

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON  
THE 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Harvey, (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. D. Dolan, Cllr. T. McCormack,  
Cllr. T. McKeigue, Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. D. Owens.

**Apologies:** Cllr. B. Killeavy.

**In Attendance:** Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. W. Ryan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads; Ms. M. Cleary, Senior Executive Officer, Housing; Ms M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: May Carroll, O'Brien St., Tullamore; Mary Grennan, Aharney, Tullamore; Michael Martin, Marian Place, Tullamore (brother of recently retired Offaly County Council employee Tommy Martin); Nellie Mooney, Geashill; John O'Beirne, Kildangan & Clara; Joe O'Connor, Arden View, Tullamore; John Pidgeon, Arden View, Tullamore; and all those in Tullamore MD who had died since the last monthly meeting, on their recent bereavements.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019*

**2. Presentation on LED Retrofit Project Eastern Region**

Mr. W. Ryan, A/S.E.E., updated the members on the LED Retrofit Project Eastern Region, a local authority public lighting efficiency project to upgrade all public lighting to LED. He advised the members that Offaly was grouped in Region 2 of the 3 Region country wide project, with Kilkenny County Council being the lead county for Region 2. A section 85 would be required between Offaly and Kilkenny County Councils, and Offaly County Council would be required to borrow €1.5M in order to complete the project.

Mr. W. Ryan also presented the members with a general update on public lighting in Tullamore MD area. He advised that he would consult them on agreeing priorities for new lights for 2019. The members welcomed the report.

Mr. W. Ryan then left the meeting.

**3. Housing Report**

Ms. M. Cleary, S.E.O., presented the Housing Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues incl.: request for update on housing acquisitions for people with disabilities; progress on proposed housing development at Raheen, Clara; issues regarding lighting and green area at St. Columba's Place; Windows and Doors

Programme, Esker Court, Clara; vacant house at Twickenham, Ballycumber. Ms. M. Cleary responded to, and agreed to follow up on issues raised.

A proposed Estate Management Programme presented by Ms. M. Cleary was welcomed and agreed by all.

**4. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme and Urban Regeneration & Development Fund.**

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme, and the planned URDF works at Harbour and Store Street, and Grand Canal Greenway. A public consultation open evening on the planned URDF works held on 01<sup>st</sup> April was well attended, and the planned works were very positively received. The closing date for receipt of written submissions was 25<sup>th</sup> April. He also advised that the Tullamore Street Enhancement Works were progressing well, and the project was on track to finish as scheduled.

**5. Community Grant Scheme 2019**

Community Grants Allocations as recommended by the Community Grants Sub-Committee were agreed by the members. It was noted that a second phase of grants may be available at a later stage, and there may be an opportunity for late applicants to apply.

**6. A.O.B.**

Cappincur Industrial Estate

Cllr. T. McKeigue requested an update on plans for dealing with issues at Cappincur Industrial Estate, and the allocation approved from the General Municipal Allocation. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., in response, advised that talks were ongoing with Irish Water regarding Waste Water issues.

Road Safety Issues at Durrow School

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. D. Harvey, raised concerns regarding road safety issues at Durrow School. Mr. T. Shanahan, in response, agreed to follow up with Offaly County Council's Road Design section.

Clara Road Safety Issues

Cllr. D. Dolan requested update on road safety issues at Clara as discussed at previous meetings. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E, in response advised that works would be completed at the pedestrian crossing at Clara Boys Shool at Easter; and Offaly County Council's Road Design section was following up on issues at Erry Mill. He also advised that Resurfacing works at Bogtown would be carried out later in the year.

**The meeting then concluded.**

**Signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cathaoirleach**

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**Date:**

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