**Minutes of March Monthly Meeting of Trim Town Council held 13th May, 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, Bligh and Reilly.

**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 07th April, 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr. Cantwell and seconded by Cllr. Kenny.

Cathaoirleach suspends standing orders to observe a minutes silence for Robbie Griffith RIP.

The Members spoke of their memories of Robbie and offered their heartfelt condolences to his wife, daughters, family and friends.

# Matters arising from the minutes

The following points were raised:

It was asked about the discussions with OPW relating to the Town Hall.

* Town Manager informed the members that there has been some discussions with the OPW but they have been preliminary, he will meet with the OPW’s Architect and Heritage Representatives following the elections and will have more in depth talks then. He will then arrange to meet T-ACT to discuss options.

It was asked if we have received any response from other Councils to last months Notice of Motion.

* Town Clerk advised that no response has been received.

It was asked if any works would be carried out in Drinadaly Graveyard.

* Grants are available to groups who are willing to avail of same.

It was asked if the signs on Patrick Street had been sorted out yet.

* Engineer will arrange for same.

It was asked if the footpath at St Josephs could be looked at as there is a dip at same

It was asked if a second pedestrian crossing could be looked at for Patricks Street.

The members asked for an update on the Time Capsule.

* Cllr Reilly stated the stone is being made and the proof will be circulated to members for their information. The Mooney Show are interested in doing a piece on the capsule. A video will be taken on the night of the 30th which will then be transferred onto a disc and will be the last thing put into the time capsule. Joe Rafus is currently taking photograps of the streets of the Town. The minutes of the first meeting of Trim Town Council have been sourced and will be included also.
* It was suggested that we contact the traditional music group in Scoil Mhuire to play at the event.
* The Cathaoirleach commended the excellent work by Cllr Reilly and the Town Clerk on this project.

**3.0 Expressions of Congratulations and Sympathy**

Congratulations

*Congratulations were expressed to the following:*

* The launch of the Blackfriary Dig in Trim Library was a great success.
* Fr Farrell on his years of service to Trim and Navan.
* Congratulations were given to the current members of Trim Town Council who are not running in the upcoming elections for their excellent service over the past number of years.

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

None

# 5.0 Statutory Business

**5.1** To receive a report in relation to the allocation of the Amenity / Lawnmower Grant Scheme 2014.

Proposed by Cllr Cantwell and seconded by Cllr McKenna.

# 6.0 Notice of Motion

6.1 All Party Notice of Motion received

“This Council wishes to acknowledge the contribution made by past and current Elected Members and staff during the history of the municipal government in Trim town and to thank them for all their service and hardwork. To mark Trim Town Council 1899 to 2014 this Council will hold a Civic Reception and place a Time Capsule at Castle Street on the 30th May, 2014, Castle Street, Trim, at 7.30 p.m.

Agreed unanimously.

1. **Engineers Report**

Members raised the following issues

* Enquired when works will begin on linear park.

Engineer stated works would begin shortly, within a week or so.

* When will the flower baskets be put out?

Engineer stated the will begin to put them out in 2 / 3 weeks.

* Enquired when the overlay would be put on the NewHaggard Road?

Engineer stated the contractor is due to start Friday or Monday and will begin work from Leinster Bridge and work in.

* Cllr Reilly asked the members if they could ensure their election posters are taken down on the weekend after voting as the tidy towns judging will begin shortly after that.

1. **Schedule of Managers Orders.**

Noted.

1. **Matters raised with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.**

Cllr McKenna raised the following;

* At Budget meeting an undertaking was given by the Town Manager to provide funding for a speed sign at Lackanash, members wished for this to be installed without delay.

Town Manager said will clarify the situation with this sign and confirm

arrangements.

* There are a number of potholes at De Lacy Court.

Cllr McHugh raised the following issues;

* There are potholes on the back road in Griffin Park and at the entrance to Friars Park.

Cllr French stated the following;

* He expresses his congratulations to the retiring Councillors; it is a sad night for Trim after 820 years of local government coming to an end.

Cllr Golden raised the following;

* The roadlines are faded at the Boyne School.
* A sign is requested for St Brigids Villas.
* Stones are falling from one of the old bridges in Porchfields, could a letter issue to OPW asking them to make these safe.
* He thanked everybody around the table for their time and stated that he has enjoyed his time as a Councillor and wishes everybody well in the future.

The final question asked of Trim Town Council was by Cllr Philip Cantwell;

* Request for a sign on High Street giving the direction to the Yellow Steeple.

Cllr Cantwell stated that it has been an honour to serve in the Town Council and thanked the press for their co-operation over the years. He also apologised for anybody he may have offended over the years.

Town Engineer thanked the Members and said it was a pleasure to work with them all over the years and is sure paths will cross in the future.

Town Clerk thanked the Members and staff of Trim Town Council for their help over the past two years, she has enjoyed her time as Town Clerk and appreciates all the work done during this time.

Town Manager said it was an honour and privilege to work within Trim Town over the past number of years. Trim Town Council is leaving a rich legacy. The town has excellent amenities and remains an attractive town to live in and visit. He gave his best wishes to all members and wishes them health and happiness in the future.

Cllr Reilly, Leas Cathaoirleach, thanked all members and officials for their assistance for the last 15 years. He thanked the people of Trim for their support also. He will enjoy watching how Trim develops in the future and looks forward to the 30th May, 2014 when the 50 year time capsule will be put in the ground.

Cllr O’Shea, Cathaoirleach, thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach and all Members for the respect and support. He thanked the Town Clerk, Town Manager, Town Engineer, Town Foreman, outdoor staff, Council officials, County Manager, Town Council staff for their work in the town. He expressed his hopes for Trim to win Gold in the Tidy Town’s Competition.

***This concluded the business of the meeting at 8:10 p.m.***

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

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