

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Tullamore Town Council held in the
Town Hall, Tullamore on Thursday 25th June, 2009**

In Attendance :-

Cllr. S. O'Brien	Cllr. T. McKeigue	Cllr M. Buckley
Cllr. B. Killeavy	Cllr. S. Dooley	Cllr. P. Rowland
Cllr. T. McCormack	Cllr. L. Byrne	Cllr. D. Harvey
Mr. P. Gallagher (Co. Manager)	Mr. P. Devaney (A/Town Clerk)	Mr. A. Murray (Snr. Planner)
Ms. A. Walsh (Exec. Planner)	Ms. B. Maher (Exec. Planner)	Ms. R. McNally (A/DOS)

Cllr. Dooley requested that standing orders be suspended on a point of clarification. She wished to note for the record that she had made her apologies in advance of the special meeting of the 18th June, 2009 and was disappointed with reports in the local media on both her own absence from the meeting and that of party colleagues. The Cathaoirleach clarified that following the meeting he had been contacted by local media for a specific comment about attendance levels on the day. He confirmed that the apologies of both Cllr. Dooley and Cllr. Rowland had been received in advance of the meeting and would be recorded accordingly.

1. Consideration of Draft Tullamore Town & Environs Development Plan 2010 – 2016

Details of the amendments to the draft plan agreed by the members at the special meeting held on the 18th June, 2009 were circulated to the meeting.

In response to a number of specific queries, the Co. Manager and Planning Staff clarified the following matters :-

- The official public consultation and display period for the draft plan following its adoption by both Tullamore Town Council and Offaly County Council will be from the 27th July to the 6th October, 2009
- An advertisement to this effect will be placed in the local media on the 15th July, 2009
- It was confirmed that initial public submissions had been sought by the council prior to the initial preparation of the draft plan
- All submissions relating to any aspect of the plan can be made by members of the public during the specified display period
- Following the conclusion of the public consultation period, the Co. Manager will present a report to the members on all submissions received and advise the members accordingly
- All proposals for appropriate development will be given serious consideration particularly those with an emphasis on economic development and job creation
- A special meeting of Offaly County Council to consider the draft scheduled for the 26th June, 2009

On the proposal of Cllr. Dooley and seconded by Cllr. McCormack the draft plan as presented and amended on the 18th June, 2009 was unanimously agreed by the members

2. **Any Other Business**
None

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Town Clerk

Date: _____