

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.15PM ON 9th JUNE 2022 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. Jean Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator; Mr. Brian Pey, Administrative Officer, Community & Culture

Apologies:

Cllr. D. Harvey (Leas Cathaoirleach); Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12th May 2022*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th May 2022*

2. Community & Culture Report

Mr. Brian Pey, Administrative Officer, Community & Culture presented the report as circulated to the members. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of issues incl.; Ballycumber Tidy Towns and the Community Centre funds. Mr. Brian Pey responded to queries raised.

3. Regeneration

The members welcomed the report as presented by Ms. Jean Ryan raising a number of queries including programme of works for Clara; Badgers lane; lighting in Westwood Grove; footpath on left hand side going into Ferbane; timeline for URDF schemes; Collins lane pedestrian crossing and link with cycle lane; Spollenstown pedestrian crossing update; public consultation for Clara town Plan; enhancement works on New Road.

4. Community Grants

Ms. B. Corbet requested the approval of the following Community Grants:

Group	Category	Description	Proposed for 2022
Tullamore Harries	Community Involvement & Participation	Half Marathon	€1,000.00
Carraig Cluain	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement	Remove algae from wall, trees planting	€500.00
Carraig Cluain	Climate Change Action Initiatives	Bug hotel	€400.00
Tullamore Men's Shed	Community Involvement & Participation	Purchase kitchen equipment	€500.00
Durrow Graveyard	Graveyard Enhancement	Car park surface, flowers	€1,000.00
Tullamore pitch & Putt	Community Involvement & Participation	All Ireland competition	€1,000.00

On the proposal of Cllr. Tony McCormack and second by Cllr. F. Moran the grants were approved.

5. Notices of Motion:

Cllr. S. O'Brien

'That Tullamore MD propose that every effort be made by all relevant sections in Offaly County Council to secure the Taking In Charge of all sections of Hophill housing development.'

The motion was passed on the proposal of **Cllr. S. O'Brien**, seconded by Cllr T. McCormack. The members acknowledged Offaly county Council are working closely with the developers.

Cllr. D. Owens left the meeting.

Cllr. T. McCormack

"That Tullamore MD contact the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee's office and ask her to come to Tullamore or send a representative to meet with all the Councillors to discuss the issues with regard to illegal encampments in our town and the legislation that governs them."

The motion was passed on the proposal of **Cllr. T. McCormack**, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien. In the interest of interdepartmental collaboration, the members further requested the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage also receive a copy of the Notice. It was further requested at the Notice of Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities as it was felt this issue is not unique to Tullamore.

Cllr. T. McCormack

"That Tullamore MD engage with the Department of Enterprise and IDA to develop a second IDA park in Tullamore, as the current IDA Business Park at Srah is at capacity."

The motion was passed on the proposal of **Cllr. T. McCormack**, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien. It was noted the existing IDA park is in an excellent location with a great work force, however options for new companies needs to be provided as the existing park is close to capacity and a new focus has the potential to attract foreign direct investment.

6. AOB

- N52 Kilbeggan Link, request that the final Route Option report be published as planning is restricted until the route is chosen.
- Application to be submitted with respect to Night-Time Economy Pilot Programme.
- Good luck wishes extended to the Leaving Cert students and those partaking in the Minor Hurling semi-final, although disappointment was expressed with regards to GAA organising a match on the evening of a state exam.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date:

_____ **08/07/2021**