



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Trim Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00p.m., 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Trevor Golden**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Noel French, Caroline Lynch, 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 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- Des and Marie Foley on the recent loss of their son, Colin – Des thanked councillors and staff for their support;



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- The family of the late Ugne Mokejevaite and the principal, staff and students of St. Mary's Convent N.S..

Congratulations were extended to:

- Noelle Finnegan, Meath Chronicle on the birth of twin daughters.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance. It was confirmed that works on Market Street/Emmet Street/Watergate Street were due to commence Monday week and that a contractor had been appointed for works on the Haggard Street/Loman Street junction.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The possibility of extending the footpath to the industrial estate in Enfield, to which the playschool had moved – it was confirmed that this would be added to the new works list for consideration.
- Update on the Low Cost Safety Scheme works in Longwood – it was confirmed that this would be included on the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- The possibility of surfacing the alleyway to the rear of Castlelawns estate in Summerhill - it was agreed to check this.
- The possibility of undertaking resurfacing works in Glenn Abhainn to prevent pooling of water – it was agreed to check this.



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- Issues with the lights on the Loman Street crossing – it was agreed to report this.

### **4.2 Planning**

4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018.

- Parkstown View, Ballivor.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

- An Gleib, Ballivor.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

### **4.3 Corporate Services**

4.3.1 To inform the Trim Municipal District Members that Meath County Council Corporate Services Section intend to apply for Part 8 planning approval in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the Trim Library and Cultural Centre.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Asset Management provided a brief background to the project including progress to date and introduced DTA Architects. Derek Tynan delivered a presentation on the site layout, zoning, existing buildings, alternative library accommodation, plans for the buildings, facilities, parking, impact studies and proposed materials.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors warmly welcomed the proposed project and acknowledged the work of the council in advancing the project to this stage, particularly Dara, Des and the Chief Executive. Councillor Ronan McKenna's role as liaison between the groups was also acknowledged. They welcomed the contribution of local groups in terms of the proposed design, the value of the facility to all groups, including those in the wider area, and the town centre



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location, which will benefit the wider business sector and community. Reference was also made to the library and the Open Library project. They urged the community to make submissions as part of the Part 8 process.

It was confirmed that the planning process would now commence and that, subject to funding, contractors could be on site this year. The Open Library project would commence in February. With regard to the Town Hall, the plans were being advanced in association with the OPW and with a view to securing funding.

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

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

### **5 Notice of Question**

#### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“As the current works on St. Kinnith’s in Ballivor are now complete when will the next phase of this work begin to develop library premises on the site?”

**Response:**

*Meath County Council have applied for funding from two different sources, to carry out improvement works to St. Kinnith’s Church, Ballivor. To date Meath County Council have not been successful in the first application and the decision has not been announced on the second application (a decision is expected in early 2019). Until funding becomes available, Meath County Council are not in a position to undertake anything other than essential maintenance works.*

The response was noted.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**



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“Trim Municipal District agrees to support the proposal to develop the playground in Longwood on the existing council owned land working in partnership with the Longwood playground committee.”

**Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:**

*The location requested to be used for the playground in Longwood, is currently used as a depot for the Meath County Council staff and equipment that carry out works in the Longwood area. This land is not available for a playground as Meath County Council do not have any other land suitable for a depot in this area.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

Following a short discussion, the following amended motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**:

*“That Trim Municipal District requests the appropriate council department(s) to identify and assess suitable sites in Longwood for the provision of a playground.”*

The amended motion was adopted.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“Trim Municipal District requests that Meath County Council write to housing associations with a view to buying the unfinished shop and residential units in Longwood and developing a scheme similar to Mill Race apartments in Trim.”

**Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:**

*The potential for bringing vacant units back to productive use as social housing units in Longwood will be examined under the auspices of Meath County Council’s Vacant Homes Action Plan, and the associated vacant units survey process that is currently being conducted throughout the County by the Housing Department.*



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

The motion was adopted.

### **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received from Cllr. Maria Murphy, Chairperson of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) re attendance at meetings.

The correspondence was noted.

### **8 Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

8.1.1 The possibility of introducing Big Belly Bins to villages.

8.1.2 Requested an update on the OPW building in Enfield – it was confirmed that an application for funding had not yet been successful.

8.1.3 The need for lights on the ring road in Enfield – it was confirmed that a capital scheme would be advanced this year.

- 8.2 Des Foley raised the following issue;

8.2.1 Confirmed that two projects in Trim Municipal District had secured funding under the Outdoor Recreation Scheme, the Ribbontail Greenway and the walkway in the Porch Fields. Both projects were welcomed by councillors.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**



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