

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM
ON THE 11th MAY 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. J. Brophy, Assistant Engineer; Ms. J. Ryan, A/Senior Engineer; Mr. J. Coleman, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13th April, 2017*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th April, 2017*

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 incl.: issue at house at Park Avenue, and difficulty with Irish Water's response; ongoing problem at Tyrrell's Road; issue of litter and possibility of increased use of cctv to counteract; timeframe for extension to Clara Cemetery; problem of overflow of bins in Clara at weekends. Ms. J. Ryan noted, and responded to the comments. She agreed that CCTV cameras would be moved to where they were most effective. It was suggested also that signs stating that cctv cameras were in operation be placed at black spots. She also informed the members that the Council had applied for funding for community involvement anti litter projects, and she agreed to circulate info on the projects to the members. Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., agreed to meet with business owners in Clara regarding the weekend bins issue.

Ms. J. Ryan & Mr. J. Coleman then left the meeting.

3. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme

Mr. S. Murray, D. O. S., gave an update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme. He stated that the position had not changed from the March & April updates. A discussion then ensued following which it was agreed by all that a further workshop with the Design Team would be held in committee to try to resolve the outstanding issue of O' Connor Square. Ms. A.M. Delaney, C.E. would also attend the workshop, date and time to be arranged.

4. Report from Municipal District of Tullamore's Representative on Tullamore Community Arts Centre Limited.

Cllr. T. McKeigue gave a Report on Tullamore Community Arts Centre Limited. He stated that the new Centre had advanced to design stage. Some events had already taken place in the Centre in its current state. Cllr. D. Owens added that three sub-committees had been set up by the Board: Design & Construction; Finance & Fund Raising; Operations. The progress with the Centre was welcomed by all.

5. Notices of Motion.

(i) *“Now that most of the unfinished housing estates have been dealt with, I call on Offaly County Council to take in charge the small housing estate at Coolrain, Tullamore, built in 1974-1976, and carry out works on the road side hedge and surface the short stretch of road there.”*

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan. Mr. S. Murray, D. O. S., queried if the residents had applied to the Council for the estate to be taken in charge, and agreed to follow up on the matter.

(ii) *“That Offaly County Council addresses the problem with the pedestrian crossing at Clontarf Road/Arden Road junction regarding the build outs which are causing problems for motorists.”*

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. S. Dooley. Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., agreed to follow up on the matter.

6. A.O.B.

Loose Manholes

Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., gave update on loose manholes, as discussed at April monthly meeting. He had met with Irish Water representatives who had agreed to look at the problem with a view to solving it in the near future. Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., added that the issue would be followed up with Irish Water until satisfactorily resolved.

Staffing Issues

Cllr. D. Harvey expressed concern about the reduction in outdoor staff numbers due to retired staff not being replaced. He also referred to the loss of Gateway Scheme. Mr. S. Murray, D. O. S, in response, acknowledged, and noted the concerns raised.

Traffic issues at Marian Square, Clara

Cllr. D. Dolan requested an update on the issue of the need for traffic calming measures at Marian Square, as discussed at previous meetings. Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., in response, agreed to meet with the residents to discuss proposals.

Planning – Local Need

Cllr. D. Dolan raised the issue of the potential effect on planning permissions of an EU ruling on local need. Cathaoirleach Cllr. F. Moran confirmed that the matter had been discussed at an emergency SPC meeting, and would be discussed at the May full council meeting.

Derelict Buildings

The problem of derelict buildings in the MD was raised by Cllr. S. Dooley. It was agreed that a report on possible actions that can be taken by the Council would be prepared for the next meeting.

Signage at Greenway

Cllr. T. McKeigue requested that appropriate signage be erected on Tullamore/Ballycowan Greenway. Mr. P. Devaney, S.E.E., noted, and agreed to follow up.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date:
