

**MINUTES OF STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING OF TULLAMORE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT 5.30pm 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

1. Consideration and Adoption of Annual Budget for the Financial Year Ending 31st

The Town Manager gave an overview of the main contents of the draft budget before the Members. He also confirmed that since the draft had been prepared, Circular Fin 12/2009 had been received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government setting out the provisional Local Government Fund allocation for 2010. It also confirmed that 65% of the payroll savings accruing to local authorities as a result of the recent reduction pay rates could be retained by the local authority. The result of this was the availability of a further €100,000 for allocation by the Members over the various services funded by an additional €45,028 in Local Government Fund income and a reduction in payroll costs of €54,972. The Town Manager recommended the allocation of this additional €100,000 funding as follows :-

Subservice	Description	Amount
A0401	Housing Estate Management	€ 10,000
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	€ 45,000
	Speed Control	€ 10,000
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	€ 5,000
D0101	Statutory Plans & Policy	€ 5,000
D0501	Tourism Promotion	€ 10,000
D0903	Town Twinning	€ 5,000
F0401	Community Grants	€ 10,000
	Total	€ 100,000

A general discussion ensued and the Town Manager replied to a number of specific queries and outlined in detail the breakdown of the County Demand and provided detailed statistics on the number and breakdown of rates accounts. The Town Manager then recommended to the Members the adoption of the draft budget as presented.

The draft budget as presented by the Town Manager was proposed by Cllr. Buckley and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

Cllr. Dooley proposed that the budget as presented be amended to reflect the following:-

- A 3% rate reduction
- Total funding of €50,000 for Community Grants
- Remove €6,000 local elections provision
- 5% reduction in expenditure under traffic management budget
- Reduction of €2,000 in budget provision for development plan
- €10,000 reduction on halting site expenditure
- Reduction of 5% on Councillors representational payments

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. McCormack.

The Cathaoirleach then called for a roll call on Cllr. Buckley's and Cllr. O'Brien's proposal :-
Those in Favour – Cllr's McKeigue, Buckley, Killeavy, O'Brien, Byrne
Those Against – Cllr's Dooley, McCormack, Rowland, Harvey.

The Cathaloireach then deemed the Budget as presented by the Town Manager adopted.

2. Determination in accordance with the Annual Budget adopted of the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Annual Budget for the Financial Year Ending 31st December, 2010.

It was agreed that the Annual rate on Valuation for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2010 would be €68.3305