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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 19th January, 2018, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Noel French**, presided.

Councillors Present: Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch.

Apologies: Councillor Ronan McKenna.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th December, 2017.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th December, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Enda Flynn requested that Items 7.1 and 7.2 – Notices of Motion be amended as being adopted. In relation to Item 7.2, it was confirmed that works were ongoing on the provision of a pedestrian crossing and that the Executive Engineer would be consulted to see if any interim measure could be implemented.

The Cathaoirleach requested the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the proposed drug rehabilitation centre in Ballivor and this was unanimously agreed. A discussion followed with concerns expressed, including information provided to Councillors in relation to the planning status of the proposal, the decision taken around the change of use being exempted development and the related impact on the public having the right to object, the planning file not having been updated,



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the absence of standards or regulations in the provision of services to those with addictions, the proximity of the proposed centre to a school and the absence of Gardaí in Ballivor. A number of actions were suggested, including using Section 5 Reference under planning legislation to request An Bord Pleanála to review the decision or rezoning the land and developing a framework plan to determine appropriate uses. Des Foley outlined the background to the matter, confirming the key related issues. Following the discussion, Councillors unanimously agreed to invoke Section 5 on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Salmon of Knowledge Festival for being nominated as finalists in the LAMA Awards.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 To receive an update on works completed/ planned within Trim Municipal District.

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- The return of repaired equipment to the playground in Enfield and the plan to reopen the tunnel.
- The need to clear the muck from the roads at Killaskillen where there was erosion at the sides.



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- The meeting to be arranged to visit Enfield to discuss traffic and parking issues – it was confirmed that this was being arranged.
- Welcomed the works at St. Kinneth's Ballivor and the related improvements.
- The need for Irish Water to reinstate the footpaths on the old Lackanash Road following works.
- The need to review the footpath on the right hand side from Kiely's butchers to Aldi.

5.1.2 To receive an update on the Public Lighting Project in Mornington Heights.

Duncan Byrne, Executive Engineer outlined the background to the project and confirmed that, following a lighting evaluation survey, the lighting was considered deficient in some areas due to trees and column spacing. The proposal was the provision of 8 new lights, the relocation of one light and a lantern upgrade to one light to meeting current standards with a budget of €13,500. It was also pointed out that these improvements were conditional on the removal or pruning of trees, all of which have been marked.

Councillors welcomed the plan to improve the lighting and it was suggested that correspondence issue to residents explaining the tree markings and the need to undertake work on the trees.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To discuss proposals to be considered by the Protocol Committee in relation to the allocation of the 2018 Twinning budget.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services confirmed that one proposal had been received for Trim Municipal District from Trim Irish Dancers & Cultural Society for a delegation from Etrepagny to visit and the contribution of €1,000 towards a civic reception and day trip. This was unanimously agreed.

6 Notice of Question



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There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 15th December, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence received from The Department of Children and Youth Affairs in response to the Notice of Item 7.1 from September meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

9.2 Correspondence received from Trim Court House in response to the Notice of Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion as adopted at July meeting re a no smoking policy to be introduced outside the Trim Courthouse.

The correspondence was noted and the signage welcomed.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Dara McGowan raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Confirmed that land for Ballivor playground was at signing stage and that it was hoped to appoint a contractor in February. A meeting is to be held with the groups to discuss plans and requirements. The funding is to be spent by June.

10.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested that the locks and condition of the public toilets be checked.



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- 10.2.2 The need to review unauthorised parking at St. Joseph's campus.
- 10.2.3 The need to notify Councillors in advance of changes in parking charges – it was confirmed that the bye-laws were being enforced following this matter being raised at a previous meeting.
- 10.2.4 Requested that a letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills requesting that they do something with the old school on Patrick Street, which has been closed up for approximately 8 years.
- 10.2.5 The issues raised by South Meath Social Economy regarding the provision of signage and reduced recycling centre gate fee.
- 10.2.6 The inclusion of the R161 New Haggard Road in the winter gritting programme – the costs associated with covering 100% of regional roads were outlined and it was confirmed that the programme is constantly under review.
- 10.3 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:
 - 10.3.1 Welcomed the new crossing approaching Enfield from Clonard and requested an update on the provision of traffic lights.
 - 10.3.2 Requested an update on the Greenway works at Furey's.
 - 10.3.3 Requested an update on the derelict house at Glenidan – it was confirmed that ownership had recently been established.
- 10.4 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issue:
 - 10.4.1 Welcomed works outside Dangan N.S. and Clonard N.S.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach