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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 8th March, 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 15th February, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th February 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- All those involved in organising the recent Inspiring Women event, the proceeds of which went to the Family Resource Centre.



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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:

- The possibility of including New Haggard Lane in the next round of roads funding – it was agreed to send the patching crew out.
- Welcomed the update on the works at Supervalu and requested an update on discussions held with Supervalu with regard to reversing the flow of traffic to prevent traffic backing up on the Kells Road and the possible impact of the pedestrian crossing on the tailback - it was confirmed that discussions had taken place but this option had been discounted and it was agreed to provide councillors with information on the works undertaken, which, when complete, will hopefully make a significant difference to the area.
- The timeframe for works in Longwood – it was confirmed that these would form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works and all issues raised would be considered, including parking and the playground, to form a unified approach.
- Requested that a letter issue to the OPW regarding maintenance of the hedges on the castle side of the Porchfields.
- Requested a costing for the works on Market Street, including additional costs – it was agreed to circulate these when available.
- Requested an update on the access route to Kildalkey GAA – it was confirmed that this matter had been raised with Irish Water, an agreement had been reached with Irish Water to make a contribution and that this is to be discussed further with Kildalkey GAA.



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- Requested an update on Abbeyfields, Clonard – reference was made to the constraints of the site on the council side, with the preferred solution being the erection of a fence on the Abbeyfields side. Reference was made to Item 4.2.1 and it was agreed to see if this matter could be dealt with as part of the taking in charge process.
- Requested an update on road signage in Meadowview – it was confirmed that sample signage was being prepared with a view to ensuring consistency.
- Concerns expressed by residents in Lackanash regarding speeding despite the flashing speed signs and the possible additional measures to address this – it was pointed out that the entrance to the Porchfields was a natural location to install a pedestrian crossing and that this could be considered subject to available funding. It was also agreed to request the statistics on speeding collated from the speed detection devices.
- The traffic calming options that can be considered for Manorlands, particularly to deal with speeding cars at night – it was suggested that this be raised at the next JPC meeting and request that the Gardaí enforce the speed limit.

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.

- Abbeyfields, Clonard.

It was agreed to defer this item to the April meeting.

4.3 Corporate Services

4.3.1 To note proposed Section 85 Agreement with Westmeath County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 whereby Westmeath County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Meath County Council in relation to the facility known as Kinnegad Community Playground in the County of Meath which is described in the Schedule to the



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Agreement.

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

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

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Recognising Trim Town as an important heritage and tourist destination and supporting the call of Trim Tidy Towns, that Trim Municipal District will make the necessary arrangements to ensure Trim Town centre remains a poster free area during the upcoming Local and European Elections.”

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

The introduction of poster free areas in Trim or other areas, while welcome on environmental grounds and in keeping with the Council's draft Climate Action Strategy, would require a protocol to be agreed locally by candidates or political parties, on a voluntary basis, and all new candidates would need to be made aware of such a protocol.

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



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A lengthy discussion took place, with reference made to Item 7.1, and views expressed in terms of the proposal, including the role of posters in encouraging people to vote and raising the profile of new candidates, the voluntary nature of any protocol established, the possible boundaries that would apply, the potential impact on areas outside of the exclusion zone, and the restrictions that already apply to the erection and removal of election posters. It was agreed that a draft protocol and exclusion zone map, possibly within the town speed limits, would be considered at a meeting to be held in advance of the April full Council meeting and, if agreed, would be communicated to the party whips.

The motion was adopted.

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence received from Trim Tidy Towns.

The correspondence was noted and dealt with under Item 6.1

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Welcomed the launch of the 2020 Sports Initiative to promote women's sport and maintain participation.

8.1.2 The impact of the recent archaeological findings on the works at Scoil Mhuire – it was confirmed that this was being monitored by Planning Enforcement and was being dealt with satisfactorily by the school and contractors.

8.1.3 The need for consideration to be given to providing an education campus to cater for existing school expansion and new school requirements, in addition to meeting the needs of the community.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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