
Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 2.30pm in the Council
Chamber, Town Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore

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

In Attendance

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. J. Ryan, Acting Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. K. O' Brien, Meetings Administrator; Ms. L. Giles, Community & Culture & Corporate Services

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- a. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9th November 2023*
- b. Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th November 2023*

2. Community & Culture

Ms. L. Giles, Acting SEO provided a presentation on recent and future Community & Culture projects. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Funding streams and their importance.
- Playground Strategy.
- Role and value of projects including; PPN, Pride of Place, Hullabaloo & SICAP.
- Positive impact of OCC projects and funding.

Ms. L. Giles responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate.

3. Regeneration

Mr. J. Connelly provided an update on TMD Regeneration Projects. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Town Park
- Bus Shelters
- Spollenstown Bridge
- Harbour Master Plan
- LIS fund
- Active Travel
- Erry Mill
- Tanyard Link
- Safer Routes to School
- Traffic Calming measures for; Arden View, Rahan Road & N52 Durrow.
- Road Markings

Mr. J. Connelly responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate.

Director of Services; Mr. T. Shanahan advised members that OCC is fully behind finding a short and long term solution for the N52 and Durrow.

He also mentioned that improvements and developments on bus shelters is an initiative been pushed nationally and OCC will be linking in with the TFI and the NTA.

4. Notice of Motion

Cllr. T. McCormack;

"That Tullamore MD carry a safety review of the junction at Scally's shop on the Arden Road"

The motion was proposed based on locals who raised concerns and fears around the potential for serious accidents. Cllr. D. Harvey seconded the motion and other members also supported the motion.

Mr. J. Connelly responded to the motion and agreed to look at possible solutions in the new year.

5. AOB

Cllr. T. McCormack congratulated Danielle Dunnigan from the Tullamore Harriers on her recent success at the European Cross Country Championships in Brussels.

Cllr. F. Moran congratulated the Maher family for the participation on RTE's Irelands Fittest Family TV show.

Cllr. S. O'Brien requested that Municipal District of Tullamore display a show of solidarity for the Palestinian people by hanging a Palestine flag at the front of the Town Hall. Cathaoirleach; Cllr. D. Harvey stated that this will come up at the Full Council Meeting on Monday next.

Members raised concerns about public Lighting at a number of locations. Director of Services; Mr. T. Shanahan informed members that OCC has been in contact with the contractor and raised concerns. He referenced recent improvements in response times but that the contractor like many in the industry is suffering from a lack of resources, mainly turnover and time constraints training new staff.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
