

**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 9th November 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 (r); Cllr. S. Smollen; Cllr. D. Owens;

In Attendance

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. J. Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. K. O'Brien, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Shortt, Senior Enterprise Development Officer; Mr. M. Maken-Finlay, Administrative Officer;

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 12th October 2023*
- b. Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th October 2023*

2. Economic/Enterprise

Mr. D. Shortt, Senior Enterprise Development Officer provided a presentation on recent and future projects. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Importance and promotion of 'Shop Local'.
- Need for industrial sites and land zoning for such sites.
- Supports, funding, courses and mentoring for businesses and individuals.
- Innovations.
- Local jobs.
- Importance and economic need for N52 development.

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

3. Climate Action-Environment-Rural Water

Mr. M. Maken-Finlay, Administrative Officer, presented a report on recent and future projects. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.
- Killeigh, Lowertown and Kilcoursey Cemeteries.
- Dumping, littering and dog fouling in district.
- CCTV legislation and possible solutions for dumping / littering.
- Bring Banks at Daingean Rd and Bridge Centre.
- Issuing of enforcement letters.
- Electric Vehicle charging points.
- Weed management.
- Tullamore and Clara Tidy Towns

Mr. Maken-Finlay responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate. He informed members that the public consultation period for the Climate Action Plan runs from 24th October until 4.00pm, Wednesday 6th December 2023, and submissions or observations are welcomed in writing or by using our dedicated on-line portal available through the council website.

4. Draft Budgetary Plan 2023 – Consideration of the amount of General Municipal Allocation

Mr. T. Shanahan, DOS presented the Municipal District Allocation for Tullamore, as circulated to the members. Mr. T. Shanahan updated the members and advised the Chief Executive was proposing a General Municipal Allocation of €177,000, allocation for Tullamore MD in the Draft Budget 2024 to be considered at OCC's Statutory Budgetary Meeting. It was noted by the Elected Members that Municipal

District of Tullamore have used fund wisely with significant developments in the district in recent years and further funding would be sought at the council budget meeting.

5. Regeneration

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

- Public lighting at Daingean Rd. and Broca Rd;
- Footpaths / Paving at Market Sq., O' Carroll St. and Daingean Rd;
- Ramps – Arden View;
- Update on bus shelters;
- River St., Clara;
- High St. / Tanyard Lane start of works.

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

6. AOB

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

Cllr. Harvey informed members on the planned Christmas Parking Scheme for Tullamore; first hour free for all on street and off street parking and first 3 hours free in O' Neills Place car park. He also announced the official turning on of the Christmas Lights taking place on Sunday the 19th of November and Christmas markets will be open from 17th – 19th of November in O' Connor Sq.

Members raised concerns about public lighting and the performance of the contractor to maintain services. Issues and locations included but not limited to:

- Arden View.
- Clara & Ballycumber.
- Issues in other districts in Offaly.

- Ongoing performance issues.

Cllr. F. Moran raised concerns about dumping and maintenance of Clara Cemetery.

Cllr. S. O'Brien raised concerns about a campervan and caravan stationed at Kilbride Plaza over recent months, claiming residents are being disturbed by noise late at night.

Mr. T. Shanahan acknowledged the issues and concerns responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
