

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON
THE 21st MARCH 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE**

Present: Cllr. D. Harvey, (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. D. Dolan, Cllr. T. McCormack,
Cllr. T. McKeigue, Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. D. Owens.

Apologies: Cllr. B. Killeavy.

In Attendance: Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive
Engineer; Ms M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Seamus Daly, Arden Lane, Tullamore; Johnny Farrell, Cappincur, Tullamore; Noel Fitzpatrick, The Green, Clara; Madge Holloway, Gageboro, Horseleap; Triona Hume, Arden Vale, Tullamore; Kathleen McCarthy, Clonminch Rd., Tullamore; Carmel McLoughlin, Kilmucklin, Clara; Michael Mullins, Kilbride, Clara; Benny O'Meara, Killina, Tullamore, (brother of former Tullamore MD employee Kevin); Jim Sheppard, O'Molloy St., Tullamore; Kathleen Spollen, Clara Rd., Tullamore; Leo Troy, Cappincur, 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. Dolan, and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th February, 2019*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th February, 2019*
- (c) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 06th March, 2019*

Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator, advised the members that Iarnoid Eireann had requested a list of issues for discussions, following a request for a meeting as agreed at the February monthly meeting. The following issues were agreed by the members: the closure of the pedestrian access gate at Tullamore Railway Station; the manning levels at Tullamore and Clara Stations; future proposals for the stations; issues regarding the lift at Tullamore Station; and safety issues at unused bridge in Clara.

2. Consideration & Adoption of the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2019.

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., presented the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2019, as circulated. The Schedule, as presented, was adopted by the members on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack.

3. Roads Report

The members welcomed the Roads Report, as presented and circulated by Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., setting out the Roads Programme for 2019. He stated that there was an increase of 14% on the 2018 budget. The members, welcoming the Report, raised a number of issues which Mr. J. Connelly agreed to follow up, including: issues at Holmshill Road, Rahan; Lahinch Junction, Scouts Den Junction, and Erry Mill, Clara; footpath maintenance in Tullamore town; pedestrian

crossing at Cluain Fia, Clara. The Programme of Works as circulated was approved, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack.

4. Director's Update on Housing

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., advised that the Chancery Lane housing development was on target for completion in October, 2019. Part VIII had been advertised for Kearney's Field development, closing date for submissions was 29th March 2019. Pre Part VIII preparations for Clonminch was ongoing, as was Preparatory works for Stage1, Raheen, Clara. There had been a good response to the call for expressions of interest for Turnkey developments. He also advised that the Traveller Accommodation Programme was currently being drafted.

5. 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. He advised that the the works were progressing well. The concrete footpaths were completed, and the granite kerbs were scheduled to commence the following week. There would be more crew and more activity on the ground for the next phase, and the timetable for the works remained on schedule.

He also advised that a Public Consultation Open Day would be held in early April regarding the planned URDF works at Harbour and Store Street, and Grand Canal Greenway.

6. Community Grant Scheme 2019

It was agreed by all that the Community Grant Scheme 2019 would apply the same criteria as in 2018 Scheme. The Scheme would be advertised in the coming week, closing date 05th April 2019.

7. Notices of Motion:

Cllr. T. McCormack

(i) "That the Municipal District of Tullamore make provision for electric car charging points in the works being carried out as part of the town enhancement."

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey. Cllr. D. Dolan added that provision be made in Clara and Ballycumber Schemes also.

(ii) "That the Municipal District of Tullamore look at a programme of grass cutting for our roundabouts on the bypass before the season starts and look at planting some flowers which would also feed into our National Pollinator Plan."

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., agreed to follow up on the issue and report back to the members.

8. A.O.B.

Tullamore Community Arts Centre

Cllr. D. Dolan raised the issue of Tullamore Community Arts Centre, and stated that in his opinion there was a vacuum of information on the status of the development of the Centre. The matter had been discussed previously at the February meeting of Offaly County Council.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
