

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE.**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Harvey, (Leas-Cathaoirleach), Cllr. D. Dolan, Cllr. B. Killeavy, Cllr. T. McCormack, Cllr. T. McKeigue, Cllr. F. Moran.

**Apologies:** Cllr. D. Owens.

**In Attendance:** Ms. J. Ryan, A/Director of Services; Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. J. Dooley, Assistant Engineer; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings Administrator; Mr. T. Mawe, Financial/Management Accountant.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of: Seamus O' Dea, Daingean Rd., Tullamore; Nuala Murray, Cormac St., Tullamore; Aubrey Champ, Park Ave., Tullamore; & Josephine Pender, Connolly Park Tullamore; on their recent bereavements.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes.**

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

(a) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017*

Before the election of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. McCormack, co-opted to Offaly County Council to fill the seat vacated by Cllr. S. Dooley, was welcomed by all.

**2. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, vacated following the resignation of Cllr. S. Dooley in August 2017, and the following was received:

**Cllr. D. Harvey** – Proposed by Cllr. F. Moran and seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue.

There were no further nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr. D. Harvey was deemed elected, and took the Chair. He thanked the members for electing him, and stated that it was an honour to hold the position. He was wished well by all present.

**3. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. D. Harvey, Cathaoirleach, invited nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach, vacated following his election as Cathaoirleach, and the following was received:

**Cllr. B. Killeavy** – Proposed by Cllr. D. Dolan and seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue.

**Cllr. F. Moran** – Proposed by Cllr. T. McCormack and seconded by Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey.

There were no further nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. A poll for the position then ensued, results as follows:

**Those in favour of Cllr. B. Killeavy** – Cllr. T. McKeigue & Cllr. D. Dolan.

**Those in favour of Cllr. F. Moran** – Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey & Cllr. T. McCormack.

As the result of the poll was 2 votes each, the members agreed that the Cathaoirleach would have the casting vote. Cllr. F. Moran was deemed elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. T. McKeigue then left the meeting.

**4. Draft Budgetary Plan – Consideration of the amount of General Municipal Allocation**

Ms. J. Ryan, A/D.O.S. & Mr. T. Mawe, F./M. A. updated the members on Offaly County Council's Draft Budget 2018 and advised them that the Chief Executive was proposing a General Municipal Allocation of €177,000, same as 2017 allocation, for Tullamore MD in the Draft Budget 2018 to be considered at OCC's Statutory Budgetary Meeting. Ms. J. Ryan agreed to come back to Cllr. F. Moran on query raised in relation to public lighting budget. Following discussion, it was decided to go back to the CE requesting a GMA amount of €250,000 for Tullamore, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dolan, and seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack.

Mr. T. Mawe then left the meeting.

**5. Roads Report**

Mr. J. Connelly, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the Roads Report, as circulated, to the members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues to which Mr. J. Connelly responded, including: provision of funding in 2018 for Phase 2 of New Rd., Clara; road safety issues in Clara, as discussed at previous meetings; issue with roundabout at Hophill; footpaths on north side of town & Daingean Rd; works at Riverside; process for providing bus shelters in Clara & Tubber. It was agreed that Mr. J. Connelly would meet with the members, in committee, to discuss proposals for Road Programme of Works 2018.

**6. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme**

Ms. J. Ryan updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme. Part 8 process was ongoing, submissions could be made up to Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. It was expected that it would be brought to the members at the Nov. monthly meeting. The issue of the proposed moving of the war memorial from O'Connor Square was discussed. Ms. J. Ryan stated that the Council were in discussions with relevant interested parties regarding the possible re-locating of the memorial. It was agreed that the Tullamore Street Enhancement Part 8 Documentation would be sent to all members, as requested.

**7. Report from Municipal District of Tullamore's Representative on Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities Committee.**

Cllr. T. McCormack gave a Report on Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities. The Committee was busy throughout the summer with visits from Sean Duggan, Chief of Police, Chandler, in June & Vice-Mayor of Chandler, Kevin Hartke in August. The Sacred Heart Secondary School continued with the student exchange programme. It was hoped that new exchange programmes with other schools would be developed.

**8. Derelict Sites Report**

It was agreed to defer this item to the November monthly meeting.

**9. A.O.B.**

New Fire Station in Clara

It was agreed that an update on the proposed new fire station for Clara would be given at the November monthly meeting, as previously requested.

Árd Na Gréine Footpaths

Cllr. T. McCormack queried if footpaths in Árd Na Gréine could be tarmaced, stones were being used by some people engaging in anti-social behavior. Mr. J. Connelly agreed to follow up on the issue.

Grants for Cycle Tracks

Cllr. T. McCormack queried if Offaly County Council had made application for funding for cycle tracks. Mr. J. Connelly agreed to follow up on the issue.

**The meeting then concluded.**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:**

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