

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. S. Murray, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. J. Jordan, Executive Technician; Ms. J. Ryan, A/Senior Engineer; Ms. N. Dowler, Senior Staff Officer; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Sean Healion, Spollenstown, Tullamore; Roger O'Brien, Durrow, Tullamore; & Angela Condron, Killeigh (mother of Gerry Condron, Offaly County Council staff member) on their recent bereavements.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

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

- (a) Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2017*
- (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2017*

**2. Approval of RAPID Programme 2017**

Ms. N. Dowler, S.S.O., gave a presentation on the RAPID Programme 2017. She stated that an allocation of funding became available from the Department of Rural and Community Development in November 2017. The amount of €65,000 was allocated for Offaly for disadvantaged urban area capital projects. The target groups specified by the Dept. as eligible to apply for the funding were urban Tidy Towns Groups and urban community built and managed Playgrounds. All eligible groups were invited to apply for the funding, and Offaly LCDC set up committee to evaluate applications. A total of 19 groups throughout the county were selected for funding. The committee recommended the following allocations within the Tullamore MD: Tullamore Tidy Towns €5,000; Clara Playground Group €8,000. Ms. N. Dowler requested the approval of the members for the allocations. She added, in reply to concerns raised by members, that the tight time frame involved, and the urban focussed criteria, limited the number of groups eligible for the funding. Criteria for future funding would target other groups. She also agreed to notify all members of any future funding opportunities that may be available for community groups. The allocations as recommended were approved on the proposal of Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. B. Killeavy. Cllrs. D. Dolan, F. Moran & T. McKeigue abstained from the vote as they were associated with the selected groups.

**3. Election/Nomination of members to the following Bodies: (following resignation from Offaly County Council of Cllr. S. Dooley)**

*Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities Committee.* On the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. T. McCormack was nominated.

**4. Water & Environment Report**

Ms. J. Ryan, A/ S.E., presented the Water & Environment Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues/queries incl.: capacity issues re Tullamore Sewerage Scheme; Sewerage issues at Church St., Clara; possibility of extension of Tullamore Sewerage Scheme to Charleville Rd. Ms. J. Ryan and Mr. S. Murray responded to issues raised. The potential Tullamore Sewerage Scheme capacity issues were being investigated and followed up with Irish Water, survey of Scheme ongoing. Mr. S. Murray agreed to keep the members updated.

**5. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme**

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme. The Part 8 process was completed and would be brought to the full Council's monthly meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**6. Report from Municipal District of Tullamore's Representative on:  
Tullamore Community Arts Centre Ltd.**

Cllr. D. Owens gave a Report on Tullamore Community Arts Centre Ltd. He reported that the Design for the Arts Centre would be finalised in the coming weeks, adjusted to suit the available budget of €2M. Mr. S. Murray, D. O.S., added, in response to queries raised, that works on the Centre could commence in late 2018, if everything went to plan.

**7. A.O.B.**

The Green, Clara

Cllr. F. Moran requested an update on a Notice of Motion he put forward in December 2015, as requested at the November 2017 monthly meeting. Mr. S. Murray, advised that the Council would do what was legally possible in relation to obtaining ownership of the Green. He agreed to follow the matter up with the Council's solicitor.

Electric Cars

Cllr. T. McKeigue raised the issue of non electric cars parking in spaces for charging electric cars. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., agreed to follow up on the issue.

Bridge at River St., Clara

It was agreed that the Council would contact Iarnód Éireann regarding safety issues at the railway bridge at River St., Clara, following a request from Cllr. D. Dolan.

Update on Chancery Lane

It was agreed that an update on Chancery Lane Housing Development would be given at the January 2018 monthly meeting, following a request from Cllr. B. Killeavy.

Christmas Wishes

Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey wished all present a happy Christmas.

**The meeting then concluded.**

**Signed:**

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

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**Date:**

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