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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 16th February, 2018, Trim Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Joe Fox, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch, Ronan McKenna.

Apologies: Councillor Enda Flynn.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Jim McElhinney

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19th January, 2018.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th January, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French raised the following matters:

- Referred to the discussion that took place around the proposal for Ballivor and the Section 5, which was being submitted today.



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- Requested an update on the parking issues at St. Joseph's and referred to parking changes in a number of car parks in the town in addition to parking meters that are out of order.
- Requested that a letter issue again to the Department of Education & Skills with regard to the old school on Patrick Street.
- Referred to the removal of the school warden from Dangan N.S. and Clonard N.S. – it was confirmed that the pedestrian crossing works were proceeding and that the school warden would remain in place until the new arrangements were established, e.g. Easter.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Johnny Bligh, Friarspark, Trim, whose late father, William, was a former Councillor;
- The family of the late Seán Fay, Moymet, Trim who played a key role in his community.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Trim Athletic Club and Supervalu for the recent 10 mile road race and to Meath County Council for facilitating the event;
- Gerry Adams, and his wife Collette, on his retirement as President of Sinn Féin;
- Mary Lou McDonald and Michelle O'Neill on being appointed President and Vice-President respectively of Sinn Féin.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation



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4.1.1 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 timeframe for the delivery of road signs – it was confirmed that these were due this week.
- The timeframe for road safety improvements and the pedestrian crossing at Loman Street and Haggard Street – it was pointed out that this would be dealt with under Item 4.1.2.
- Complaints received from traders in Enfield with regard to long term parking, which has worsened since the introduction of paid parking in Kinnegad, and the possibility of the traffic warden visiting the town to assist with the enforcement of the existing bye-law – it was pointed out that this had been done before, with mixed reaction. It was agreed that the traffic warden would visit, firstly to be a visible presence followed up with fines being imposed, and that a letter would issue to Irish Rail requesting that they consider offering free parking at Enfield train station, similar to Dunboyne.

4.1.2 To receive an update on the Trim Traffic Management Plan.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Transportation outlined the background to and objectives of the works in progress in terms of building an appropriate model for the road network in Trim, taking into account existing and future projected traffic volumes. The report, being prepared by Systra, should be finalised in the next 4 weeks, with a cost benefit analysis to be undertaken, and the finalised recommendations will be included in the new County Development Plan.

A discussion followed on aspects of the draft scheme with matters raised by Councillors including:

- The need to deliver on certain parts of the scheme, such as the connection between Trim Retail Park on the Navan Road to the



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Knightsbrook roundabout on the Dublin Road and Supermacs to the Dunderry/Athboy Roads.

- The pressures on the the Kildalkey Road, the Summerhill to Ballivor Road and the Longwood to Summerhill Road.
- The need to consider future development further out from the town.
- The need to take into account industrial sites to deter heavy traffic from the town centre.
- The need to take a balanced approach.
- The estimated cost of the scheme – it was estimated that each section would cost approximately €5-10 million.
- The possibility of pedestrianising the town centre.
- The linkages of the cycling lanes.
- The inclusion of designated drop-off points for school buses to reduce congestion and encourage walking.
- The impact of such a scheme on future development in the town and surrounding areas.
- The potential for Newtown and the Porchfields if traffic in the area were to be reduced.

Nicholas Whyatt then outlined the plans for the works on Loman Street, at Supervalu and on the Dublin Road. It was proposed to commence works on Loman Street immediately with works at Supervalu and on the Dublin Road to take place during the summer, with a footpath and pedestrian crossing planned for the Dublin Road. This was unanimously agreed.

Other matters raised by Councillors included:



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- The possibility of approaching Supervalu with regard to traffic flows – it was agreed to do this but that a Part VIII may be required if this presented a significant development and that the views of residents would have to be taken into account.
- The provision of age friendly car parking spaces at strategic locations in the town – it was agreed to look at providing these at the Post Office and church and see if the bye-laws required amendment.
- The need to review pedestrian crossings in the town, including sightlines, impact of adjacent parking spaces, wheelchair accessibility, driver behaviour, etc. – it was confirmed that a study would be completed and works undertaken as appropriate with proposals to be brought to the Municipal District by the July meeting.
- The parking meters in the town that are out of order – it was pointed out that parking would be discussed at the March meeting.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Trim Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, were noted.

4.3 To consider and adopt the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

David Jones, Housing Department outlined the categories for housing maintenance and repair and explained the background to the allocations, including those managed centrally. It was pointed out that the proposed programme of works was based on the 2017 funding allocations, as the 2018 allocations had not yet been confirmed but should be similar to that in 2017.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the improved turnaround in carrying out maintenance works.



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- The possibility of providing further information throughout the year in the allocation of central budgets to the municipal districts – reference was made to the monthly Chief Executive’s report.
- The need to improve the turnaround time for pre-lets to minimise security costs – this was acknowledged.
- Commended the Housing officials and the excellent work carried out by them in a difficult area.

Des Foley and John McGrath, Senior Engineer, Transportation Department provided an overview of the breakdown of funding relating to transportation, the sources of funding and how these can be spent, the rationale for the allocations to the Municipal District and the central budgets that are allocated over the six municipal districts. The increase in funding to Trim Municipal District was highlighted across a number of headings including footpath repairs and maintenance and drainage works. It was pointed out that the figures presented did not include planned capital expenditure and changes to the CIS/LIS were outlined.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors welcomed the increased spend. Matters raised included:

- The possibility of undertaking works on the footpath from Kiely’s to Aldi.
- The need for adequate expenditure on estate footpaths.
- The omission of the Kilbride and Galtrim/Basketstown areas that have significant HGV traffic.
- The need to strengthen the Kiltale to Summerhill and Milltown Boreen roads.
- The need to monitor HGVs cutting into road margins, blocking culverts and causing road flooding.
- The possibility of including the houses on Mill Street for drainage works – whilst the grant available is for roads only, reference was made to OPW funding, for which certain eligibility criteria must be met.



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The 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Trim was adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 23rd January, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise SPC meeting of 23rd January, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 24th January, 2018.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to the Notice of Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion as adopted at November meeting re funding for taking-in-charge estates.

The correspondence was noted.



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8.2 Correspondence received from Trim Age Friendly Town Steering Committee.

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that a response would issue.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Parking at Navangate and the possibility of adding road markings.

9.1.2 Requested that a letter issue to the OPW referring to the removal of the litter bins and requesting a proposal to deal with litter at Bective Abbey.

9.1.3 Requested a report on a retail strategy for Trim as a number of shops have recently closed on Market Street – reference was made to the Meath Retail Strategy and it was agreed to check this.

9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Requested a letter issue to the OPW requesting an update on the status of the former ESB building in Enfield, which the community is interested in and which also has parking available at the rear.

9.2.2 Requested an update on the Town Hall and Theatre – It was confirmed that 5 submissions had been shortlisted for the Theatre and would now be assessed in terms of preparing a detailed design.

9.3 Dara McGowan raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Referred to the 2017 allocations to St. Patrick's Day Parades and sought agreement to make the same allocations in 2018 – this was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach