

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON THE 09th MAY 2019 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; Ms M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Tommy Egan, Killeigh; Sr. de Lourda Gilsean, Convent of Mercy, Tullamore; Mary Graham, Ballyduff, Tullamore; Eileen Kelly, Kilbride St., & Rahan, Tullamore; Eileen Keville, Whitehall Est., Tullamore; Emma Rice, Clara Rd., Tullamore; Annie Jo O'Brien, Arden Rd., Tullamore; Dermot O'Brien, London & formerly Cormac St., Tullamore; and all those in Tullamore MD who had died since the last monthly meeting, on their recent bereavements.

A vote of sympathy was also extended, and condolences expressed to the family of Tony McLoughlin, Birr, former member of Offaly County Council, who had died recently. Tributes were paid by the members to their former colleague.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th April, 2019*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th April, 2019*

2. Water & Environment Report

It was agreed by all to defer this item to the June monthly meeting.

3. Director's Report on Housing

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on housing issues. Works were ongoing at Chancery (18 units) and Mountbolus (4 units). The Oaklee development at Kearney's Field (41 units) was progressing to Design and Tender stage, following Part 8 approval in April 2019. Public consultation was continuing with the Clonminch development (19 units), also Oaklee. The members raised a number of queries regarding the Clonminch development including the age profile of prospective tenants and inclusion of units for people with disabilities, and wall size. Mr. T. Shanahan, in response, stated that the Capital Housing Scheme (CAS) units were 1/2 bedroom units. He added that all submissions made during public consultation would be considered.

Mr. T. Shanahan agreed to follow up on queries raised by Cllr. F. Moran regarding vacant housing units.

4. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme and Urban Regeneration & Development Fund.

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme, and the planned URDF works at Harbour Street and Store Street, and Grand Canal Greenway. The works on the Street Enhancement Programme were progressing well, had reached O'Connor Square and were on schedule. Communication and consultation were ongoing with the relevant businesses. He also advised that the Part 8's for URDF works at Harbour and Store Streets, and Grand Canal Greenway were on the Agenda of the May monthly meeting of Offaly County Council. A detailed report on submissions received would be given at the Council meeting.

Ms. AM Delaney, Chief Executive, Offaly County Council, arrived at the meeting.

5. A.O.B.

Estate Management Programme

Cllr. F. Moran requested that the approved works under the Estate Management Programme be carried out before Tidy Town judging if possible.

Traffic Issue at Tullamore Rd, Clara

Cllr. F. Moran queried if it was possible to put a yellow box at Cluain Abhainn entrance at traffic lights on Tullamore Rd., Clara, as previously requested. Mr. J. Connelly agreed to follow up on the issue.

Traffic Issue at Arden Rd., Tullamore

Cllr. T. McCormack requested an update on a motion passed at the February monthly meeting regarding traffic management at the Spar shop at Arden Road. Mr. T. Shanahan, in response, stated that the matter was being followed up with the developer.

Illegal encampments in Tullamore

Cllr. T. McCormack raised the issue of illegal encampments in Tullamore, and queried if any preventative measures could be taken by the Council. Mr. T. Shanahan, in response, stated that the Council was dealing with the issue within its powers.

Tributes to outgoing councillors

Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey opened tributes to three outgoing councillors not seeking re-election: Cllrs. T. McKeigue, D. Dolan and B. Killeavy. He noted that Cllr. McKeigue was an elected representative since 1985, Cllr. Dolan since 2000, and Cllr. Killeavy since 2009. Cllrs. T. McKeigue, D. Dolan and B. Killeavy were thanked by all present for their co-operation and commitment during their years as elected representatives and wished good luck in their future endeavours. Ms. AM Delaney, CE, joined the tributes noting that the three councillors had worked hard on behalf of their constituents. She also wished the best of luck to the members seeking re-election in the upcoming local elections, and noted the achievements in the MD during the five year term of the outgoing MD members. Cllrs. McKeigue, Dolan and Killeavy in turn thanked their families and all present, and wished the MD and the members seeking re-election all the best in the future.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date:
