

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON 11th MARCH 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; Ms. Monica Cleary, SEO Housing

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of: Martin Heffernan, Tullamore; Rose Scully, Tullamore; John Drea, Tullamore 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. K. Smollen:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th February 2021*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th February 2021*

Cllr. F. Moran requested the replacing of the lead piping in Church St, Clara be continued to Boland's Terrace.

2. Consideration & Adoption of the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2021

The Tullamore Municipal District 2021 Schedule of Works was circulated to the members. Mr. T. Shanahan outlined the figures contained therein reflect the budget book and related to maintenance only. The members welcomed the ambitious Schedule of Works for 2021 which was proposed by Cllr. T. McCormack and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery. A discussion took place in relation to public lighting.

3. Housing Report

Ms. M. Cleary, S.E.O., presented the Housing Report, as circulated to the members. The members thanked Ms. Cleary and her staff and welcomed the comprehensive report raising a number of issues including HAP rent caps and interagency, Part V, DPG's, Estate Management grants; emergency accommodation for victims of Domestic Violence; acquisitions; tenant purchase. Ms. M. Cleary responded to the issues raised.

4. Roads Programme

Mr. J. Connelly presented for consideration the Roads Programme for the Municipal District of Tullamore 2021, as circulated outlining a total of €1.378m on various programmes. The members welcomed the report and commended Mr. J. Connelly on the value for money and good spread over all areas. The Roads Programme for 2021 was agreed by all members. Mr. J. Connelly to liaise with Westmeath Co Co in relation to Moate Rd, Ballycumber. Kline's Hill is ready to progress when funding becomes available. Any further areas for consideration under CIS to be forwards to Mr. J. Connelly.

5. Community Grants Scheme

Ms. B. Corbet circulated the 2021 Community Grant Application form which will be advertised in next week's papers, noting the addition of a number of new categories of funding. The members welcomed the scheme emphasizing that it is a great opportunity to give back to communities.

6. Regeneration Projects

The members welcomed the announcement of €2,245,407 which has been allocated for Offaly County Council's successful Round 2 project – Tullamore Urban Regeneration and Development 2020 noting the Local Property Tax was instrumental in achieving this funding.

Mr. John Connelly updated the members on regeneration projects to date.

7. AOB

- Given the commitment of Cappincur Cemetery committee to procure the site it was agreed to proceed to pre Part VIII.
- Clara Cemetery is responsibility of Environment, will investigate rubble/waste on graves.
- Directional signage at Abbey Court, Clara to be investigated.
- Mutt Mitts not appropriate for town centre.
- Car parking on Greenway is being reviewed.
- The White Paper with respect to Irish Water was discussed.
- Trees in Twickenham.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____ 08.04.2021