

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON 9th December 2021 VIA ZOOM

Present:

Cllr. T. McCormack (Cathaoirleach); Cllr. F. Moran (Leas Cathaoirleach); Cllr. D. Owens; Cllr. D. Harvey; Cllr. N. Feighery; Cllr. K. Smollen; Cllr. S. O'Brien

In Attendance:

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator; Ms. Jean Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Andrew Murray, Senior Planner; Carroll Melia, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Edward Kelly, Executive Planner

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of PJ Molloy, Tullamore; Billy Murray, Tullamore; Liam Cornally, Tullamore and all those in Tullamore MD who died since the last monthly meeting, on their recent bereavements.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran and seconded by Cllr. K. Smollen it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to acknowledge the success of the Christmas event, "*Clara Christmas Cracker*" held on Saturday 4th December 2021. The members congratulated the locals and staff involved in organising the event.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. D Harvey and seconded by Cllr. D. Owens:

- a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2021*
- b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th November 2021*

2. Strategic Housing Report

The members thanked Mr. Edward Kelly, Executive Planner and Mr. Carroll Melia, A/Senior Executive Planner for the report on the Clonminch Strategic Housing Development.

The members raised a number of issues including issues around services and infrastructure, in particular schools and existing capacity of infrastructural services to service the proposed development such as waste water. The members expressed their disappointment with the lack of regard to the current County Development Plan with respect zoning stating the Development is non sequential and not in keeping with the current County Development Plan; too big for the outskirts of the town with potential of having a ghost estate at the town entrance; potential for properties to be purchased by Cuckoo funds; the Development will not add to the economy of the town.

It was noted the member's comments will be added to the report form the CEO.

3. Environment & Water Services Report

Ms. M. Hussey presented the Environment and Water Services Report, as circulated to the members.

The members thanked Ms. Hussey for the comprehensive report. The members raised a number of issues incl.: Boland's Tec; sewage issues at the Green, Clara; timeline for Kilcoursey graveyard tender, also to include tarmac; CCTV at bottle banks and frequency of collection; anti-social behaviour at Holms Hill; Tyrrells rd. Ms. Hussey responded to the queries raised.

In addition, the member suggested the Environment Section engage with the local Secondary schools to promote the initiatives carried out by Offaly County Council and encourage further engagement.

The members also congratulated Offaly Comhairle na nÓg for their initiative on climate change in developing an app which provides secondary school students in Offaly with a toolkit that students can use to make their schools single-use-plastic free.

4. Regeneration

The members welcomed the report as presented by Ms. Jean Ryan and Mr. John Connelly.

5. AOB

Cathaoirleach Cllr. T. McCormack wished all present a happy Christmas.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____ 13/01/2022