

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore  
Held at 2.30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore**

**Present:** Cllr. N. Feighery (Cathaoirleach); Cllr. D. Harvey (Leas Cathaoirleach); Cllr. T. McCormack; Cllr. D. Owens; Cllr. S. O’Brien; Cllr. K. Smollen (r)

**In Attendance**

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. Jean Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Killian O’Brien, Meetings Administrator;

**Apologies:** Cllr. F. Moran;

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

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

- Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**2. Roads Report**

Mr. J. Connelly presented a Roads Report to members which included various topics including Review of 2022 programme, road strengthening, surfacing and dressing, bridge repairs, active travel and proposed programme for 2023. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. J. Connelly for the detailed presentation and the hard work carried out by his team. The Cathaoirleach enquired about the allocation of funds for the Active Travel Scheme. Mr. T. Shanahan replied that €2million had already been spent in Offaly and it is possible that the same amount will be available for 2023. He stressed that any project must be strategic and compliment other existing or future projects. Many concerns and suggestions were raised by the councilors including;

- Bridges in Rahan, Daingean Road and Ballina Cross to Killeigh Road.
- Roundabout at Cloncollig,
- Potholes on Diangean Road, Clara Road and Rahan Road,
- Pedestrian Crossing at Columcille St.
- Trees at Ballykilmurray
- Cleaning of back lanes in Tullamore Town

Mr. J. Connelly responded to all concerns, issues and request made by members.

### **3. Regeneration**

Ms. Jean Ryan provided an update on projects which included; public consultations in March, Tullamore Harbor Master Plan, Area Based Transport Assessment Presentation by DBFL, Clara Town Centre First Masterplan, Lloyd Town Park, Community Recognition Fund and URDF 3 announcement. Members discussed various topics including; High Street link, Lloyd Town Park and possibility of murals on vacant building gables and walls.

Ms. Jean Ryan acknowledged the recommendations and suggestions proposed.

Mr. J. Connelly provided a further update on related projects that included; Brockagh Road, ORIS projects, Tullamore Transport Assessment, Active Travel programme, Badgers Lane Clara, Spollens Town Tullamore and Collins Lane.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the projects that are ongoing highlighted their importance to the area.

### **4. Community Grants**

Mr. Killian O'Brien announced that the 2023 Community Grant will be launched and open to applicants from Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. He mentioned that application forms and criteria will be available online on the OOC website or from the Town Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore.

### **5. Notices of Motion**

Cllr. S O' Brien

*"That Tullamore Municipal Council facilitate a meeting with all stakeholders to ensure that traffic is regulated in Arden View in the proximity of St. Joseph's' School so as to ensure the safety of children using the school and the safety of pedestrians and other traffic. The potential traffic entering and exiting the new housing development should also be taken into consideration in developing a local safety plan."*

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

A discussion took place with respect to dangers and concerns with traffic in the area that included issues around; parking, additional houses in the area, safety of pedestrians and safety of school goers.

The members requested that OCC arrange a meeting to bring together all stakeholders to discuss and find solutions. Mr. T. Shanahan acknowledged

the issues in the area and suggested the Active Travel Plan as a possible solution in the long term but that there is a need for a short term solution also.

## 6. AOB

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the projects that were approved under the General Municipal Allocation for 2023 which included;

Lloyd Town Park Water Feature	€13,000
Castlearmstrong Local Improvement Scheme	€7,000
Ballycumber Community Centre	€20,000
Killeigh Community Centre	€20,000
Just Transition	€40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€100,000</b>

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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