

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON 8th OCTOBER 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS an CHONTAE, TULLAMORE

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Tom Ryan, Executive Engineer; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator; Ms. Mary Hussey, Senior Engineer, Environment & Water Services

Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Owens informed the attendees of control measures and time constraints regarding Covid 19.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. F. Moran:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 10th September 2020*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th September, 2020*

2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2021 – Consideration of the General Municipal District Allocation

Mr. T. Shanahan, DOS presented the Municipal District Allocation for Tullamore, as circulated to the members. Mr. T. Shanahan updated the members and advised as Budget 2021 is currently being drafted against a hugely uncertain economic climate, consequently discretionary expenditure in all service areas across the entire Council face significant cuts in 2021. Therefore, the Chief Executive is proposing a decrease in the General Municipal Allocation to €77,000, (decreased from €177,000 in 2020). CE will consider and take note of the outcome of this meeting when framing the overall draft LA Budget in November noting, this allocation is a Reserved Function and ultimately the allocation for Tullamore MD in the Draft Budget 2021 will be considered at OCC's Statutory Budgetary Meeting. Following discussions, Cathaoirleach Cllr. F. Moran proposed seeking the full €177,000 in 2021, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery. Thereafter Cllr. N. Feighery proposed using the 2020 unspent training and conferences fund to help bridge the shortfall in funding, this was seconded by Cllr F. Moran.

3. Environment & Water Services Report

Ms. M. Hussey presented the Environment and Water Services Report, as circulated to the members. The members thanked Ms. Hussey for the comprehensive report. The members raised a number of issues incl.: Boland's Tec and Church Rd, Clara; tender process for Tullamore Living River Project; CCTV at bottle banks; dumping in Tullamore River at Healy Street.

In response Ms. Hussey outlined discussions are ongoing with Irish Water to resolve issue at Bolands Terrace and Church Rd; tenders currently being assessed for Tullamore River project; a clean-up will take place at overflow area; pictorial signage can be arranged at bottle banks.

4. Regeneration Projects

Mr. J. Connelly to advise the Tullamore MD members when TVR applications are approved.

5. Notices of Motion

Cllr Sean O' Brien

"That Tullamore Municipal District Council work closely with all interests in promoting navigation on the Grand Canal; we should work closely with the IWAI as they have much expertise in this area."

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack.

6. AOB

- A meeting to be arranged with Tullamore Dew regarding the future of the building in Bury Quay following the closure of the Tullamore Dew Visitor Centre.
- Mr. J. Connelly to review disabled parking space on William St.
Signage at bus shelter is responsibility of NTA.
- Mr. T. Shanahan to follow up in relation to the title of Cathaoirleach and Chains of Office for the Cathaoirleach.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date:
