

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON 13th MAY 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; John McNally A/Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Water Services, Dermot Egan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2021*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 8th April 2021*

2. Matters arising

Ms. T. Shanahan outlined agenda item Derelict Sites as requested at the April meeting is deferred. In addition, confirmed Kilcoursey cemetery will proceed to tender in 2/3 months.

3. Standing Orders Amendment (Supplementary Standing Orders)

Ms. B. Corbet, circulated the Standing Orders which were adopted at the April meeting and includes Supplementary Standing Orders regulating proceedings in relation to remote meetings.

4. Healthy Ireland Report

The members welcomed the HI Report, as circulated and presented by Mr. Dermot Egan. The members widely complimented Mr. Egan and Offaly Sports Partnership on the broad range of talent and skill. Concerns were raised with respect to food poverty and mental health, however it was noted education around "Grow Your Own" will serve people well and the new Healthy Community Initiative which will be rolled out based on the Pobal Deprivation Index will be beneficial.

5. Environment & Water Services Report

Mr. John McNally A/Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Water Services, presented the Water & Environment Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of issues. Mr. J. McNally responded to the issues raised, and agreed to report back on any outstanding issues.

6. Regeneration

Mr. T. Shanahan outlined parking concession will commence from 18th May until 30th June.

Mr. John Connelly updated the members on regeneration projects; the members welcome the report raising a number of queries including the criteria for the 2021 TVR; concerns with respect to value for money/inflation with respect to the Mountbolus TVR; derelict buildings; timeframe for Tanyard link and Millennium Sq; a remote working hub in the Bank of Ireland building in Clara.

In response Mr. Connelly outlined the criteria for the 2021 TVR scheme has changed and footpaths should now steer toward NTA funding; existing derelict site is dealt with by Planning; timeframe for Tanyard link is circa Q1 2022 and Millennium Sq circa Q4 2021

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting.

7. AOB

- A number of members welcomed the Bord Pleanála decision to grant planning permission on Coen's site.
- Under the 2021 Community Grants scheme, approx. €70k was awarded to various community groups, letters in relation to same will issue next week.
- In relation to the petition for a pedestrian crossing at Ballycumber rd., Clara, funding for same has been applied for.
- The member welcomed a letter from the Dept. approving in principle 8 housing units in Clara.
- Congratulation to Durrow High Cross Committee celebrating 1500 years since the birth of St Columcille events will commence on 9th June 2021.
- Well done to residents of Tullamore as Offaly now ranks 15 out of 26 counties with respect to Covid 19.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____ 10.06.2021