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**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore**  
**Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 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 (r); Cllr. D. Harvey; Cllr. S. Murray(r); Cllr. S. O' Brien (r)

**In Attendance:** Mr. B. Lennon, Director of Services (Acting); Ms. M. Cleary, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Mitchell, District Engineer; Mr. K. O' Brien, Meetings Administrator; Mr. J. Dooley, Executive Engineer; Ms. D. Regan, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Absent:** Cllr A. Masterson

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. O. Bryant, the following minutes were approved:

- Minutes of In-Committee Meeting held on 13th March 2025
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**2. Climate Action – Tullamore designated Decarbonisation Zone Report**

Ms. A. Lambe, Climate Action Officer, and Ms. S. McEvoy, Community Climate Officer, attended for this item.

Ms. Lambe provided a detailed presentation to the meeting. She informed the members that Tullamore is designated as a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) in Offaly's *Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029*. She outlined the findings of KPMGs survey noting both the emissions arising across the various sectors and the Register of Opportunities, i.e., a non-exhaustive list of "opportunities" within the Tullamore DZ, that was developed. She advised that the Register includes a number of projects, actions and measures which will be progressed by the local authority, others will span different sectors and services and must be delivered in

collaboration with the private sector and / or other external public bodies over the lifetime of the plan.

The members welcomed the presentation and thanked them for their work.

### **3. Schedule of Works 2025**

Ms. M. Cleary, Senior Executive Officer, presented the *2025 Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore* to the elected members. On the proposal of Cllr. O. Bryant, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey, the members adopted the *Municipal District of Tullamore Schedule of Works 2025*.

### **4. Regeneration Programme**

Mr. J. Dooley, Executive Engineer, provided an update on the various URDF projects. He detailed the status of works for the following projects:

- Urban Greenway
- Tanyard Link Rd
- Library – Church Street
- Meath Lane
- Clara & Tubber bus stops

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

### **5. Community Grants 2025**

Mr. K. O' Brien, Meetings Administrator, listed the applicants recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee. The allocation of grant funding was proposed by Cllr. D. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. O. Bryant and agreed.

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## 6. AOB

**Tidy Towns:** Cllr. O. Bryant raised the issue of dog fouling along the canal. Cllr. S. Murray advised that dog fouling continued to be a concern for the Tidy Towns Committee and advised that they hoped to make an application for the new Tidy Towns category - Greenways & Active Travel Award. He acknowledged and thanked all the volunteers who were giving their time to Tullamore Tidy Towns. Cllr. F. Moran enquired if resources allowed for the cleaning of signs in the lead up to the Tidy Towns competitions. It was agreed that the executive would meet with Waterways Ireland to discuss littering, etc. along the greenway.

**Tullamore DEW:** Cllr. D. Harvey requested the opportunity to discuss recent issues raised in the local media in relation to Tullamore DEW. Cllr. S. Murray, noting that there may be a potential conflict of interest, left the meeting. Cllr. D. Harvey informed members that he was assured by persons in the Tullamore Distillery that there are no job losses, and that staffing numbers are scheduled to remain the same. He advised that he had been informed that some seasonal workers have finished, but that this was normal for this time of year.

**Shop Fronts:** Cllr. D. Harvey enquired if shop front displaying neon lights were compliant with Planning policy. Mr. B. Lennon, Acting Director of Services, stated that these signs are not compliant and that he will refer the matter to the Planning Section.

**Thanks:** The members, acknowledging that Killian O'Brien, Meetings Administrator, will transfer to the Regeneration Section in the coming weeks thanked him for his dedication and work over the past number of years.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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