored very highly but placed just beneath the point where national funding was exhausted.

Two of the five applications required clarifications relating to titles etc. which is now resolved; feedback was extremely positive and a decision must be made whether to resubmit the unsuccessful 2019 applications in 2020.

Ms Mulholland explained that there is not a specific funding allocation for Kilkenny and while acknowledging that funding was reduced in 2019, Kilkenny received proportionate funding nationally.

Ms Mulholland said the next call is expected for Category 1 funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, and it is intended to seek funding for the Friary Complex project in Callan.

She also stated that focus need to be put on identifying enterprising, creative projects for future applications from the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District.

The members thanked Ms Mulholland and raised the following items:

- Un-serviced rural areas unable to obtain planning permission for development;
- Irish Water queries – it was confirmed that Irish Water do not attend Municipal District or County Council meetings.

**3) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District members for transaction at 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**

Members discussed the Municipal District Allocation of €65,000 for 2020 and possible uses such as a five-year public lighting plan, footpath repairs and small community projects.

It was proposed by Cllr Lyons, seconded by Cllr Doyle and agreed that the ordinary meetings of the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District for the coming six months will take place on the Wednesday preceding the full County Council meeting.

Ms Mulholland said she proposes to invite a representative from each service area to speak at the Municipal District meetings and will compile a draft schedule for same.

Ms Fiona Deegan reminded the members that "Careers Kilkenny", organised by Kilkenny County Council and scheduled for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December, will host 22 locally based companies advertising 636 high quality jobs and will target those returning home to Kilkenny for Christmas as well as visitors who are interested in living and working in the County.

Cllr O' Neill thanked the members and staff and wished all a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Michael Doyle.

Date:

15-1-20

