

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.30PM ON THE 13th JUNE 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE

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

In Attendance: Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. M. Gaughran, Administrative Officer, Environment & Water Services; Ms M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

Before the meeting commenced, newly elected Cathaoirleach Cllr. F. Moran welcomed all present to the first monthly meeting of the newly elected members of Municipal District of Tullamore.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Kathleen Brophy, Marian Place, Tullamore; Aaron Buckley, Collinstown, Clara; Muriel Cobbe, Gormagh, Tullamore; Ursula Coe, Charleville Rd., Tullamore; Brendan Doran, Killeigh, Tullamore; Betty Duffy, New Rd., Clara; Emer Groomell, Clonminch Ave., Tullamore; Sr. Catherine Herlihy, Holy Family Sisters, Tullamore; Alo Kelly, Spollenstown, Tullamore; Michael Keville, Whitehall, Tullamore; John Mannion, Arden View, Tullamore, (brother of former Tullamore MD staff member Colm Mannion); Declan Touhey, Daingean Rd., Tullamore; and all those in Tullamore MD who had died since the last monthly meeting, on their recent bereavements.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 09th May, 2019*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 09th May, 2019*

Cathaoirleach Cllr. F. Moran expressed disappointment with Iarnód Éireann's plans to de-man Clara Train Station, in spite of concerns raised by the members at a meeting with representatives of Iarnód Éireann on 09th May 2019. It was agreed that a letter would issue to Iarnód Éireann voicing the objections of the newly elected members of Tullamore MD to the decision.

Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator, updated the members on responses received from Iarnód Éireann on other issues raised by the members at the meeting on 09th May: Booking Office fares were being charged on board trains at that time, subject to change; safety issues at the old railway bridge in Clara were being followed up; contact details received for Belmond Grand Hibernian, private train tour operator, and would be forwarded to Olive Farrelly, Tourism Officer, Offaly County Council, with a view to pursuing the possibility of an overnight in Tullamore being included on the tour's itinerary.

2. Water & Environment Report (deferred from May 2019 meeting)

Ms. M. Gaughran, A.O., presented the Water & Environment Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues incl.: Problem of

illegal dumping as previously discussed; Request for update on pending Report on Tullamore Sewerage Scheme; Request for update on Cappincur Industrial Site; Issue with water hardness in Tullamore; Issues with Clay Piping; Request for the addition of Boland's Tce., Clara, to list of areas earmarked for lead piping replacement; Issues with manhole covers. Ms. M. Gaughran noted and responded to queries: Litter wardens were following up on reports/complaints, and she stated that the Council would continue with prosecutions. She agreed to follow up on the issues of clay piping, hard water, and the replacement of lead piping in Boland's Tce. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., noted that Tullamore MD had allocated €50,000 from its GMA to works at Cappincur Industrial Site, and he was following up with Irish Water on advancing the works. Mr. T. Shanahan also noted that the Report on Tullamore Sewerage Scheme was nearly complete. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., advised the members that the manhole covers were regularly surveyed.

Ms. M. Gaughran then left the meeting.

3. Roads Report

The members welcomed the Roads Report, as presented and circulated by Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E. They raised a number of issues including: road safety issues at Clyne's Hill, Clara and Boy's School, Clara; speed issues at Cappincur; parking issues at O'Molloy St. and Clontarf Rd., Tullamore; Works required at Clonshannagh, Mountbolus. Mr. J. Connelly, in response, agreed to follow up on the safety issues in Clara. He also agreed that Clonshannagh would be reviewed if funding became available. It was noted that Clontarf Rd. was a paid parking area, residents could apply for permits. O'Molloy St. was not a paid parking street, as agreed during consultation as part of the 2012 Review of Tullamore's Parking Bye-Laws.

4. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme and Urban Regeneration & Development Fund.

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme, and the planned URDF works at Harbour Street and Store Street, and Grand Canal Greenway. The works on the Street Enhancement Programme were ongoing, consultation was continuing with the relevant businesses, and he acknowledged their co-operation. Upcoming road closures were advertised. It was also noted that the Part 8's for URDF works at Harbour and Store Streets, and Grand Canal Greenway were approved at the May monthly meeting of Offaly County Council.

Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., also advised the members that Open Evenings were scheduled for Clara and Ballycumber for the following week, as part of the Part 8 processes for the Town & Village Renewal Scheme Works.

5. A.O.B.

New Year's Eve Concert, Tullamore

Cllr. T. McCormack proposed that a New Year's Eve concert/event be held in the newly refurbished O' Connor Square. It was agreed that the suggestion would be followed up at the July monthly meeting, with the possibility of a sub-committee being set up to organize the event.

Remembering Footprints, Lloyd Town Park

Cllr. K. Smollen proposed that permanent footprints be placed in Lloyd Town Park, following on from the Remembering Footprints event held in the Park on 07th June. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., agreed to follow up on the proposal.

Illegal Encampments – Collins Lane

Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., agreed to follow up on the issue of illegal encampments at Collin Lane,

following a request by Cllr. D. Harvey.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____

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Meetings Administrator

Date: _____