
**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 10th of October 2024 at 2.30pm in the Council
Chamber, Town Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore**

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

In Attendance

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cleary, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Connelly, District Engineer; Mr. K. O'Brien Meetings Administrator; Mr. C. Kelly, Local Enterprise Office; Ms. O. Martin, Head of Local Enterprise Office; Ms. J. Ryan, Jean Ryan Director of Services (Acting); Mr. A. Murray; Director of Services (Acting); Mr. R. Bell, Head of Information Systems; Mr. Patrick Harkin, Waterways Ireland;

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- I. *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2024*
- II. *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th September 2024*

2. Tullamore Grand Canal Harbour Masterplan

Ms. J. Ryan and Ms. O. Martin provided an update to members on the Tullamore Grand Canal Harbour Masterplan covering the following items;

- Public Consultation
- Submissions Received
- Environmental Assessment
- Conclusion

The members welcomed the report, raising several items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Effects on St. Marys Youth Centre
- Waterways Ireland plan / date for leaving site
- Funding opportunities and possibilities
- Ownership of site post construction

Mr. P. Harkin from Waterways Ireland (WI) stated WI have begun tendering for a new depot site in Cappincur and hope to vacate the Tullamore site by mid 2026. He also added that immediate developments at the Tullamore site such as jetties, service blocks and spur line work would avail of funding opportunities.

Ms. Martin announced that a decision had not yet been made on ownership of Tullamore site, post construction. Currently ownership stands at WI; 90% & OCC; 10%.

3. Tullamore Regeneration Framework

Ms. Ryan provided an update to members on the Tullamore Regeneration Framework covering the following items;

- Public Consultation
- Submissions Received
- Environmental Assessment
- Conclusion

The members welcomed the report, raising several items, compliments and recommendations including:

- New 'Planning and Development Bill'
- Local Area Plan
- Opportunities to zone and develop land in district

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

4. Broadband / Digital Update - Infrastructure, Community and Enterprise

Mr. R. Bell presented to members an update on Broadband and Digital projects and items of interest. The members welcomed the report, raising several items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Switching off copper lines
- VEX Robotics
- Free Wi-Fi at Community Centre
- Leaving Cert subject

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

5. Update on Regeneration Projects

Mr. J. Connelly provided a presentation that reviewed the various strategic plans for Tullamore. The members welcomed the report, raising several items, compliments and recommendations including:

- Green Innovation Hub
- Whitehall Bridge
- Cox's Bridge
- Srah Rd. crossings
- Bus Shelters
- Active Travel projects

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

6. Community Grants

Mr. K. O' Brien listed the applicants recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee. The allocation of the grant funding was proposed by Cllr. N. Feighery and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack.

7. Municipal District Meeting Date to review the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 – Consideration of the amount of General Municipal Allocation

Director of Services, Mr. T. Shanahan stated that as a statutory requirement, a meeting must be held to consider the amount of General Municipal Allocation. He suggested that a meeting be held on the following Thursday, the 17th October at 3pm. This was agreed by members.

8. AOB

Cllr. S. O'Brien and Cllr. T. McCormack both complimented and acknowledged that the Civic Recognition that was provided recently to Mary Duffy Lowbridge and Jordan Scully had been very well received. Cllr. F. Moran thanked Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. O. Bryant for officiating at the reception.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
