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**Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore**  
**Held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2.30pm in the Council Chamber,**  
**Town Hall, Cormac Street, Tullamore**

**Present:** Cllr. F. Moran (Cathaoirleach)(r); Cllr. O. Bryant (Leas Cathaoirleach); Cllr. A. Masterson (r); Cllr. N. Feighery; Cllr. D. Harvey; 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, A/Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. E. McGinn, County Librarian; Ms. J. McIntyre, Senior Executive Librarian

Cllr. F. Moran, Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr. Shane Murray, co-opted to Offaly County Council to fill the vacancy following the election of Tony McCormack, TD in the Dáil Election, to his first meeting of the Municipal District of Tullamore. He also extended a welcome to Mr. John Mitchell, Senior Executive Engineer, on his assignment to the Municipal District of Tullamore as District Engineer. The members joined with the Cathaoirleach in welcoming both Cllr. Shane Murray and Mr. John Mitchell, District Engineer.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

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

- *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2024*
- *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th December 2024*

**2. Nomination to the following Committees:**

Ms. M. Cleary informed members that the election of Tony McCormack, TD to Dáil Éireann had resulted in a vacancy on the Board of Esker Arts and Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities committee.

The following nominations were received: -

Cllr. S. Murray – Proposed for both committees by Cllr. D. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. S. O’ Brien.

Cllr. N. Feighery – Proposed for Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities committee by Cllr. A. Masterson. Cllr. Feighery thanked Cllr. Masterson for her nomination but declined to be nominated.

Based on the nominations received, the Cathaoirleach confirmed the election Cllr. S. Murray to the boards of Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities and Esker Arts.

### **3. Library Services Report**

Ms. E. McGinn, County Librarian provided a detailed presentation on the programmes and activities of the Library Services, noting in particular:

- Library Polices
- Grant Application Successes in 2024
- Highlights, Festivals and Events
- Collaborations
- Right to Read and Family Time events
- Sensory Offaly
- Offaly Local Studies & Archives and Digital accessibility
- Library online

The members welcomed the presentation, thanked the staff for their work and acknowledged the range of programmes being delivered. They acknowledged the inclusive and innovative approach being adopted by the library services.

### **4. Regeneration Programme**

Mr. J. Dooley provided a detailed presentation that reviewed the progress on the various URDF projects and other strategic plans for Tullamore, including:

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- Tanyard Link Rd.
  - Convent View & Convent Rd.
  - Lloyd Town Park
  - Areas outside of Tullamore town

The members welcomed the report, noted the progress being made and sought clarification in relation to some of the projects. Mr. Dooley responded to queries raised and agreed to follow up where appropriate.

## **5. Community Grants**

Mr. K. O' Brien informed members that the 2024 grant scheme is now closed. 2025 scheme will be opened from February / March.

## **6. AOB**

The Members thanked the Council staff involved in the severe, frost and snow, weather response. They acknowledged the preparedness of the Council's approach in the initial days and noted that some staff worked through the night in freezing temperatures to ensure that all priority routes provided in the Winter Maintenance Plan were treated and remained passable throughout. They thanked the staff for accommodating further requests and treating other areas, including areas adjacent to schools.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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