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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 20th April, 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

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th March, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th March, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested an update on the former ESB building in Enfield – it was pointed out that a valuation on the building was being undertaken and that progress was being made, with a request for a further update to be made.

Councillor Noel French requested an update under Item 8.4.2 reflecting the request for a raised platform at the pedestrian crossing at the Post Office.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to the following:

- Gordon Elliott on winning the Aintree Grand National – it was agreed that a request would be made to Meath Tourism/Boyne Valley Tourism to contact Mr. Elliott to see if he would be agreeable to promote tourism in Meath and/or act as a Tourism Ambassador for the county.
- Trim Comhaltas on celebrating their 50th Anniversary;
- The Enfield community on securing a second post-primary school.

4 To receive a presentation from Enfield Development Group.

Angela Smith and Rebecca Collins, representing Enfield Development Group, delivered a presentation that included the background to the group, their vision, aims and objectives, local and external engagement, town improvements, a profile of the town and the assistance needed from Meath County Council.

It was unanimously agreed to take a Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn, at this point:

“That Meath County Council carry out a review of the environment, infrastructure and facilities of Enfield and use the information gathered to devise a Community Local Action Plan for the future development of the town and surrounding areas.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

The motion was adopted.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Commended the group on their approach to local engagement and meeting all requirements.
- The potential of the Greenway for the area.



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- The need to request the allocation of development levies to support projects in the south of the county.
- The potential for Enfield given its location and proximity to road and rail infrastructure.

Des Foley confirmed that the Community Department had been made aware of the presentation and would be in contact with the group to assess what LEADER funding might be accessible, e.g. for undertaking a feasibility study, and that the Council would assist where possible.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked the group for their presentation and wished them well with their plans.

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:

- Welcomed the double yellow lines at the entrance to Glenidan.
- Requested that a raised table be installed at the pedestrian lights at the eastern end of Enfield.
- Welcomed the accessibility and other works undertaken in Trim.

5.2 Corporate Services

- 5.2.1 To agree arrangements for the Civic Reception.



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A list of names was proposed to be recognised at the Civic Reception and it was agreed that these would be submitted to Corporate Services. It was also agreed that the Civic Reception would take place on Friday 18th May at 5.00pm in Trim Civic Offices. It was suggested that Gluais be invited to perform, if available.

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

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

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Can an application be made for the WiFi4EU scheme for Trim Municipal District?”

Response:

Meath County Council has registered to apply for the WiFi4EU initiative. Each Local Authority in Ireland can apply for up to 4 Vouchers to the value of €15,000. The County Council will then have to pay for any additional installation costs and the ongoing maintenance and service charges.

During the first call opening on the 15th May, 15 vouchers will be allocated to Ireland on a first come first served basis. There will be 5 calls for vouchers in total. However the most that Meath County Council can secure is up to 4 vouchers during the entire duration of the initiative.

The Council is currently considering options for the initiative, including locations for the WiFi Hotspots prior to applying for the vouchers.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch



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“That Trim Municipal District asks that the Minister review immediately the criteria for the Rebuilding Ireland Home loans Scheme which currently excludes applications from constituents on Carer’s Allowance.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 29th March, 2018.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence received from Patricia and Teresa Finnegan re Dog Park in Trim.

A discussion followed on the issues that would need to be considered if such a facility were to be provided, including the need for fencing, bins, animal welfare and a suitable location. It was agreed to seek information on how other such facilities are operated.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Requested that the list of footpath works be circulated to Councillors.

10.1.2 Requested an update on the school warden policy – it was confirmed that this would be discussed at next week’s Transportation SPC meeting.

10.1.3 Requested that the County Librarian arrange a meeting with the Ballivor Community Library Committee to discuss their accommodation needs.

10.1.4 Requested confirmation that an update on parking would be provided at the



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May meeting – reference was made to an email update circulated, confirming that a number of proposals for Trim and Kells were being considered. Discussions were ongoing with staff and unions and no decision had yet been taken regarding new arrangements. It was agreed that an update would be provided at or in advance of the May meeting. It was confirmed that the parking arrangements, in terms of paid parking operations, would remain unchanged, based on the current bye-laws and still operated by the Council.

10.1.5 Requested an update on the strategy for the NEC building in Ballivor.

10.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Noted that the majority of Enfield residents had welcomed the improved parking available following the visits by the Traffic Warden.

10.2.2 Expressed disappointment that the School Warden role in Enfield was left unfilled for one day recently and requested that all holidays and course attendances be confined to school holidays – it was pointed out that this, whilst unfortunate, was a once-off event.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach