**Minutes of March Monthly Meeting of Trim Town Council held 11th March, 2014 at**

**7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, at Mornington House, Summerhill Road, Trim.**

**Members Present:**

Cllrs O’Shea (Cathaoirleach), Cantwell, French, Golden, Kenny, McHugh, McKenna, and Reilly.

**Apologies:** Cllr Bligh

**Officials in Attendance:**

D. Foley, Trim Town Manager, F. Skehan, Trim Town Clerk, V. Collins, Town Engineer,

N. Williams, Clerical Officer.

**1.0 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on the 11th February, 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. Cantwell.

# Matters arising from the minutes

The following points were raised:

* It was asked about time capsule for the closing ceremony of TTC.

Cllr Reilly advised he got details of capsule, it will be about 3.5 ft long and will last in any soil type for up to 100 years. It will also be registered with a company in California as being put in the ground. Cllrs were asked to email any suggestions to either Cllr Reilly or the Town Clerk. Final costs are not available yet.

Town Clerk advised that the battering ram will not be ready for the closing ceremony, the Prison Service are under time constraints due to Guild Exams.

* It was asked if any response was received from the OPW regarding the national flag hanging continuously at the Courthouse.

Town Clerk advised that no response has been received.

* It was asked why the legal title had not yet been given to the Trim Heritage Group

Cllr Kenny advised that this was no fault of the Council or the Solicitors. Trim Heritage group are currently drawing up a plan.

* It was asked that the traffic wardens continue to monitor illegal parking on Abbey Lane.
* An error was pointed out on the top of page 3 of 4, mpas should read maps.
* It was asked about underground cables going across Market Street and to provide maps to UPC.

The Town Engineer informed them that if the company applied for a road opening to same it would be granted and the work could commence. The current ducting in the ground is owned by Eircom and they would have to give permission for it to be used by another company.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent requesting the Government to order that all ducting currently in the ground would be available for use by any company.

* The issue of the rusting steel at Aura was discussed and the members were informed that the Facilities Manager had met with Aura and the matter is being investigated.
* It was asked if the diversion of HGV’s could be tied in with the new pedestrian crossing.

The Town Clerk informed the members it should be in force in July.

**3.0 Expressions of Congratulations and Sympathy**

Congratulations

*Congratulations were expressed to the following:*

* Trim Musical Society on their recent production, Evita.
* Everyone involved in bring the Hotel Federation Conference to the town.
* Harry Purcell on coming 3rd in Senior Indoor 800m.
* Thomas Honan on a photography award he received.

A discussion followed whereby the Councillors expressed their concern that no solution had yet being found for a space for a new Theatre in the Town.

The Councillors enquired about the status of the Town Hall.

The Town Manager informed them that discussions are on-going regarding the town hall, and the two main issues A) costs of repair works and B) future use of the building.

**4.0 Correspondence raised by the Town Manager and Town Clerk**

* 1. To receive an update on the Local Government Reform – Civic Offices.

Town Manager updated the members as per report circulated.

* 40 Members elected to MCC, 6 seats in Trim Municipal District.
* Each Municipal District will have control of its own budget
* It is hoped 80% of customer queries will be dealt with by new Customer Service Team.
* All changes are being brought in on a phased basis.
* Trim Office on long term co – location with Trim Library.
* Customers will be briefed prior to any changes taking place.
* Hand over of new civic office on track for end of year.

Members responded as follows;

* Disappointed it seems that Customer Service is being moved from the area.
* Local Government is about connecting to people on a local level.
* Members should have access to the people who make decisions, will not as they will be based in Civic Offices in Navan, not at local level.
* Concerns that Members will also have to go through SugarCRM.

**5.0 Engineers Report**

Members raised the following issues;

* Thanked Engineer for finishing the cobble blocking on Castle Street.
* Informed the Engineer of manholes rattling opposite the Garda Station.
* Asked if lime is added to the water in the reservoir.

- Engineer informed that alkaline is added to the water.

* Informed the Engineer that weeds are appearing on the paths at Newtown Bridge.
* Informed the Engineer that there is a road in Mornington Heights in a very bad state of repair.
* Asked Engineer if outdoor staff have noticed an increase in dog fouling lately.
* Asked when works will begin on the Linear Park.
* - Engineer informed that works will begin during summer.
* Informed Engineer that hoarding down by playground is being pulled down.
* Informed that light no’s 8 on Market Street and no.13 on Castle Street are out of order.
* Thanked the Engineer for unblocking drains in Griffin Park.
* Informed Engineer that cobble blocks missing at Loman Street where Eircom pole was moved.

**6.0 Notice of Motion**

**6.1 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Philip Cantwell**

*“Over the years Davy Sharpe and the Sharpe family have made available their lands in/at Porchfields Trim to the people of Trim, that Trim Town Council in turn for such generosity shall recognise this in naming the field on the town side of the Ring Road as Davy Sharpe's Porchfield or Sharp's Porchfield or some other recognition in the naming of an area or playground or street with the Sharpe name linked”.*

Notice of Motion was read out by Cllr. Cantwell, no member seconded the motion

Therefore, the motion was rejected.

***6.2 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ronan McKenna***

*“That this council urges all parties and individual deputies to support the Valuation Bill 2014”*

Notice of Motion was read out by Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr McHugh. A vote took place, two members voted for and 6 abstained.

Therefore, the motion was carried.

Items 7 & 8 adjourned until next monthly meeting.

***This concluded the business of the meeting at 9:15 p.m.***

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cathaoirleach**

**Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_