

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON THE 11th JANUARY 2018 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. S. Murray, Director of Services; Mr. S. Hynds, Executive Engineer; Mr. J. Dooley, Assistant Engineer; Ms. M. Flynn-Kenny, Administrative Officer; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of all those in Tullamore MD who had died during the previous month, including Gabriel Johnson, former employee of Offaly County Council and Vincent Wynters (former member of Tullamore UDC); and also to the family of Joe Rigney, Daingean (father of Agnes Bolger, Offaly County Council staff member) on their recent bereavements.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

(a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th December, 2017

2. Housing Report

Ms. M. Flynn-Kenny, Administrative Officer, Housing, presented the Housing Report - statistics on activities carried out by the Housing Department in 2017 - as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues/queries incl.: concerns about delays in social housing construction; queries on rural cottage applications; possibility of the Council acquiring a property for providing emergency accommodation. Ms. M. Flynn, A.O., & Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., responded to issues raised. Mr. S. Murray agreed to write to Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Government requesting funding for the purchase of a property for providing emergency accommodation. Ms. M. Flynn-Kenny also gave an update on Chancery Lane housing development. A stage 3 submission, permission to go to tender, was made to the Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Government on the 22nd December 2017.

Ms. Mary Flynn-Kenny then left the meeting.

3. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme. The Part 8 was adopted by the members of Offaly County Council at the December 2017 monthly meeting. The project would now proceed to tender.

4. Report from Municipal District of Tullamore's Representative on: Tullamore Sports Link Ltd.

Cllr. T. McKeigue gave a Report on Tullamore Sports Link Ltd. Two playing pitches were ready and in use, the prefab provided for use as dressing rooms was in place, and a store room had been made available by Flanagan Developments for storing equipment. The Battle of the Bands

fund raiser had raised €40,000. The project was well on target, and he thanked all for their support to date.

5. Derelict Sites Report

It was agreed to defer Derelict Sites Report to the February monthly meeting as the Area Planner was not available. It was also agreed that the February report would include what could be done by the Council in relation to derelict sites.

6. A.O.B.

Potholes

The problem of pot holes, and the condition of some roads was raised by a number of members. Mr. S. Murray, D. O.S., in response, stated that the problem stemmed from four months of extreme rainfall. The Council was doing what was possible within available resources.

Waste Disposal

Cllr. T. McCormack raised the issue of waste disposal at sites vacated by travellers. A discussion ensued on the issue. Ms. M. Brady agreed to check if invitation was issued to all members to an Offaly Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee workshop held in late 2017. It was also agreed that Tullamore Traveller Movement would be invited to meet with the members, the format of that meeting to be decided.

Green Way Funding

Mr. S. Murray, D. O.S., in response to query from Cllr. T. McKeigue, agreed to have update on funding for Green Ways as announced by the Dept. of Rural & Community Development, for the Feb. monthly meeting.

Change of Directorate of Tullamore MD

Mr. S. Murray, D.O.S., advised the members that Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., was taking over the role of Director of Services for Tullamore MD, with effect from 01st February 2018. He thanked the members for their co-operation during his time as Director of Tullamore MD. He was thanked, and wished well in his new role, by all present.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date:
