

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 8th of February 2024 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. S. Smollen; Cllr. D. Owens;

In Attendance

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Acting SEO; Mr. K. O'Brien, Meetings Administrator; Mr. B. Pey, Administrative Officer; Derrick Curran, Irish Rail; Kathy O'Donnell, Irish Rail;

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- A. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2024*
- B. Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th January 2024*

2. Irish Rail

Derrick Curran, Regional Manager for Customer Experience with Irish Rail, presented an update on local and national services and projects to members. This included;

- Tullamore & Clara stations
- Update on additional fleet and stock
- Customer experience
- Intercity service improvements

The members welcomed the presentation, raising several items, compliments and recommendations including but not limited to:

- Tullamore Station – issues with toilets and lack of intercom
- Staffing levels
- Service for the elderly
- Additional seats & carriages
- Late services from Hueston and additional stops at Tullamore and Clara

- Possibility for Tullamore to be used as a Freight / Goods station
- Possibility for Tullamore to get its own station master

Both Mr. Curran and Kathy O'Donnell from Irish Rail responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate.

3. Draft Offaly Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2029

Mr. B. Pey Administrative Officer for the Community & Culture Department in OCC presented the draft Offaly Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2029 to members. The members welcomed the presentation offering compliments and raising questions. Mr. Pey responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate.

4. Regeneration

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

- Town Park
- Bus Shelters
- Spollenstown, crossroads
- Harbour Master Plan
- Tullamore Cycle Network
- Acres Folly, Meath Lane, High Street and Tanyard Link
- Street Lighting – Brocca Rd, Mountbolous, O' Carroll St., Church St., / Deans place, Arden Rd crossing
- Disability parking

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

5. Community Grant

Mr. K. O' Brien informed members that the 2024 scheme will launch within the next few weeks and noted some changes to the scheme that included;

- Closing date until the end of year
- Possibility of a new online application page / process

The scheme will be advertised in the local paper, online on the OCC website as well as across social media channels.

6. Notice of Motion

1. *"That Tullamore MD look for funding from the Just Transition Fund to put lighting along a stretch of the canal Greenway connected to the town, to allow people to walk safely during the darker evenings."*

Motion number one was proposed by Cllr. T. McCormack and seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey.

2. *"That Tullamore MD implement improved lighting and increased CCTV coverage of the Town Park to minimise and combat potential anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, gardai should be requested to increase their patrols of the Town Park."*

Motion number two was proposed by Cllr. T. McCormack and seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey.

Cllr. McCormack spoke about the importance of both motions and particularly motion number two, which was raised by school students from Scoil on Pol.

7. AOB

Cllr. N. Feighery raised the possibility of OCC or TMD purchasing its own Velocity Patcher to assist in road works / maintenance highlighting its value for money.

Mr. Shanahan welcomed the comments stating it was 'safer, provided better quality works and it was adaptable'. He indicated that OCC plan to purchase a third machine before the end of 2024.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
