

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON  
THE 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020 IN THE CHARLEVILLE ROOM, ÁRAS an CHONTAE, TULLAMORE**

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer (*r*); Mr. John Cunningham, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing; Mr. Colm Kelly, Corporate; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach Cllr. F. Moran thanked the members for attending the meeting remotely.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of Liam Coughlan, Tullamore; Rose Deegan, Kilcormac; Paddy Molloy, Birr; Elizabeth Moran, Tubber; Tommy Healion, Tullamore; Olivia Brennan, Tullamore; Cormac Guinan, Blueball; Margaret Dowling, Tullamore; Sandra Saunders, Tullamore; Sean O'Riordan, Tullamore; Mary Conneely, Tullamore; Leigh Shortall, Tullamore; George Ryan, Tullamore; John Leo Deffew, Tullamore; Molly Carroll, Tullamore; Phil Tiller, Tullamore; Josephine Bracken, Tullamore; Patrick Lenehan, Tullamore; John Smith, Tullamore; Anthony Albin, Tullamore; Joe Craven, Tullamore; Pat Hensey, Tullamore; James Cantwell, Tullamore; John Raleigh, Tullamore; Anna May Campbell, Tullamore; Patsy O'Connell, 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. D. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020*
- (c) *Minutes of Special CDP Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2020*

**2. Housing Report**

Mr. J. Cunningham presented the Housing Report, as circulated to the members. The members commended the staff in housing and thanked Mr. Cunningham, welcoming the comprehensive report and the progress to date. The members raised a number of issues incl.: OPD's in Clara, Part V, tenancy handbook, applicants position on the housing list, voids, DPG's, turnkey properties. In response Mr. Cunningham clarified the location of the OPD's in Clara, ownership of Part V properties is a national issue, a multi-disciplinary team has been established regarding issues of anti-social behaviour, all issues including homelessness are considered when allocating housing, OCC have one of the lowest percentage rates in the Country in terms of voids, no funding has been allocated respect to DPG's, turnkey advertised last week in local papers, social media and etenders.

**3. Part 8 Report - Extension to Kilcoursey Cemetery**

Mr. T. Shanahan advised the members the Part 8 Report on the Extensions for Kilcoursey Cemetery allowing for an additional 1,000 spaces will be presented at the plenary Council. Issues relating to

bins and water are an operational issue. The Burial Ground Bye Laws deal with the designation of Cemeteries as Lawn cemeteries.

#### **4. Community Grants Scheme 2020**

Community Grants Allocations as recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee were agreed by the members. It was also agreed that the allocations of the balance of the budget would be decided on at a later stage.

#### **5. Update on Council Services**

Mr. Tom Shanahan advised the members that Roadworks will recommence on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Office based staff will continue to work remotely providing essential services allowing continuity of business. Ms. B Corbet gave a brief update on the Community Call Helpline and various funding opportunities as circulated to the members.

#### **6. Roads Works Scheme**

Mr. John Connelly advised Tullamore Municipal District staff are currently restricted to essential services, work will recommence following the 18<sup>th</sup> May on the N52 Bypass, footpath programmes will also commence next week. Since the restrictions TMD staff have been working on design and tenders with respect to the Roads Programme to allow works to commence as soon as restrictions are lifted. Applications for LIS/CIR are currently being considered.

The members raised a number of queries incl; parking in Silverdale, bins in O'Connor Sq and High St, strimming, dog waste bins, safety works at Brocca Rd.

In response Mr. J. Connelly advised a Material Contravention to the County Development Plan is required to address parking issues in Silverdale, extra bins are due to be installed in O'Connor Sq, strimming will recommence next week, dog waste bins being trialled along the Harbour Canal Greenway, funding issues to be explored for Brocca Rd.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting.

#### **7. Regeneration Projects**

##### **Ballycumber Mountbolus TVR**

In order to progress to the next stage a public meeting is required when restrictions ease.

##### **Tullamore Street Enhancement (ERDF/URDF)**

Mr. John Connelly advised the members that Street Enhancement Works will recommence on 18<sup>th</sup> May, it is expected works will be complete in approx. 8 weeks. Mr. T. Shanahan advised the National TVR Scheme is not yet announced, Urban Section of Greenway is currently at design stage.

#### **8. A.O.B.**

Comments were noted with respect to maintenance contract on security cameras and grass cutting in the Harbour area.

**The meeting then concluded.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_