

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TULLAMORE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 4.30pm ON THE 16th DECEMBER, 2009 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE.

In Attendance: Cllr. Mc Keigue (Chair), Cllr. Buckley, Cllr. S. O'Brien, Cllr. L. Byrne, Cllr. D. Harvey, Cllr. Killeavy, Cllr. T. McCormack, Cllr. S. Dooley, Cllr. P. Rowland, Mr. D. Kirrane, Town Manager, Mr. P. Devaney, Town Engineer, Ms. Miriam Brady, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. R. McNally, Town Clerk

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences were expressed with the families, relatives and friends of the following recently deceased :-

Paddy Beatty, Dillon Street

Mary Sullivan, Clontarf Road

Buddy Bracken, Davitt Street

Ann McKeoghan, Harbour Street

Mrs. Molyneaux, Pearse Park and her brother Mr. Feery, Bray

Ester Grogan, Riverside

Michael Lowbridge, Park Avenue

Harry Beacon, Mullarush, Kilclonfert

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Killeavy and seconded by Cllr. Rowland, the following minutes were adopted :-

- (i) Special Finance Committee Meeting held on the 10th November, 2009
- (ii) Monthly Meeting held on the 12th November, 2009

2. Dates for Special Planning Meetings in 2010

The Town Clerk informed the members that a joint meeting with the Tullamore Area Committee had been arranged for the 12th January to consider the Manager's report on submissions received during the statutory review process. The 28th January and 11th February had also been set aside as provisional dates for further meetings if required. A number of Members stated that they were not available on the 12th January for the meeting and requested that the Town Clerk contact the Forward Planning unit to re-arrange the meeting for the 11th January if possible.

3. Update on the transfer of the Tullamore Town Council Planning Administration Function to Offaly County Council

The Town Clerk informed the members that the arrangements for the handover are on schedule for the 4th January, 2010, the first working day in the new year. All regular agents had been written to, a notice was published in the paper and a customer information leaflet was also available from both the Town Council office and website. The Town Manager confirmed that the next priorities for the Town Council was to back scan the 4,500 pre-2010 files so as to maximise the potential of the office space currently taken up for storage purposes.

4. Confirmation of Date for Special Housing Committee Meeting in January 2010

The Town Clerk confirmed that Mr. Brendan Nealis, Regional Co-Coordinator for the HSE Community Welfare Services had accepted the invitation of the members to this meeting. It was agreed that this meeting should take place at 4.00pm on the day of the January monthly meeting which is scheduled to take place on January 14th.

5. Consideration of Contribution to Tullamore Town Band and Tullamore Pipe Band

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that following the discussions with regards to community grants that had taken place at the November Special Finance Committee Meeting of the Council he had met with the Town Manager and Town Clerk to ascertain if any savings could be identified within the budget so as the Council could consider grant approval to a number of specific organisations that had been identified as in need of funding by the Members during the year. It was confirmed that some savings had been identified within Division F - Recreation and Amenity Budget during 2009. On the proposal of Cllr. Buckley and seconded by Cllr. Killeavy, it was agreed that the following grant approvals be made under Service Heading FO401 – Community Grants :-

Tullamore Town Band	-	€1,000
Tullamore Pipe Band	-	€1,000
Tullamore Gospel Choir	-	€1,000
Tullamore Chamber of Commerce	-	€4,000

It was further agreed by the Members that the following criteria would attach to the payment of the grants :-

- Both bands and the Gospel Choir will provide their services for nominated Town Council organised or sponsored events in the town during 2010.
- Tullamore Chamber of Commerce grant to be used specifically to reduce the capital debt incurred by the Chamber in upgrading the Christmas lights and associated infrastructure in 2008. Relevant financial statements to be submitted to the Town Council prior to making of payment.

6. Quarterly Report from Tullamore Town Council Representatives on Outside Bodies, Agencies and Boards

- (i) **AMAI** – Cllr. O’Brien confirmed that celebrations to acknowledge the 150 years of Town Councils would take place in 2010 and that the AMAI had requested that Town Councils would make provision for this in their 2010 budgets as a contribution from each Town Council would be sought for this purpose in due course. Following a general discussion the Members also agreed that a specific Tullamore Town Council function should take place during the year and budget provision made accordingly.
- (ii) **VEC** – Cllr. Byrne updated the Members on recent changes in personnel in the VEC and the members joined Cllr. Byrne in wishing the former CEO Mr. Dermot O’Neill well in his retirement.

7. Notices of Motion

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr. Killeavy

“That Tullamore Town Council prioritise traffic calming measures for Cloncollig Estate and O’Molloy Street.

The Town Engineer confirmed that the areas identified by the Members as in need of speed controls measures and discussed at the recent JPC meeting had been formally referred to the Superintendent for his consideration and recommendations and a written report to this effect was circulated to the Members. Cllr. Killeavy also circulated a petition from residents of Cloncollig about this matter. The Members requested that Marian Place be added to this list of areas under consideration.

8. Conferences

There were no conference attendances or reports for consideration.

9. Correspondence

Noted

10. Questions

None submitted.

11. Any Other Business

- (i) The Members complimented the Town Engineer on recent road improvements carried out in Ardan View and Park Avenue and the erection of a fence at Churchview
- (ii) The Members wished Billy Owens, former Town Council employee well in his retirement and requested that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Owens to convey their good wishes and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the town

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Town Clerk**

Date:
