

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON  
THE 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018 IN THE TOWN HALL, TULLAMORE**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Harvey, (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. D. Dolan, Cllr. T. McCormack,  
Cllr. T. McKeigue, Cllr. F. Moran, Cllr. D. Owens.

**Apologies:** Cllr. B. Killeavy.

**In Attendance:** Mr. T. Shanahan, Director of Services; Mr. J. Dooley, Assistant Engineer; Mr.  
J. Cunningham, A/ Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. M. Brady, Meetings  
Administrator.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of:  
Andrew Boland Jnr., Knockowen Rd., Tullamore; Declan Bray, Clonminch, Tullamore; Oliver  
Condrón, Callary St., Tullamore; Jimmy Duffy, Ballinough, Clara; Laura Farrington, O'Molloy St.,  
Tullamore; Martin Galvin, Gortnamona, Blueball; Catherine Gunning, Knockowen Rd., Tullamore;  
Bridget Horan, O'Molloy St., Tullamore; Edgar Hurst, Hophill Vale, Tullamore; Mary McEvoy, Kilbride  
St., Tullamore; Joe Mooney, O'Molloy St., Tullamore; Kathleen Plunkett, Clonminch, Tullamore;  
and all those in Tullamore MD who had died since the September monthly meeting; on their recent  
bereavements.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

It was agreed to amend the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018,  
under Agenda item AOB: *Traffic Issues at Clara/Tullamore adding and on Church Rd. Tullamore*  
to possibility of putting yellow box at traffic lights on Tullamore Rd., Clara.

The following minutes, as amended, were approved on the proposal of Cllr. F. Dolan, and seconded  
by Cllr. D. Dolan:

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018*

**2. Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 – Consideration of the amount of General Municipal  
Allocation**

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S. updated the members on Offaly County Council's Draft Budget 2019  
and advised them that the Chief Executive was proposing a General Municipal Allocation of  
€177,000, same as 2018 allocation, for Tullamore MD in the Draft Budget 2019 to  
be considered at OCC's Statutory Budgetary Meeting. 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.  
T. McKeigue, and seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan. It was also agreed to request that the basis for  
allocation of the GMA by population be re-considered, they requested that the fact that Tullamore  
was the capital town of the county be also taken into account when allocation of GMA was being  
determined.

**3. Roads Report**

Mr. J. Dooley, A.E., presented the Roads 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 incl.: completion of footpath works at Bachelor’s Walk requested; request for works to be carried out at Arden Rd. for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of old graveyard in 2019; funding for Clara and Ballycumber Renewal Scheme, and all 12 Schemes approved for Offaly, welcomed, public consultation to be held with/without Part 8.

**4. Director’s Update on Housing**

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., gave an update on housing issues. He noted that reports on proposed housing developments at Clonminch, Kearney’s Field and Raheen were given at in committee meeting. Contract for Chancery was signed, development to be completed in 2018.

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

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme. The 11-month contract for the works had been awarded to David Walsh Civil Engineering Ltd, surveying works had commenced, with a starting date of 07<sup>th</sup> January 2019 planned for commencement of the physical works. An open day for business owners/general public to view/discuss the planned works was scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> November. The update, and the planned open day, was welcomed by all.

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

Update on Clara Cemetery

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., advised the members that a Pre Part 8 report would be on the agenda for November committee meeting. Cllr. F. Moran requested that works be carried out across the road from the entrance of the existing cemetery.

Derelict Buildings

Cllr. T. McKeigue raised the ongoing issue of derelict buildings in Tullamore and their impact on Tullamore’s performance in Tidy Towns Competition. Mr. T. Shanahan, agreed to follow up and report back at the November meeting.

Parking at Clara Market

Cllr D. Dolan raised the issue of illegal parking at Clara Market, which was causing access problems for residents. Mr. T. Shanahan, agreed to follow up on the issue.

Entente Florale

Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey congratulated all involved in the success of Tullamore’s hosting of the Entente Florale 2018 Awards Ceremony in September.

Congratulations

Cllr. D. Owens was congratulated by all on his success with Camross’s victory in the Laois Senior Hurling Final.

**The meeting then concluded.**

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

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