

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore**  
**Held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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. F. Moran (r); Cllr. S. Smollen;

**In Attendance**

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, District Engineer; Mr. K. O'Brien, Meetings Administrator; Mr. R. Whelan, Biodiversity Officer (r);

**Apologies**

Cllr. D. Owens;

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

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

*A. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

*B. Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

**2. Pre- Draft County Biodiversity Action Plan**

Mr. R. Whelan, Biodiversity Officer, presented a pre- draft County Biodiversity Action Plan. This included;

- Aims
- Objectives
- Considerations
- Offaly Biodiversity Working Group
- Process for developing Action Plan
- October Deadline for completion

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

- Tullamore Living River Project

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- Funding streams
  - Ban on Glyphosate for weed treatment
  - Invasive species
  - Tidy Towns collaboration
  - Use of resources for environmentally friendly practices

Mr. Whelan responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate. He informed members that the Living River Project was not completed as there are 6 / 7 other sites to accompany Kilcruttin. He stated it will take time to see the true value of project. He also informed members that Offaly, due to its environmentally friendly practices, are seen as progressive and forward thinking in many other counties.

### **3. Schedule of Works 2024**

Mr. T. Shanahan presented the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2024 to the elected members. The Schedule of Works for 2024 were adopted after a proposal from Cllr. D. Owens and seconded by Cllr. F. Moran.

### **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 – water feature
- Bus Shelters Tullamore
- Spollenstown; bridge & crossroads
- Harbour Master Plan
- Speed Limits
- Tullamore Cycle Network
- Potholes and repairs
- Funding for road programmes / works
- Street Lighting – Brocca Rd, Mountbolous, Pearse Park, Church St., O' Carroll St. & Arden Rd crossing
- Compliments for town park and caretaker – launch of bandstand and toilets

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## **5. AOB**

Cllr. S. Smollen asked if OCC had any involvement in implementing defibrillators. Mr. K. O' Brien responded that OCC had no direct involvement, only to provide approval when requested to erect item on Coco property. Cllr. F. Moran informed members that calling 999 / 112 will provide the caller with nearest location of a defibrillator if needed.

Cllr. N. Feighery asked what is the role of TII? He highlighted issues on N52 Durrow that are been ignored. He proposed that TII members are invited to meet elected members of Municipal District of Tullamore. Cllr. D. Harvey seconded the proposal. Mr. Shanahan acknowledged the concerns of the members and responded to queries raised stating a meeting will be requested.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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