

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON 11th FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

Present:

Cllr. D. Owens, (Cathaoirleach); Cllr. T. McCormack (Leas Cathaoirleach), Cllr. F. Moran; 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; Mr. Tom Ryan

The members extended sympathies to the family of the late Rev. Canon David Hutton-Bury.

The members congratulated all involved in the 2020 IBAL results where Tullamore placed 4th on a National level. The members thanked all the residents and volunteers involved especially the outdoor staff of Tullamore MD for their amazing effort. They also welcomed the press and extended their support to Print Media during the pandemic. Finally, the members proposed a Civic Reception for Jordan Conroy, Irish rugby player for the Ireland national rugby sevens team following the easing of Covid 19 restrictions.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th January 2021*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th January 2021*

2. Environment & Water Services Report

Ms. M. Hussey encouraged members to attend the upcoming course in Climate Action Leadership and also requested members to submit any areas to be considered for the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2021.

Thereafter, Ms. Hussey presented the Environment and Water Services Report, as circulated to the members. The members thanked Ms. Hussey for the concise and comprehensive report raising a number of issues incl.: use of private land to access Kilbride Cemetery and rubble on graves; IW issues at Church St, Clara; sediment and rubble at bottom of Canal; raw sewerage in Tyrrells Road; IW Report and capacity issues on North Side of Tullamore; indiscriminate dumping at Pallas Lake; Bord na Mona; dog fouling.

In response Ms. Hussey outlined the issue in Church Street, Clara is under the remit of OCC although co funding may be an option; the suggestion of focused patrolling with respect to Dog Fouling will be pursued; rubble on graves in Kilcoursey will be incorporated into works; issue with canal will be discussed with Waterways Ireland; while Phase 4 of Tullamore Drainage Area Plan has not yet been released there is a report which will determine capacity issues for future developments, Ms. Hussey also confirmed not having Phase 4 of the plan would not hinder the members ratifying the County Development Plan, in addition she will request Irish Water to make a presentation to Tullamore MD members; issues with road conditions and flooding will be discussed at a meeting with Bord na Mona.

3. Regeneration Projects

Mr. John Connelly updated the members on regeneration projects to date noting discussions are ongoing with NTA regarding Active Travel in urban areas. The members welcomed the report raising a number of queries including level of match funding required for TVR; fence at Acres Folly; paths at Clara Bog and collaboration with National Parks and Wildlife; commencement date for Greenway/Harbour St/Store St; time line for Acres Folly.

In response Mr. Connelly noted work to the fence at Acres Folly would commence soon; paths in Clara Bog are due to be complete in August Covid depending; it will be late 2021/early 2022 before works on the Greenway commence.

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- Requirement for additional outdoor staff
- Tree trimming in Twickenham
- Outdoor Public Spaces Scheme 2021

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: 11.03.2021