

## **Minutes of the October Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown**

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025 at 3.30p.m.

**Venue:** Online via MS Teams.

**Chair:** Cllr Joe Lyons.  
**Present** Cllr Brian Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Sheridan  
**In attendance:** Fiona Deegan, Director of Services; Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Anne Marie Shortall, Meetings Administrator; Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

### **1) Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025.**

The minutes of the Municipal District meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025 were adopted, proposed by Cllr Deirdre Cullen and seconded by Cllr Joe Sheridan.

### **2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

#### **(a) Monthly Roads Update (Declan Murphy)**

Mr D. Murphy, Area Engineer, updated the members on the following roads related matters, outlining projects completed and planned:

- Restoration Improvement Programme works completed in September include L8269 Kiltorcan Road, CIS projects at Tennysons Lane, Ballygeardra & Sheastown, and the L6732 Powerstown, a joint project with the Castlecomer MD. LIS at Ballykeeffe to be surfaced 6<sup>th</sup> October. Letter of offer has been made for a 4<sup>th</sup> CIS lane due to approval of additional funding in the 2025 budget;
- Restoration Maintenance works have all been completed;
- Footpath works to commence in Edmund Rice estate, Callan mid-October, works in Kells village will follow;
- Low-Cost Safety Scheme works on L2643 at Mount Loftus have commenced, works at Ballyhall crossroads will see trees on Rogerstown Cross side removed by end October, works on the Callan side to be agreed with landowners. Talks are ongoing with landowners around works for R704 junction with L7502 Hoodsgrove.
- Road markings complete at junction of R700 Inistioge/Graiguenamanagh junction, sightline works to be agreed;
- Winter Maintenance Programme will run from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

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

- Possibility of installing pedestrian underpass for N76 Callan by-pass – Tramore House has a draft plan for a widened footpath of 3 metres and two crossing points on the N76, this to proceed through Stage 1 Safety Audit;
- Concerns raised regarding the future capacity of Kilbride cemetery, Declan Murphy said an update will be sought from the Environment Section;

**(b) Winter Maintenance P3 Routes (Declan Murphy)**

Declan Murphy gave the members a presentation on Kilkenny County Councils Winter Service Plan 2025-2026, outlining the ranking of roads for salting services into Priority 3, 2 and 1 routes within the Municipal District.

Routes will be serviced following close monitoring of weather conditions and anticipation of severe weather conditions including low temperatures and precipitation.

A request was made for deposits of salt in salt bins at various locations for local public use.

The members thanked Mr Murphy for his presentation.

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

Ms Anne Marie Shortall updated the members on the Town Centre First plan for Graiguenamanagh, saying 31 provisional actions were identified and two community workshops were held which saw strong community engagement.

A draft plan will be presented to the Graiguenamanagh Town Team, and it is intended that the final draft plan will be presented to the elected members at the November Municipal District meeting.

Regarding the Kings River in Callan, Anne Marie said a revised plan is currently being examined and any relevant planning requirements will have to be identified. Anne Marie will advise the members when there are any further updates.

**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**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

