
Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held at 2.30pm on the 11th of May 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town
Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore

Present: Cllr. N. Feighery (Cathaoirleach); Cllr. D. Harvey (Leas Cathaoirleach); Cllr. T. McCormack (r); Cllr. D. Owens; Cllr. S. O'Brien; Cllr. F. Moran (r); Cllr. K. Smollen (r);

In Attendance

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Ms. J. Ryan, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. K. O'Brien, Meetings Administrator; Ms. D. Hunt, Housing; Administrative Officer, Housing; Mr. B. Keenaghan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer,

1. Votes of Sympathy

Standing Orders were suspended on the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien to extend condolences to Cllr. K. Smollen and Mr. A. Murphy, Traffic Warden; for their recent losses. A minutes silence followed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. F. Moran:

- Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13th April 2023
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th April 2023

3. Housing Report

Ms. D. Hunt and Mr. B. Keenaghan from Housing of Offaly County Council provided an update on projects in the Municipal District of Tullamore. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of issues including:

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- Clonminch development for the elderly
 - Bus services for housing developments
 - Oaklee development, Kearney's Field
 - Arden Lane Drive development
 - Collins Lane
 - Raheen development
 - Ballycumber development (Phase 3)
 - Acquisitions
 - HAP
 - Notice of Terminations
 - Retrofit programme

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

Members disagreed with OPW handling of Rapid Build Homes site at Clonminch. Highlighting the lack of consultation with residents. Members requested OCC write to OPW recommending correct procedure and consultation takes place with local residents. Mr. T. Shanahan agreed to discuss with OCC Chief Executive.

Members informed that Dennis Moran of the OCC Housing Department was the contact for Rapid Build Homes site at Clonminch.

4. Regen Report

Ms. J. Ryan and Mr. J. Connelly provided an update on TMD Regeneration Projects. The members welcomed the report, raising a number of issues incl;

- Clara Street Scape
- Bus Shelters in Tullamore
- Town Park toilets
- Convent View
- Tullamore Harbour
- Collins Lane

- Works in Ballycumber
- Lighting on Daingean Rd

Ms. Ryan responded to queries raised by the elected members and agreed to follow up where appropriate. Ms. Ryan agreed to flag unsuccessful applications for Clara Street Scape with OCC, Town Regeneration Officer.

5. Events

Ms. J. Ryan highlighted upcoming events for TMD including:

- SEAI Event in Court Hotel 20th May
- Aisling Murphy 4 Mile race 21st May
- Cannonball 27th May celebrating 60th year of TCU
- Jobs Fair Tullamore Court Hotel June 10th

6. Community Grants

Mr. K O' Brien listed the approved applicants recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee. Proposed by Cllr. S. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. F. Moran.

Group	Category	Description	Awarded
Carraig Cluain & Cill Ban Res. Association	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement & Climate Change Action	Removal of algae from buildings, trees / shrubs, Bee Hotel Feature	€900.00
The Green Res. Association	Community Involvement & Participation	Help elderly in estate with upkeep. Inc; Painting, tools, baskets etc.	€500.00
Oakview Residents Association	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement & Climate Change Action	Improve features to tunnel, replace baskets, flower beds, enhance public area	€500.00
Clara St. Patrick Day Parade	Community Involvement & Participation	HIRE / PURCHASE OF; float, trophies for awards, bands	€2,000.00
Clara Active Retired Group (Family Resource Centre)	Community Involvement & Participation	Help with costs; transport, entertainment events, refreshments.	€500.00

Heather Grove Res. Association	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement	Upkeep of estate; Planting, shrubs, maintenance costs	€500.00
Ballycumber Village Com. Gr. (Tidy Towns)	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement	Improve and maintain village; planting, flowers, fuel for mowing & strimming, painting of gates	€1,000.00
Mella Ladies Club	Community Involvement & Participation	Host talk series on health. Help with costs; transport, and events,	€300.00
Clara Men's Shed	Community Involvement & Participation	Materials for projects. Provide flower boxes for tidy towns.	€750.00
St Patrick's Day Committee Tullamore	Community Involvement & Participation	Hire of band, insurance, stand, prizes, etc.	€4,000.00
Whitehall/Daingean Rd Residents Association	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement	Maintain and enhance estate / area. Flowers and shrubs, grass cutting, insurance, admin	€500.00
St Mary's Youth Centre	Community Involvement & Participation	Participation in Patrick's Day Parade. Floats, flowers, props	€300.00
Mick The Miller Commemoration Committee	Capital Works	Removal of algae from monument and paving. Solutions and equipment for works	€150.00
Eiscir Meadows Norbury Woods Res. Assoc.	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement	Purchase of own equipment and tools to offset expense of contractor. Blower, chainsaw, strimmer, safety gear, battery	€800.00
Tegan Court Residents Association	Capital Works	Building of stone pillar and décor around entrance signs	€500.00
Killurin Community Alert Development Group	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement, Community Involvement, Climate Change Action	Hanging Baskets, wild flower areas, bug hotel, bat boxes, event for Foroige, Christmas lights	€1,200.00
Clara Heritage Society	Public Area & Amenity Enhancement, Community Involvement, Climate Change Action	Restore Bull ring area of Green. 'Dancing at Crossroads events, Research name and locations of burials, Pro photographer, pop up	€4,000.00

		gazebo and tea/ coffee flasks	
Mucklagh Community Development CLG.	Community Involvement & Participation	Organise Halloween events; Hire entertainer, sound equip, adverts, refreshments	€750.00
Tullamore Harriers Athletic Club	Community Involvement & Participation	Running of half mar. race in august	€1,000.00
BLC Developments CLG	Capital Works	Building of fire wall between neighboring building, roof repair to seal and painting	€2,000.00
Cappincur Cemetery	Graveyard Enhancement	Purchase of own equipment and tools to offset expense of contractor. Mower, blower, chainsaw, strimmer,	€1,200.00

7. AOB

Concern was raised on repair works at Marian Square, Clara. Water pressure has reduced and causing issues for residents. Requested that Irish Water is contacted.

Ms. J. Ryan agreed to promote and share information on Curtesy Crossings on OCC social channels.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
