

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TULLAMORE HELD AT 4.00PM ON
THE 13th SEPTEMBER 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, Mr. M. Quinn, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. M. Brady, Meetings
Administrator.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended, and condolences expressed, to the families of:
Mowbray Bates, husband of staff member Mary Brady; Billy Gibbons, father of staff member Dennis
Gibbons; Brian McNally, father of staff member Ruth McNally; Jordan Murphy, son of staff member
Alan Murphy; Frank Brennan, Dillon St., Tullamore; Nigel Brennan, Whitehall, Tullamore;
Sr. Elizabeth Burke, Dublin, formerly Cappincur, Tullamore; Bernadette Claffey, Ballydrohid,
Tullamore; Rebecca Farrell, O'Brien St., Tullamore; Brendan Fox, Celbridge, formerly Marian Place,
Tullamore; Mico Healion, Brocca, Tullamore; Lesley Ann Johnston, Ballydaly, Tullamore; Mick
Kearns, Killeigh, Tullamore; Kathleen Larkin, Spollenstown, Tullamore; Mick O'Brien, Pearse Park,
Tullamore; Niall O' Sullivan, Ballinamere, Tullamore; Michael Rattigan, Arden View, Tullamore; Leon
Wade, Cloncollig, Tullamore; and all those in Tullamore MD who had died since the July monthly
meeting; on their recent bereavements.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

- (a) *Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12th July, 2018*
- (b) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th July, 2018*

2. Water & Environment Report

Mr. M. Quinn, S.E.E., presented the Water & Environment Report, as circulated, to the
members. The members welcomed the Report, raising a number of issues incl.: ongoing
sewerage issue at Tyrrell's Rd.; illegal dumping; signs at bottle banks; sufficient water supply in
Tullamore; which were noted and responded to by Mr. M. Quinn.

3. Director's Update on Housing

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., gave an update on housing issues, as agreed at the July meeting. He
advised the members that a full housing report would be presented at Offaly County Council's
monthly meeting on Monday September 17th. He also advised that a member of housing staff
would attend every second Tullamore MD monthly meeting.

4. Update on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme

Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., updated the members on Tullamore Street Enhancement Programme.
The assessment of tenders was completed, and the contract was due to be awarded.
Negotiations with the selected contractor regarding a starting date was ongoing. An update on
the outcome of negotiations would be presented at the October monthly meeting.

**5. Reports from Municipal District of Tullamore’s Representative on:
Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities.**

Cllr. T. McCormack gave a Report on Tullamore/Chandler Sister Cities. There were a number of developments since the last Report. The Student Exchange Programme for over 18’s had taken place, both visits involved full programmes, including visits to Intel and Integra as part of the Tullamore visit. The planning of a First Responder’s Project was in progress for 2019. The Report was welcomed by all.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. D. Harvey then excused himself from the meeting. Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. T. McCormack took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. Notice of Motion

Cllr. T. McKeigue

(i) *“That Tullamore MD/Offaly County Council provide a pedestrian crossing on the Arden Road at the GAA Centre, and that it is in place before the new building next to GAA Centre opens, in the interest of safety, and, in doing so, remove the pedestrian crossing on the far side of Tullamore Hospital.”*

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., agreed to follow up on the issue, and stated that the works should be part of the ongoing development.

(ii) *“That this Council together with the schools at Arden View provide a set down area on part of the green area at the rear of O’Brien Park.”*

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McKeigue, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens. Mr. J. Connelly, S.E.E., agreed to follow up on the issue with the schools.

Cllr. T. McCormack

(i) *“That Tullamore MD look at providing lands for Offaly Athletics / Tullamore Harriers to build a purpose built cross country track, that would be used for training and County, Leinster, All Ireland and International competitions”.*

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. D. Dolan. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., agreed to follow up on the issue, and look at possible options.

(ii) *“That Tullamore MD look at providing proper parking and power facilities for camper vans that stop in Tullamore”.*

The motion was passed on the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., agreed to follow up on the issue, and look at possible options.

7. A.O.B.

Traffic issues at Clara

Cllr. D. Dolan raised the following traffic issues at Clara: road safety issue at Clara Boys National School; possibility of putting yellow box at traffic lights on Tullamore Rd. Mr. J. Connelly agreed to follow up on both issues.

Update on Clara Cemetery

Cllr.F. Moran requested an update on Clara Cemetery. Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S., agreed to come back to Cllr. Moran with update.

Old Texas Car Park

Cllr. T. McKeigue queried if right of way existed at Old Texas Car Park. Mr. T. Shanahan agreed to follow up on the query.

Entente Florale

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. T. McCormack congratulated all involved on the upkeep and appearance of the town. He also wished all concerned well with the town's hosting of the Entente Florale 2018 Awards Ceremony on 22nd September.

Congratulations

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. T. McCormack congratulated Mr. Donal Conway, originally from Durrow, on his recent appointment to post of President of FAI. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would issue to Mr. Conway from Tullamore MD.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date:
