
Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 13th February 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; Cllr. D. Harvey; Cllr. A. Masterson; Cllr. S. Murray; Cllr. S. O’ Brien

In Attendance: Mr. N. Gorman, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cleary, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. J. Mitchell, District Engineer; Mr. K. O’ Brien, Meetings Administrator; Mr. J. Dooley, Executive Engineer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- Minutes of In-Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2025
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th January 2025

2. Roads Update

District Engineer Mr. J. Mitchell provided a detailed presentation outlining the challenging weather conditions that the Municipal District had responded to in January and February to date. He informed the meeting that staff were engaged in over-night salting of the Winter Maintenance routes on twenty-one (21) of the forty-two (42) nights; 45 locations on public roads were attended to by Tullamore MD crews following storm Éowyn; priority routes were cleared and reopened by 7pm on Friday, 25th January to allow for salting operations to proceed; and contractors were currently being accessed to address the damage done to the roof of Tullamore Leisure Centre.

Mr. Mitchell informed the meeting that the new speed limits became effective on 7th of February. He advised that 85 new poles were installed where Local Primary roads now have a 60kph limit and that Rural Speed signs signify where the 60kph limit applies on Local Secondary and Local Tertiary roads. Mr. Mitchell advised

that the 2025 Roads Programme is currently being prepared and encouraged members to bring, over the coming week, issues in their areas to his attention.

The members welcomed the presentation, thanked the staff for their work and particularly that of the outdoors crews in the aftermath of storm Éowyn.

During the discussion that followed Mr. Mitchell provided clarity in relation to the ownership and responsibility of fallen trees. Mr. Mitchell concluded by thanking the other state agencies including ESB, UISCE Éireann, Eir and local volunteers who helped during the cleanup and repair after storm Éowyn.

3. Regeneration

Mr. J. Dooley, Executive Engineer, provided a detailed presentation showing the progress on the various URDF projects and other strategic plans for Tullamore, including the Tanyard Link Road and Urban Greenway project. He informed the members that the new two-way street, connecting High Street to the Tanyard Lane, will open week commencing 3rd March 2025. He highlighted the revised traffic flow in the area both during the final works programme and also the new traffic flow that will be in place when the roadworks are completed.

The members welcomed the report and acknowledged the progress being made. In responding to questions raised Mr. Dooley informed the meeting that the pedestrian crossing will be reinstated on Convent View. He noted the observations made and outlined the issues that determined the location of the pedestrian crossings.

The Cathaoirleach in bringing the discussion to a conclusion thanked Mr. Dooley for his engagement with the various business owners across the various work locations.

4. Community Grants

Mr. K. O' Brien, Meetings Administrator, announced that the 2025 Community Grant Scheme will open for applications from Monday, 17th of February. He encouraged members to promote the scheme, the online application portal and advised that the Scheme will be advertised in the local press and on the Council's website.

5. AOB

Cllr. D. Harvey informed members that Tullamore Lions Club celebrates their 50th anniversary in 2025. He highlighted the tremendous work the Lions Club has done over this period and noted that the national Lions Club conference will be hosted in Tullamore in the coming weeks. The members joined with Cllr. D. Harvey congratulating the Lions Club on their achievements and their contribution to the community over their 50 years. On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. S. Murray, the members agreed to recommend to the Corporate Policy Group that a Civic Recognition ceremony be held for the Tullamore Lions Club in the Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
