

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON 10th DECEMBER 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS an CHONTAE, TULLAMORE

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator; Mr. John Cunningham, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing; Mr. Thomas Ryan, Executive Engineer

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of: Mr. Thomas Doyle, Tullamore; Mr. Gerry Murray, Tullamore; Ms. Crea Mulderrig, Tullamore; Mr. John O'Rourke, Tullamore; Mr. John Hanlon, Tullamore; Jackie Lynam, Tullamore; Mr. John Joe O'Meara, Killeigh; Mr. Jim Digan, Killeigh; Ms. Sylvia Kelly, Kilcormac; Ms. Eileen Johnston, Clara; Mr. Adrian Cahill, Birr; Ms. Chrissie Kinahan, Ballycumber; Ms. Margaret Horan, Ballycumber and all those in Tullamore MD who died since the last monthly meeting, on their recent bereavements.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12th November 2020*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th November 2020*

2. Housing Report

Mr. John Cunningham presented the Housing Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, complimenting the staff on works to date. They raised a number of issues to which Mr. Cunningham responded. The commencement dates for new development in Chancery Lane and Clonminch are to be confirmed, with Rahan Road completing next year. The retrofit programme is split as evenly as possible and OPD's will be prioritised together with houses that have a poor energy rating. Tenants appointed to the AHB are considered on the same merit as OCC housing stock. Mr. Cunningham noted while a large number of Expressions of Interests are received, approx. 60/70 may come to fruition. In addition, he clarified the 3 OPD's in Clara will not proceed. A brief discussion took place in relation to the process for allocating properties.

3. Regeneration Projects

Mr. John Connelly updated the members on regeneration projects to date. The members posed a number of queries including; Brocca Rd; traffic calming in Cappincur; zebra crossing in Collins Lane; announcement of TVR 2020; traffic lights in Clara; signal at Ballina Cross; link between Church St and O'Connor Sq.; Meath Lane; speed on Rahan Rd.

Mr J. Connelly replied noting Brocca Rd. is awaiting approval; signage in Cappincur will be completed in the new year; Collins Lane will be complete under 2020 Low Cost Safety in January; the timeframe for 2020 TVR will be extended; discussions ongoing with Contractor re lights in Clara; awaiting response on regeneration projects in Meath Lane and Church St; will investigate Rahan Road.

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- Members extended congratulations to Ms. Freda Kinnarney on her retirement from the Tullamore Show. In addition, they congratulated Tullamore Chamber on the new Christmas lights and extended congratulations to all Christmas Lights Committees.
- The members extended sympathies to the families of June Martin and John Joe O’Meara.
- Agreed to write to the Waterways Ireland to request one of the gates in the lock be left open for Health and Safety purposes.
- Data from speed survey in Blueball to be used as preparatory work for traffic calming.
- Cyclists on footpaths to be referred to JPC, issues with skate park to be addressed to limit used of skateboards in O’Connor Sq.
- Gullies on Puttaughan Rd to be cleared.
- Signs for bus stops
- A report on lighting will be include in the January agenda, to include the past 3 years and plans for the future.
- The members expressed disappointment in relation to the payment of student nurses.

The members thanked all the staff of Tullamore Municipal District and media for their assistance over the year and wished them a Happy Christmas.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____