
Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Tullamore
Held on Thursday 13th March 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 (r); 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; Mr. E. Curran, Executive Engineer; Ms. D. Regan, Assistant Staff Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

- Minutes of In-Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2025
- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th February 2025

2. Housing Report

Ms. P. Hctor, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. J. Cunningham, Senior Engineer, Housing attended for this item.

Mr. J. Cunningham provided a detailed presentation highlighting the various activities of the Housing Department in the Municipal District. The members welcomed the presentation and thanked staff for their work. During the discussion that followed they raised several issues regarding land purchase and zoning, development of social housing in villages, retrofitting, Disabled Person Grants, housing adaptations and emergency accommodation.

Mr. Cunningham, in response to the concerns raised, advised that a *Regional Homeless Strategy* will be presented to the members for consideration and adoption; an increased funding programme for addressing voids was approved for 2025; a report on Private Sites will be prepared for the Housing SPC; and, he

outlined the 2025 Tenant in Situ programme. He informed members that a further Housing report will be provided at the full council meeting in October.

3. Roads Programme

Mr. J. Mitchell, District Engineer, presented the 2025 Roads Programme to the members for their information, noting that the County Roads Programme will be presented for their consideration and adoption at the March Council meeting. He advised that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) had provided €3,250,000 and that the Local Authorities own funding was €881,854 for 2025. He outlined the criteria involved in the selection of the roads included in the programme.

The members welcomed the programme and thanked all involved in its preparation. They stressed the importance of continuing to improve road surfaces and footpaths across the Municipal District and welcomed the inclusion of the funding for the scoping of a Relief Road in Clara.

4. Regeneration Programme

Mr. J. Dooley, Executive Engineer, provided an update the URDF projects. He detailed the works underway at Offaly and Colmcille St. and at the Tanyard Lane Link. He advised that a Part 8 in relation to Acres Folly is being developed and Meath Lane will commence when works at the neighbouring property is completed.

The members welcomed the update and acknowledged the progress being made. Items raised by members included: commencement dates for works at the bus stops in Clara and Tubber, street lighting, notice for works at Kilbeggan Bridge.

Cllr. N. Feighery proposed that an investigation into the new LED lights be conducted to determine if they are causing black spots. Cllr. F. Moran seconded this proposal. Mr. N. Gorman, Director of Services, agreed to initiate this review.

5. Community Grants 2025

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

6. AOB

Brocca – Ross Road

Cllr. O. Bryant proposed that the Brocca to Ross road will need upgrading to deal with increased volume of traffic due to the location of the 'Farmers Journal' site. This was seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery.

St. Patrick's Day

Ms. M. Cleary highlighted the various parades that will take place in the district, noting the work undertaken by the organising committees. She wished them and the participants every good wish.

Director of Services

The members joined with the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. F. Moran in wishing Mr. Noel Gorman, Director of Services, well in his prestigious new role with Trinity College. They acknowledged the work that he had achieved during his tenure as Director of the Municipal District of Tullamore. Mr. N. Gorman, Director of Services, thanked the members for their courtesy and support over the recent months.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
