

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON
THE 9th JANUARY 2020 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. Brian Kelly, Executive Engineer, TMD; Ms B. Corbet, Meetings Administrator

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended and condolences expressed, to the families of: Ms. Kathleen Lynam, Arden View, Tullamore; Ms. Kathleen Noonan Green, O'Molloy St, Tullamore; Ms. Ann Tobin, Tihilly, Tullamore; Mr. Peter Kelly, Cloncon; Ms. Kathleen Westman, Pearse Park, Tullamore; Ms. Sheila Dunne, Roscore, Blueball; Mr. Neil Lambe; Mr. Jim Birmingham, Cluain Darach and late of Ballyduff, Tullamore; Mr. Francis Connor, Clara; Ms. Bridget Condron, Screggan; Mr. Pat Connelly, Ballycumber; Mr. John Donlon, Annaghmore, Blueball; Ms. Nora Kenaney, Mucklagh and late of Patrick Street, Tullamore; Mr. Paddy Devery, Pullough; Ms. Theresa Kinnarney, Cully, Blueball; Ms. Marie Kelly, Killeigh; Ms. Kathleen Walsh, Beechmount Park, Mucklagh; Mr. Peter Carrol, Mountbolus 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. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. D. Owens:

- a. *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12th December, 2019*
- b. *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th December, 2019*

2. Roads Report

The members welcomed the Roads Report, as presented and circulated by Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., setting out a summary of the Roads Programme for 2019. The members, welcoming the report, raised a number of issues which Mr. J. Connelly agreed to follow up, including; road markings on new surface from Clara/Kilbeggan, Silverdale footpath and car parking, flooding issues at Callery St/Puttaughan, widening of Brocca Road, inclusion of Clonshannagh in 2020 programme, traffic lights at Clyne's Hill, low cost safety works at Collins Lane/Ballin Ri junction, lights in Erry Mill, trees in Whitehall, drainage in Durrow. He also advised an announcement is imminent with respect to LIS and encouraged applications with respect to CIR/CIS.

3. Regeneration Projects

(a) Tullamore Street Enhancement (ERDF/URDF)

Mr. J. Connelly updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme.

The members welcomed the report, and raised a number of queries incl; the continued movement of traffic for Columcille St, U turns in O'Connor Sq, the crossing at the Bridge Centre/BOI, footpath at Spar, pedestrian bridge, filter light from Patrick St to Columcille St, aesthetics of unoccupied properties.

Mr. J. Connelly in response outlined "U turn prohibited" signs are ordered for O'Connor Sq, crossing at Bridge Centre/BOI will be completed quicker if not staggered, no plans to change the footpath at Spar, the hand rail on the pedestrian bridge is currently being checked and the bridge is expected to open next week, left hand turning lane was eliminated in order to widen the footpath at Bridge House; the filter lane did not have much capacity in any case.

Clara and Ballycumber (TRVS)

Mr. B. Kelly gave a brief update to the members advising the Clara project is nearing completion and the Ballycumber project is 60% complete with anticipated completion the end of January 2020. Mr. T. Shanahan advised an application can be submitted for Ballycumber TVRS in 2020.

4. Update Tullamore Leisure Centre

Mr. J. Connelly advised the members on works recently complete in Tullamore Swimming Pool. The members largely agreed the Swimming Pool is a fantastic asset to Tullamore which will help encourage investemnt from other areas.

5. A.O.B.

Issues

Arden Road/Arden Lane junction, Collins Lane/Ballin Ri junction, petition from Cappincur residents, Barony Bridge/Canal, relocation of toilets in town park, tree trimming, sewage on North Side, weekend street cleaning in Clara. Mr. J. Connelly to investigate where possible.

Anti-social behaviour

Following a number of issues with anti-social behaviour in LA properties in Clara and Tullamore, the members felt the tenant handbook needs to be enforced with respect to anti-social behaviour.

New Year's Eve 2019

A discussion took place with respect to the postponement of the NYE concert. Mr. T. Shanahan outlined there was €250 spent directly on the event and acknowledged all suppliers, performers etc. who waived their fee following the postponement. He confirmed this was an Offaly County Council event and clearly outlined it was the Cllrs prerogative to allocate the Community Grants budget and the executive would assist.

Further consideration to be given when arranging future events with respect to lead in time, budget, H&S, membership of subcommittee, time of event.

Operation Transformation

Congratulations to all Operation Transformation participants and wish them well.

Chandler Sister Cities

An invitation to the Cathaoirleach from Chandler is anticipated with respect to St. Patricks Day Parade 2020.

2020 Roads Programme

Any recommendations for the 2020 Roads Programme and submissions for CIR/LIS are welcome to Mr. J. Connelly before the next meeting.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____