

**Minutes of the November Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown**

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 2.00p.m.

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

**Chair:** Cllr Deirdre Cullen.

**Present:** Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Pat O'Neill.

**In attendance:** Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer; Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Fiona Deegan.

**1) Confirmation of Minutes**

**(a) Minutes of the Municipal District meeting of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.**

The minutes of the October meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were adopted, proposed by Cllr M Doyle and seconded by Cllr J Lyons.

**(b) Minutes of the Municipal District Budget Meeting of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October,**

Minutes of the Budget meeting of the Municipal District held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October were adopted, proposed by Cllr M Doyle and seconded by Cllr J Lyons.

**2) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**(a) Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2026 (Margaret Whelan)**

Ms M Whelan, Environmental Awareness Officer, gave a presentation to the members outlining the requirement of the Local Authority to adopt a Litter Management Plan every 3 years and reviewing the 2021-2023 plan.

Data displayed an increase of litter over the last three years with a breakdown of litter type showing that cigarette related litter had the largest increase in "litter free" areas.

Education, prevention and enforcement measures together with the personal responsibility of every citizen are required to combat litter issues.

Ms Whelan recapped on the objectives of the 2021-2023 Litter Management Plan and said Stage 1 drafting of the new 2024-2026 Plan would happen in November/December 2023, with Stage 2 Consultation Phase taking place in December 2023/January 2024 and finally Stage 3 reviewing and publishing of the Plan is scheduled for Quarter 1 2024.

The members thanked Ms. Whelan for her update and the following items were discussed:

- CCTV required to identify those responsible for littering thus enabling prosecutions, Southern Waste Office currently drafting up protocol and procedures and recommending covert cameras especially in remote areas prone to illegal dumping and littering.
- Illegal dumping in Council graveyards might not be included in statistics as staff ensure clean-ups are carried out;
- Discussion was held on the pros and cons of installing new bins in areas of littering, M Whelan agreed to investigate if modern bins have a sufficiently longer use capacity to potentially assist in areas where resources cannot reach to frequent emptying of bins;

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**

Ms Anne Marie Shortall confirmed an acknowledge was received following correspondence sent to Minister O'Donovan regarding the Callan Kings River.

7) **Any other Business**

There were no items for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairperson: 