
Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 11th of July 2024 at 2.30pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore

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

In Attendance

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, District Engineer;
Mr. K. O' Brien Meetings Administrator; Mr. M. Mahon, Senior Engineer;

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- I. *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9th of May 2024*
- II. *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th of May 2024*
- III. *Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 27th June 2024*

2. Climate Action-Environment-Rural Water

Mr. M. Mahon presented an update on Climate Action, Environment and Rural Water in the Municipal District that included but not limited the following items;

- Climate Action Fund – Phase 2
- CCTV
- Green Schools
- Noise Action Plan
- Burial Grounds
- Rural Water Services
- Veterinary

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

- Increase in allocation of Climate Action Fund
- Use of 'character' / 'playful' bins to encourage use

- Clara Cemetery
- Water testing – Ballycumber
- Dumping at Chancery Close
- Abandoned Vehicles – Spollenstown
- Follow up letters to houses – waste disposal
- Lack of EV charging points in Tullamore
- Mattress amnesty for Tullamore
- Funding of cemetery groups / committees
- Noise Pollution from car exhausts
- CCTV oversight board
- General upkeep of curbs / roundabouts

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

3. Regeneration

Mr. J. Connelly provided a presentation that reviewed the various strategic plans for Tullamore that included;

- Tullamore Regeneration Framework
- Tullamore Harbour Masterplan
- URDF, Active Travel and Community Recognition funded projects.

The presentation was well received, and members complimented the council and staff on the ongoing projects. Mr. J. Connelly responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate

4. Roads Programme

Mr. J. Connelly presented an update on Roads Programme in the Municipal District. The members welcomed the report, raising several items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Footpaths & Road markings
- CIS Arden Lane
- Pedestrian Crossing Arden Rd.
- Bus and taxi parking enforcement
- Accessibility for all in Tullamore
- Durrow

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

Director of Services Mr. T. Shanahan added that funding for the scheme in Durrow will continue into the new year. Its anticipated that pre part 8 would be ready in September/ October.

5. Community Grants

Mr. K. O' Brien listed the applicants recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee. Proposed by Cllr. O. Bryant and seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery.

6. AOB

Cllr. D. Harvey along with other members wished to announce their dissatisfaction towards Uisce Eireann regarding ongoing issues with sewage at Callery Street in Tullamore. Members also flagged the difficulty in logging calls / complaints and the slow service time to resolve such issues.

Director of Services Mr. T. Shanahan responded that OCC have written and met Uisce Eireann (UE) on a number of occasions stating that UE have designed solutions but have no date for when works will be started. He stated that UE are responsible for sewage and foul water not OCC. He added that current works on the Urban Greenway will help to mitigate problems but won't solve them.

Cllr. A. Masterson suggested that public lighting needs to be addressed in the town as it affecting those who are vulnerable in society from walking / running when it gets dark.

Cathaoirleach; Cllr. F. Moran wanted to extend best wishes to Cllr. N. Feighery as he runs for a seat in the Dail.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
