

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM  
ON THE 09<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. S. Murray, Director of Services; Mr. P. Devaney, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. S. Hynds, Executive Engineer; Mr. J. Brophy, Assistant Engineer; Mr. E. Kelly, Assistant Planner; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Eleanor Cregan, Spollenstown, Tullamore, former employee of Offaly County Council; Danny O'Brien, Ballykilmurray, Tullamore; Joan Nicholson, Arden View, Tullamore; on their recent bereavements.

**Congratulations**

Tullamore Ladies Rugby Team was congratulated on its recent victory in the Leinster Division 1 League.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes.**

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey, and seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017*

**2. Presentation by Basil Mannion, Community Water Officer - Offaly, Westmeath and Laois, on Local Authority Water & Communities Office.**

Mr. Basil Mannion, Community Water Officer - Offaly, Westmeath and Laois, on Local Authority Water & Communities Office gave a presentation on the role of LAWCO in Offaly. The Office hoped to promote public participation & provide new opportunities for community engagement and local action in water issues. He also advised the members that public participation was currently ongoing on the Draft 2018 – 2021 River Basin District Management Plan 2018 – 2021, and encouraged all to participate in the consultation. Mr. B. Mannion was welcomed and thanked by all present.

**3. Consideration & Adoption of the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2017.**

Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., presented the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2017, as circulated. The members were required to adopt the Schedule by 31st March, otherwise it would be referred back to the full Council. The members raised a number of queries incl.: possibility of providing funding for footpaths in Boher cemetery; possibility of providing new playground equipment in Lloyd Town Park. Mr. P. Devaney, in response, agreed to come back to the members on both issues. The Schedule was adopted by the members on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens.

#### **4. Roads Report**

The members welcomed the Roads Report, as presented and circulated by Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., setting out the Roads Programme for 2017. The members raised a number of issues incl.: Road issues in Clara as previously raised - traffic calming measures at Marian Square; Erry Mill Junction & Scouts Den Junction; Signage at Bogtown Cross; Roundabout at New Road; Charleville Road Footpaths; Pedestrian Crossing at Tullamore College; Public Lighting Requirements; Loose manholes. Mr. P. Devaney responded to issues raised, and agreed to report back to the members on outstanding issues.

The Programme of Works as circulated was approved, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan.

#### **5. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme Phase 1**

Mr. S. Murray, D. O. S., gave an update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme Phase 1. He stated that following extensive consultation the current proposal provided approximately 61% for car use (26 car park spaces), and 39% for civic use in O'Connor Square. He requested the members' agreement to bring the proposal forward to Part 8. Cllr. D. Dolan proposed that a proposal from the Tanyard Group, allowing for 40 car park spaces in O'Connor Square, be considered by the Design Team, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley. Cllr. T. McKeigue then proposed that the proposal as recommended by Mr. S. Murray be advanced to Part 8, seconded by Cllr. B. Killeavy. A discussion on the two proposals ensued. Mr. S. Murray stated that it was not appropriate to spend further monies on Design Work, and he would bring the current proposal to the full Council for consideration if agreement could not be reached at this meeting. A vote on both proposals then took place.

Advance the current proposal to Part 8 as recommended by Mr. S. Murray, as proposed by Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. B. Killeavy:

For: Cllr. T. McKeigue; Cllr. B. Killeavy

Against: Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. D. Dolan, Cllr. S. Dooley, Cllr. D. Harvey, Cllr. D. Owens.

Examine the proposal submitted by the Tanyard Group, as proposed by Cllr. D. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley:

For: Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. D. Dolan, Cllr. S. Dooley, Cllr. D. Harvey, Cllr. D. Owens.

Against: Cllr. T. McKeigue; Cllr. B. Killeavy

Mr. S. Murray advised that the current proposal would likely be brought to the full Council.

Cllr. S. Dooley then left the meeting.

#### **6. Report from Municipal District of Tullamore's Representative on Clara Swimming Pool Committee.**

It was agreed to defer this item back to the next meeting.

#### **7. Community Grant Scheme 2017.**

The community grants sub-committee had met in advance of the monthly meeting to review the criteria for the Community Grants Scheme 2017. The following additions to the 2016 criteria were agreed by all, on the recommendation of the sub-committee:

1. *Residential Estate Enhancement*
2. *Graveyard Enhancement*
3. *Community Capital Works (once-off grant will be considered only).*

The Scheme would be advertised the following week, with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for applications.

**8. A.O.B.**

Temporary Dwellings

The issue of bye-laws for prohibiting the placing of temporary dwellings on public roads/lands was raised, as previously discussed. Mr. P.Devaney agreed to investigate and report back to the members.

Rates Revaluations

Cllr. D. Dolan raised the issue of increased commercial rates in Offaly, following Revaluations carried out by the Valuation Office. He reminded all that clinics would be held throughout the county by Valuation Office staff in the coming weeks to deal with queries.

**The meeting then concluded.**

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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