

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON  
THE 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE**

**Present:**

Cllr. D. Harvey (Leas Cathaoirleach); Cllr. N. Feighery; Cllr. S. O'Brien; Cllr. D. Owens; Cllr. K. Smollen

**Apologies:**

Cllr. F. Moran, (Cathaoirleach); Cllr. T. McCormack

**In Attendance:**

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Enda Daly, Assistant Engineer; Mr. Joe Coleman, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. Ide O'Connell, A/Executive Scientist; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of Kieran Heavin, Ballinahown; Leon Lowry, Ballycumber; Mary Ellen Buckley, Birr; Francis Kenna, Blueball; Desmond Dillon, Clara; Br Edmund Farrell, Clara; George Griffith, Clara; Jim Flattery, Clara; Lily Keating, Clara; Eamon Fleming, Clara; Peter Bracken, Clara; Brendan Kenny, Clara; Noel Molloy, Clara; Sean Farrell, Edenderry; Bernadette Nannery, Ferbane; Patsy Reamsbottom, Kilcormac; John Kilmartin, Kilcormac; Marie Duffy, Killeigh; Brigid Daly, Mountbolus; Tim Dillon, Tullamore; Peter Cronly, Tullamore; Joseph Hughes, Tullamore; Josephine Warren, Tullamore; John Williams, Tullamore; Davy Ward, Tullamore; Dorothy Oakley, Tullamore; Eileen Elizabeth Deffew, Tullamore; Robert Longworth, Tullamore; Thomas Molloy, Tullamore and all those in Tullamore MD who died since the last monthly meeting, on their recent bereavements.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

The following minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr. N. Feighery and seconded by Cllr. D. Owens:

- a. *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020*
- b. *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

**2. Consideration & Adoption of the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Tullamore, 2020**

The Tullamore Municipal District 2020 Schedule of Works was circulated to the members. Mr. T. Shanahan outlined the figures contained herein reflect the budget book and related to maintenance only. The members welcomed the ambitious Schedule of Works for 2020 which was proposed by Cllr. N. Feighery and seconded by Cllr. D. Owens.

**3. Water & Environment Report**

Mr. Joe Coleman circulated the Water and Environment Report. The members welcomed the report and raised the following queries; the number of litter complaints in Tullamore; coding on electrical equipment; CCTV; sewage issues; capacity study for North side sewage.

In response Ms. I. O'Connell outlined 200+ litter complaints refer to the County, a further breakdown for Tullamore MD will be circulated to the members; an Anti-Dumping initiative focusing on bogus waste collectors will be funded by the Dept. and rolled out. The initiative will also target hotspots where there is no collection service and will request residents of those areas to show evidence of receipts for waste disposal. Mr. T. Shanahan noted when the North side study is complete; this will highlight deficiencies in capacity which will require funding to enable Irish Water to complete works.

#### **4. Community Grant Scheme 2020**

Ms. B. Corbet circulated the 2020 Community Grant Application form which will be advertised in next week's papers. The members welcomed the scheme outlining it is a great opportunity to give back to communities, encourage Tidy Towns and it is a great way to kick start the season.

#### **5. Updates**

##### **Tullamore Community Arts Centre**

Cllr. D. Harvey outlined the contracts were signed for Tullamore Community Arts Centre between Offaly County Council and the appointed contractor FVG Construction. The members congratulated the Board and largely supported the progress made to date outlining this is the new Phoenix for Tullamore and a huge development for the town.

##### **Regeneration Projects**

##### **Tullamore Street Enhancement (ERDF/URDF)**

Mr. John Connelly updated the members with respect to the Street Enhancement Works. The members welcomed the update and raise a number of queries including; completion date; works at Spar, Roselawn and O'Moore St; works outside new Texas shop; link with Church St. In response Mr. Connelly noted the works are progressing well, the Square will be open in a matter of days, Phase 4 will be complete by end of May; sewer works on upper Columcille St are complete; crossing at Roselawn will be complete next week; Harbour St sewer is also complete; works in phase 4 will commence outside new Texas shop therefore will be complete before opening; the longstanding intention is to link Church St to the Square. In addition, Mr. T. Shanahan acknowledged the forbearance of the traders outlining when works are complete Tullamore will benefit from brand new infrastructure which will improve the overall aspect of the town.

##### **Ballycumber**

Mr. John Connelly outlined the completion of the traffic lights will complete the current phase. A further application will be sought in 2020.

##### **Mountbolus**

As the total budget has increased Part VIII approval is required.

#### **6. A.O.B.**

The members welcomed the allocation €270k LIS funding for Offaly. In addition, concerns were raised with respect to the bridge in Spollenstown and the tarmac on footpath at Railway. In addition, with respect to the current challenging time regarding Covid 19, the members reassured the people of Tullamore MD that as public representatives they are available at all times.

**The meeting then concluded.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_