

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held at 2.30pm on the 9th of March 2023 in the Council Chamber, Áras
an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore**

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

In Attendance

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9th of March 2023
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th of March 2023

2. Heritage - Update on Tullamore MD Projects

Amanda Pedlow, Heritage Officer of Offaly County Council presented an update on projects over the past year in the Municipal District of Tullamore and future projects also. The presentation covered a range of topics and initiatives including; 7 key actions for Offaly Heritage, Biodiversity, Partnering and Collaborating, Conservation, Built Heritage, Access to Heritage and Documenting. She also informed members that a new Bio Diversity Officer; ~~Ricky Whelan~~, has been appointed. The Cathaoirleach along with the members thanked Amanda for her work, passion and dedication to date.

3. Consideration & Adoption of the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2023

It was agreed by members to postpone the above until the April Meeting of the Municipal District of Tullamore.

4. Road Works Programme

Mr. J. Connelly presented an up to date Roads Report to the members which covered the following items;

- Roads Programme 2023
- Strengthening & Surfacing
- Low Cost Safety
- Bridges – Programme
- Climate Adaptation & Resilience
- CIR

Mr. J. Connelly responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate. The Cathaoirleach along with the members thanked John for his work to date.

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged JMW Farms Irl Limited for their contribution to the LIS scheme in Derrygolan.

5. Community Grants

Mr. Killian O'Brien informed members of the approved Community Grants Allocations as recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee were approved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack.

6. AOB

Cllr. S. O'Brien referred to a previous motion he proposed on the traffic issues at Arden View. He raised safety concerns he had particularly around the area of the schools and asked if a meeting with all stakeholders could be arranged. Mr. T. Shanahan acknowledged the issues raised and stated they are well known and OCC is working on solutions with relevant stakeholders and Departments.

Cllr. D. Harvey announced that TMD has been approved Community Recognition Funding for 2023 for the Water Feature upgrade in the Lloyd Town Park and proposed Bus Shelters;

Cllr. T. McCormack congratulated Jordon Conroy on becoming the record try scorer for his Irelands Mini 7's Rugby team. He asked if this and other sporting achievements that happened during COVID to local constituents is recognized.

Cllr. T. McCormack also raised his disappointment with the announcement from Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications and Transport, Eamon Ryan on the N52 road between Tullamore and Kilbeggan, at a recent visit to Offaly. He did not accept the decision of the Minister to postpone further funding for such a crucial piece of infrastructure and asked is there anything OCC can do. Cllr. S. O'Brien, Cllr. K. Smollen and Cllr. D. Harvey agreed with Cllr. T. McCormack calling on the two Offaly Oireachtas members to support the project.

The Cathaoirleach suggested that until a resolution is agreed, other measure and solutions for the N52 should be looked at for the short to medium term.

Cllr. K. Smollen wished Ardscoil Chiaráin Naofa in Clara the best of luck in their Masita Post Primary Schools All-Ireland 'D' Football Final.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
