

Minutes of January Monthly Meeting Tullamore Town Council.

Date: Thursday 08th January 2009.

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Present: Councillor S. O'Brien (Cathaoirleach), Councillor M. Buckley, Councillor Laurence Bryne, Councillor J. Coughlan, Councillor R. Egan, Councillor J. Flanagan, Councillor T. McKeigue and Councillor P. Rowland.

In attendance: Mr. D. Kirrane (Director of Service), Mr. P. Devaney (Senior Executive Engineer) and Ms. Miriam Brady (Senior Staff Officer).

Apologies: Councillor Sinead Dooley

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

Colive Wyer, Church Street, Tullamore.
Ms. Ann Murphy, Arden View, Tullamore.
Ms. Mary Clarke, Clontarf Road, Tullamore.
Ms. Mary Tilley, Clonminch, Tullamore.
Mr. James O'Connor, Ashley Court, Tullamore.
Ms. Bridie Geoghegan, Clontarf Road, Tullamore.
Ms. Jane O'Connor, Kildangan, Tullamore.
Mrs. Dora O'Brien, Clontarf Road, Tullamore.
Mrs. Maire Horan, Clonmich, Tullamore.
Mrs. Murray, Glenfircal, Tullamore.
Mrs. Hannon, Arden Road, Tullamore.
Mr. Stephen Lynam, Durrow, Tullamore.
Mr. John Lloyd, Arden View, Tullamore.
Ms. Veronica Ferguson, Glendaniel, Tullamore.
Ms. Margaret Dunne, Haviland Court, Tullamore.
Sr. Conrad Lynam, Convent of Mercy, Tullamore.
Ms. Kathleen Cassidy, Arden View, Tullamore.
Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Pearse Park, Tullamore

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flanagan and seconded by Councillor L. Byrne the Minutes of the following meetings were confirmed: -

- (a) Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th December, 2008 at 4.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Tullamore.

- (b) Minutes of Sub Committee on Conferences held on Thursday 11th December, 2008 at 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Tullamore.
- (c) Minutes of December Monthly Meeting of Tullamore Town Council held on Thursday 11th December, 2008 at 5.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Tullamore.
- (d) Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting of Tullamore Town Council held on Thursday 11th December, 2008 at 7.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Tullamore.

2. Progress Report Town Council Activities 2004-2008 inclusive

This item deferred to February meeting.

3. Briefing on Public Realm Study

Mr. D. Kirrane, Director of Service, briefed the members on the Public Realm Study. The next development plan, under review, will contain a new section in relation to Tullamore town centre. The long term plan is to improve the physical aspects of the town, make it more attractive for existing residents, visitors & new businesses with view to making Tullamore an attractive place to work & live. McCabe consultants have been engaged to carry out study, with support of small inhouse team. Wide spread consultation will occur, with regular referral back to members. Overall, it is a strategic plan for development of town centre & approaching areas.

The members welcomed the initiative. Mr. D. Kirrane, Director of Service then clarified the following issues raised by the members. Listed buildings will be reviewed in development plan, Dept of Environment have recommended what should be left as listed. Council will pursue issue of building with Waterways Ireland. Issue of cycle paths will be included in pending transport study. The public realm study will take on board outcomes of transport study.

The study should be completed in twelve months at cost of €10,000.

4. Conferences.

All conferences listed were approved, with addition of AMAI conference in Letterkenny Feb 13th & 14th 2008.

5. Correspondence.

The members agreed to support the motions requested by Killarney Town Council, Laois County Council & Tralee Town Council on proposal of Councillor M Buckley, seconded by Councillor S O Brien.

6. Any Other Business which may properly be considered.

M Paul Devaney, Senior Executive engineer complimented by members on works done to date on back lanes.

Scouts Den – problem of vandalism. P Devaney to follow up & report back.

Members complimented Town Council staff on Christmas lights, in particular work of Alo Scully.

Issue of green area at Chancery Close - P Devaney to follow up for next meeting.

Ibal report discussed, disappointment with report expressed by all. Members complimented staff on street cleaning and were surprised with contents of report. Contact to be made with Ibal, report back to February meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Senior Executive Officer

Date: _____