

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON
THE 12th DECEMBER 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE**

Present:

Cllr. F. Moran, (Cathaoirleach); Cllr. D. Harvey; Cllr. N. Feighery; Cllr. T. McCormack; Cllr. S. O'Brien; Cllr. D. Owens; Cllr. K. Smollen

In Attendance:

Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Martin Quinn, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of: John Buckley, Clara; David Lalor, Killeigh; Hugh Carr, formerly Pallas Lake, Tullamore; Peter Daly, Ballycumber; Mary Ellen Cowley, Tullamore; Bill Lenaghan, Tullamore; Sheila Flynn, Tullamore, Con Cowen, Clara; David Kane, Tullamore; Ned O'Connor, Tullamore; Joe Duggan, Tullamore; Mary Coughlan, Blueball; Sean Conway, Mountbolus; Dessie Dunne, Clara 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. D. Owens and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack:

- a. *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th November, 2019*
- b. *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th November, 2019*

2. Water & Environment Report

Mr. M. Quinn presented the Water & Environment Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues incl.: timeframe for Tullamore Drainage, sewage system in Tullamore, survey on how public dispose of rubbish, dog fouling, life span of water upgrade, no of successful prosecutions for litter/waste offences; drainage on Church St, Clara; replacement of lead piping in Marian Sq. and Boland's Tec; update on Clara cemetery; manhole covers on Ballycumber Rd, Clara. Mr. M. Quinn noted and responded to queries as follows: Tullamore Drainage Plan has three stages complete, one to go; Mr. M. Quinn will investigate lead piping and Clara cemetery. Mr. J. Connelly to review drainage and manhole covers in Clara. Mr. T. Shanahan noted the water upgrade is well future proofed.

3. Regeneration Projects

(a) Tullamore Street Enhancement (ERDF/URDF)

Mr. J. Connelly gave a brief update to the members. The members welcomed the report and again acknowledged the traders on their patience and leadership in promoting the town, they also commended the staff for their efforts and raised a number of issues incl.: schedule for bridge; yellow lines on William's St; issue of chewing gum on streets; ESB on Columcille St; route for St. Patricks Day Parade; crossing at Bank of Ireland; lack of bins on High St; colour of brick on parking spaces in O'Connor Sq.; corner of Spar shop. Mr. John Connelly in response noted it is expected the bridge will be complete next week; he will review yellow lines on William St; discuss with EAO regarding chewing gum campaign; ESB due back in January; will review route for St. Patricks Day Parade closer to the time; crossing at Bank of Ireland will be regularised next week; bins were reduced over time due to abuse, the same number of bins will be reinstated as before, colour of brick will be investigated; no changes to be made to corner of Spar shop.

(b) Clara and Ballycumber (TRVS)

Mr. J. Connelly gave a brief update to the members advising the Clara project should be finished before Christmas and Ballycumber to be complete Jan/Feb. The members welcomed the report raised a number of issues incl.: road width at crossing on Main St. Mr J. Connelly advised the lights should be finished at crossing Friday 13th Dec and acknowledged the road is narrow for two trucks meeting, however no more so than the road leading into it.

4. Update on the Delegation from Luzhou, China

Ms. B. Corbet advised the members of the upcoming visit from Luzhou on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am and requested the member confirm their attendance.

5. A.O.B.

Accessible Counselling Tullamore

This free Counselling services will open on 20th January at Unit 4 Millennium House, Main Street, Tullamore. The members congratulated Cllr. D. Harvey, James O'Connor and all involved on this great initiative.

Issues

Footpath, lighting and fencing at Heather Grove. Mr. J. Connelly noted this work would normally be carried out by the developer. Consideration may be given from GMA Fund 2020.
Parking from Arden Rd to Arden Lane; Mr. J. Connelly to investigate measures to address same.
Speeding at Blueball; Mr. J. Connelly to carry out full junction survey and investigate sight lines at Ide Corner; speeding on Cappincur Rd; Mr. J. Connelly to investigate electronic signage and surfacing works.

Fire Station Clara

Clara Fire Station to be addressed at full Council meeting.

The members thanked all the staff of Tullamore Municipal District and media for their assistance over the year and wished them a Happy Christmas.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____