

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON
THE 08th NOVEMBER 2018 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. Cleary, Senior Executive Officer, Housing; Mr. E. Kelly,
Executive Planner; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of:
Kathleen Boland, Moylena, Tullamore; Denis Daly, Whitehall Est., Tullamore; Bridie Dolan,
Knockowen Rd., Tullamore; Gerry Galvin, Park Avenue, Tullamore; Clare Gray, Clonminch Wood,
Tullamore; Jimmy Kilroe, Arden View, Tullamore; Margaret Malone, Kilbride St., Tullamore; Seamus
O'Connor, Church St., Tullamore; John Rigney, Clara Rd., Tullamore; Jamie Souter, Chapel St.,
Tullamore; St. Baptist Walsh, Convent of Mercy, Tullamore; and all those in Tullamore MD who had
died since the last meeting; on their recent bereavements.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th October, 2018*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th October, 2018*

Cllr. D. Dolan expressed thanks to the members, and Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., for their support in
the recent Halloween event held in Clara.

It was noted that the GMA amount for Tullamore MD would be determined at Offaly County
Council's Statutory Budget Meeting scheduled for Monday, 19th November.

2. Housing Report

Ms. M. Cleary, S.E.O., presented the Housing Report, as circulated, to the members. The
members welcomed the Report, complimenting the staff on works done to date. They raised a
number of issues to which Ms. M. Cleary responded. She stated that the Council was looking at
purchasing fully accessible houses for people with disabilities. She agreed to follow up on back
lanes issues with Environment Section. She also agreed to write to the Minister for Housing
regarding the exclusion of Part V housing units from Tenant Purchase Scheme, and the
exclusion of local authority houses from the Warmer Home Scheme. She would follow up on
lack of grass cutting at Cluain Fia and Erry Mill, Clara.

3. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme.
The starting date for commencement of works was scheduled for 07th January 2019 as
previously advised. Tullamore & District Chamber of Commerce were briefed on planned
schedule of works. An open day for business owners/general public was scheduled for 21st
November.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey raised the issue of the shortage of carpark spaces at Kilbride following the closure of 'Texas Car Park'. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., informed the members that he was investigating options to alleviate the problem.

4. Derelict Sites Report

Mr. E. Kelly, E.P., updated the members on progress to date in relation to Derelict Sites. Nine property owners had been informed that a levy was being imposed on their property, two owners had subsequently carried out works on their property. The Council was investigating possibility of using the Compulsory Purchase Order process, options limited by budgetary constraints. The members welcomed the update and progress.

5. Notice of Motion

Cllr. D. Owens

"I call on Tullamore Municipal District, through Offaly County Council, to write to the Dept. of Communications, Climate Action and Environment to make a renewed effort on behalf of Ballydaly/Tinnycross Group Sewerage Scheme for funding to connect 43 houses in the Ballydaly/Tinnycross area to the Irish Water Sewerage Scheme in Tullamore."

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., in response, stated that the Council could make the application, but had no other input into the process. He also advised that a report on capacity issues would be presented to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee in the near future.

6. A.O.B.

Works at New Rd., Tullamore

Cllr. T. McCormack raised the issue of the recent works carried out at New Rd., Tullamore, involving the removal of some of the trees and the laying of a footpath. He requested that the trees be re-instated and the footpath removed, as requested by the residents. He added that he felt that the members and the residents should have been informed prior to the works being carried out. A discussion ensued whereby some members agreed that the trees should be replaced but were not in favour of removing the footpath. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., in response, stated that there was always regular replacement of trees on New Rd. as they had a short life span, and it was always the intention that the trees removed as part of the works would be replaced. He further stated that the tender received for the first phase of the footpath works included in the Roads Programme 2018 was lower than expected. Negotiations with the contractor allowed for the completion of the footpath. He also stated that it was appropriate to have footpaths on both sides of the urban road. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., added that an assessment carried out prior to the works determined that the trees had to be removed to allow for the footpath works to be completed. He re-iterated that it was always the intention to replace the trees. He stated that he had met some of the residents, and would meet them again to discuss the tree replacements. Cllr. T. McCormack stated that he would revert back to the residents.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

_____ **Meetings Administrator**

Date:
