

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON THE 08<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 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. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. S. Hynds, Executive Engineer; Ms. J. Ryan, A/Senior Engineer; Mr. E. Kelly, Executive Planner; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Philip Lowry, Tullamore; Edel Buggy, Tullamore and Durrow; Margaret Hanlon, Horseleap and Rahan; and all those in Tullamore MD who had died during the previous month; on their recent bereavements.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

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

*(a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018*

**2. 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.: Anti-Dumping Initiative 2018 – camera use and/or clean ups; status of extension to Clara cemetery; update on capacity issues re Tullamore Sewerage Scheme; Sewerage issues at Tyrrells Road, Cappincur & Charleville Road. Ms. J. Ryan responded to issues raised and agreed to report back on outstanding issues in the May Report.

**3. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Project**

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Project. The Part 8 was adopted by the members of Offaly County Council at the December 2017 monthly meeting, as previously advised. The Design Consultants were currently preparing Tender Documents for the Project. It was expected that the tender would be advertised in early March.

**4. Report from Municipal District of Tullamore’s Representative on: Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities.**

Cllr. T. McCormack gave a Report on Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities. There were a number of developments since the last Report. A Tullamore company was in the process of communicating with Chandler City Council; a Student Exchange Programme for over 18’s had been developed whereby a Tullamore student would stay with a host family in Chandler for 3 weeks, and vice versa. The school student exchange programme was ongoing, with 25 students from Sacred Heart Secondary School planning to travel to Chandler in March. A Writer’s Group was also being developed. The Report was welcomed by all.

**5. Derelict Sites Report**

Mr. E. Kelly, E.P., gave an update on Derelict Sites. There were 3 options available to the Council in dealing with derelict sites: direct owners to take action; CPO; apply derelict sites

levy. The approach in Offaly was to avoid the levy option, could be counter-productive and deter development. The Council's preferred option was to work with the owners of derelict sites. A discussion then ensued where the members voiced concerns regarding the number of sites derelict for years. Mr. T. Shanahan, D. O.S., in response to query raised, stated that the Housing and Planning Departments of Offaly County Council worked together sharing information with regard to potential housing availability. Mr. E. Kelly agreed to include an update on actions taken in the May Derelict Sites Report.

**6. Community Grants Scheme 2018**

It was agreed that the Community Grant Scheme 2018 would apply the same criteria as in 2017 Scheme, on the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. D.Dolan. The Scheme would be advertised in the coming week, closing date 02nd March 2018.

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

Social Housing Development at Chancery Lane

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., advised the members that approval to proceed to tender had been received from the Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Gov.

Social Housing Development at Raheen

Mr. T. Shanahan agreed to update the members on the status of the Raheen Housing Development at the March monthly meeting.

Congratulations

Cllr. T. McCormack congratulated Tullamore Harriers athletes on their participation and success in the recent All Ireland Indoor Championships.

New Directorate

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., was wished well by all in his role as Director of Services for Tullamore MD.

**The meeting then concluded.**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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