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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 15th February, 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 18th January, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th January 2019 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

Congratulations were extended to:

- Trim Athletic Club on their recent ten mile race – council staff was also acknowledged for their assistance.



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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 and matters raised by councillors included:

- Expressed disappointment at the delays in completing the works on the pedestrian crossing at the Post Office/Market Street due to the objections of a number of retailers.
- Welcomed the resurfacing works on the approach to Enfield and the possibility of addressing the bad patches further out the road – it was pointed out that as much as possible will be undertaken this year.
- Requested an update on footpath works in Enfield – it was confirmed that any defects would be addressed.
- Requests by residents in Manorlands for ramps or chicanes due to speeding.
- The possibility of erecting lights and/or warning signs on the Athboy Road, Kildalkey – it was pointed out that signs/markings were in place.
- The number of incidents at the Castle Street junction – it was pointed out that the junction itself was adequate in terms of surfacing, signage, etc. and the incidents referred to were primarily due to driver behaviour.
- Requested an update on the pedestrian crossing at Supervalu – it was confirmed that this was due to commence once contractors were available.

4.1.2 To consider and adopt the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works.



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David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section outlined the schedule of works as they relate to housing, including the service categories, funding allocations per municipal district, the centralised budgets and updates on the previous year.

Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work done by the staff of the Housing Section in dealing with a difficult task and acknowledged the progress being made.

Des Foley, Director of Service, Transportation referred to additional resources, including funding and staffing, allocated to transportation services in recent years. As funding for roads represents approximately one third of the overall council budget, the challenge is the delivery of the programme taking into account issues such as tender prices and securing the services of contractors. In addition to the works outlined in the schedule, works are ongoing on footpaths, public lighting and CIS/LIS. The SMDW refers to the revenue budget only, with the capital programme to be presented at the April full council meeting.

Paul McNulty, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the schedule of works in detail, under the various headings.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Acknowledged the significant progress made in recent years and the work undertaken by staff in putting the roadworks programme together and its implementation.
- Requested an update on works on the N51 – whilst it is hoped to go to tender this year, the works were unlikely to commence this year due to the complexity of the project including environmental issues, diversion options, etc.
- The planned works in Longwood – it was confirmed that the design for works in Longwood, once developed, would be presented to the municipal district.

The 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Trim was unanimously adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

4.2 Corporate Services



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- 4.2.1 To discuss the 2019 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

Audrey Norris, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services confirmed that a budget of €8,000 was available and referred to the allocations made in 2018. Councillors were reminded that the deadline for applications under the Community Grants Scheme is 8th March.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** to allocate the budget to the same initiatives/groups as per 2018.

- 4.2.2 To discuss proposals to be considered by the Protocol Committee in relation to the allocation of the 2019 Twinning budget.

Reference was made to the trip proposed last year for May of this year and approval to proceed was requested. It was unanimously agreed that the trip should proceed as agreed and that efforts should be made to increase related activity, with the involvement of other groups. Councillor Noel French agreed to work with officials on the initiative.

Reference was made to Item 8.1 – Correspondence received from Scoil Mhuire Secondary School, Trim regarding Gluais and it was agreed that possible sources of support would be considered, e.g. the twinning programme or the Community Grants Scheme, and these would be relayed to the school.

- 4.2.3 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

“Can the council provide a progress report on the pilot anti litter initiative in Mornington estate since CCTV cameras have been installed?”



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Response:

A recent inspection of the area in the Mornington Estate in Trim which was the subject of a major clean up under the Anti Dumping Initiative in 2018 shows no re-occurrences of the dumping but it is intended to monitor this location on a regular basis.

The response was noted. Councillor Caroline Lynch requested that a monthly update be provided to councillors.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Trim Municipal District calls on the planning and Housing section to engage in a short scoping exercise to determine the viability of the old St. Mary's school building in St Patricks street being purchased from the Dept of Education and that planning would also consider an alternative green field site for the two primary schools in the town to create an Education and youth campus.”

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

The Planning Department liaise regularly with the Department of Education with regards to identifying appropriate schools sites in Meath. Future schools sites will also be identified when the review of the Meath County Development Plan continues.

The potential for bringing vacant units back to productive use as social housing will be examined under the auspices of Meath County Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan.

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

A short discussion followed on the suitability of this site for a school development and the possibility of identifying a greenfield site for the development of a school's campus. It was confirmed that communication from the department indicated that they did plan to develop a school on this site and discussions were ongoing in relation to anti-social



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behaviour, dereliction and dumping with a view to ensuring that the site is secured and maintained.

The motion was noted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise SPC meeting of 19th December, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 1st February, 2019.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Mícheál Kerr, Gluais Co-Ordinator, Scoil Mhuire Secondary School, Trim.

This item was dealt with under Item 4.2.2.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Welcomed the announcement of funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for projects in Trim Municipal District and sought clarification on funding for the theatre project – the applications submitted and having received funding were outlined. It was pointed out that the planning process for the library and cultural centre was ongoing and, whilst capital funding had been allocated by the council, it is hoped that the planning permission will be in place in time for the adjudication of the next round of funding under this scheme.



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9.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Welcomed the funding allocated under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the community centre in Enfield.

9.2.2 The wire support on the footpath at the entrance to the school in Enfield, which is posing a trip hazard.

9.2.3 The need to review the lights at the side of the school in Enfield, which are being obscured by signs and a pole.

9.3 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Requested an update on plans for the Town Hall project – it was confirmed that a detailed design was being prepared in conjunction with the OPW and, when ready, would go to tender, with a view to applying for further funding under Category 1 of the scheme, with a view to commencing works in 2020.

9.3.2 Expressed disappointment that St. Kinnith's, Ballivor did not secure funding and underlined its potential in the community, e.g. as the location of community library, youth café, etc.

9.3.3 Correspondence received from residents in Abbeyfields, Clonard regarding council owned land being used to access private lands where scrambler bikes are being used.

9.3.4 Correspondence received regarding a Right of Way in Kildalkey – it was agreed to raise this with and seek an update from Irish Water, who maintain the water treatment plant.

9.4 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Requested that the OPW be asked to cut back the trees beside the donkey field that are blocking the views of the castle.

9.5 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issue:



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- 9.5.1 Requested that the OPW be asked to deal with the scrub trees and weeds growing beside the walkway bridges at the castle.

- 9.6 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:
 - 9.6.1 The grass growing up on the cycle lanes on the ring road and causing damage.
 - 9.6.2 The need to undertake a clear up from the traffic lights to the factories on the Athboy Road.

- 9.7 Des Foley raised the following issue:
 - 9.7.1 Confirmed that watermain works would commence in Trim in the next 2 weeks for approximately 8 weeks.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach