

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT
4.00PM ON 12th MAY 2022 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS an CHONTAE, TULLAMORE**

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. Jean Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator; Ms. Deirdre Hunt, Administrative Officer; Mr John Brophy

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- a. *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th April 2022*
- b. *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th April 2022*

2. Housing Report

Ms. Deirdre Hunt, Administrative Officer Housing, presented the Housing Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of issues including prelet repairs; DPG's; availability of private rented properties; necessity and waiting time of OT Report for DPG's; CPO process/timeline; option for existing tenants to downsize; retender of Raheen; planning requirements for extensions.

Ms. Deirdre Hunt and Mr. John Brophy responded to the issues raised and agreed to report back on any outstanding issues.

3. Estate Management Projects

The projects as presented by Ms. Deirdre Hunt, Administrative Officer Housing as part of the Housing report were approved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery.

4. Community Grants

Ms. Brenda Corbet outlined the purpose of the Community Grant Scheme is to encourage and support community and voluntary groups to take an active part in the development of their communities noting the applications received in 2022 were in excess of €200k.

Allocations for 2022 as recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee were approved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery. It was agreed that the allocations of the balance of the budget would be decided on at a later stage.

5. Regeneration

The members welcomed the report on regeneration as presented by Mr. J. Connelly and information as presented by Ms. J. Ryan with respect to the Clara Town Centre First Plan, Clara Masterplan and Harbour masterplan.

The members posed a number of queries with respect to Spollenstown; public consultation on Brocca road; path at Charleville; timeline for O'Connor Sq. and High Street link; junction at Collins Lane.

6. Notices of Motion:

Cllr. K Smollen

'That Offaly County Council installs a pedestrian crossing from the Daingean Road car park to the entrance to the Sacred Heart School in Tullamore and that a study be carried out with regard to the possible erection of a pedestrian bridge beside the Whitehall Bridge, taking into consideration the numbers of students of the Sacred Heart School, Tullamore College and other pedestrians who have no alternative other than to use the roadway on Whitehall Bridge.'

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. K. Smollen, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien. It was noted this is a worthwhile project and could be considered under Active Travel or Safer Route to Schools.

7. Correspondence

B. Corbet outlined correspondence was received from Iarnrod Eireann following the March meeting from Ms. Kathy O'Donnell advising that painting of Tullamore Station is now near completion and the old Signal Cabin, Footbridge and Water Tank are all now painted and looking very well.

8. AOB

- Cllr. T. McCormack proposed a Civic reception he held in the Áras or the Tullamore MD for the following:

- Olympian Joran Conroy with respect to Ireland Rugby Sevens
- Sacred Heart Cross Country Team for participating in the World Schools' Cross County Championship
- Laura Mooney who set the u23 10,000m record

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey.

- With respect to Road Safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists, it was requested "residents only" signs be erected along the canal to restrict vehicular access.
- Road repairs required on the Clara road at Colton Motors
- More resources required to manage grass cutting
- It was requested a letter issue to Minister for Transport with respect to the suspension of the N52 Kilbeggan Link. As the preferred route has an impact on local planning permissions further engagement was requested with TII.
In addition, it was requested the N52 Kilbeggan Link be listed, bimonthly as an agenda item.
- Traffic calming measures required at Durrow Cross
- The height of the footpaths in some locations on Main street is too high for Wheelchair users

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____
9/6/2022