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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 26th April, 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 8th March, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th March 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch sought an update on the works planned in Longwood – it was confirmed that the works under the Low Cost Safety Scheme would proceed, with an allocation having been made by the department, with consultation to take place regarding additional works.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Frank Barry, Trim, whose contribution to improving accessibility in the town was acknowledged.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Gordon Elliott and his staff on winning consecutive Aintree Grand Nationals with Tiger Roll.

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 further updates provided, including confirmation that funding had been allocated for the footpath/trail in the Porchfields with Ministerial consent required and the provision of two water points with further information on www.refill.ie.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Concerns raised regarding some of the works, including reinstatement, as part of the watermain works – reinstatement works are to commence.
- Requested an update on the provision of a footpath to facilitate the new playschool – it was agreed to carry out a survey to identify the requirements and provide a report, with estimated cost.
- The provision of a solar compact bin in Enfield – it was confirmed that this would be provided, in addition to bike racks.
- The need to clean the sign on the Rathmolyon Road, Enfield that had been spray painted.
- The need to resolve issues at Kildalkey N.S. prior to the new school year.



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Reference was made to Item 8.1 – Correspondence received from residents in Lackanash. Michael Finnegan, Road Safety Officer, referred to the measures already provided, which were being ignored by some drivers. The effectiveness of ramps was acknowledged in reducing speed. However the dangers that they can create, particularly on a narrow road with a lot of pedestrian activity, were outlined. It was agreed to meet with the local Superintendent to request that enforcement activity be increased.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The need for periodic and regular enforcement by speed detection vans, which had proven effective in other locations – reference was made to the need to identify a suitable location for the van to be positioned.
- The need to communicate with residents, e.g. sharing information on the speed surveys undertaken, and highlighting the possible options and solutions.
- The increasing issue of speeding in all locations, the role of the Gardaí in enforcement and the need for residents to contact the Gardaí with their concerns.
- The potential impact of providing a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the Porchfields.
- The possibility of installing a chicane and a stop/go system on a trial basis.
- The need to progress the link road between the Dublin and Navan roads to take unnecessary traffic away from the town centre.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to residents outlining the actions to be taken and/or considered.

With regard to the Assessment of the Trim to Kildalkey Road (Local Road L-4013), the report as presented was unanimously approved on the proposal of



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Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** subject to the following amendments/additions:

The following text to be added to sections 5.1.2 (6), 5.2 & 5.3:

"This location will be kept under review and considered in future applications for funding under the Safety Improvement Works funding and/or any other applicable funding schemes from the Department of Transport. Options under this funding stream and/or any other applicable funding schemes could include major or minor revisions to the junction layout and/or bridge structure or the use of interactive signage. The scope of works would be subject to detailed design and the level of funding available under any applicable scheme."

In addition, it was agreed that a case is to be opened on Sugar CRM to facilitate the reporting of accidents, incidents or near-misses, with the case reference to be circulated once created.

A petition, submitted by residents, is to be added to the relevant file.

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.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

An update was requested on the provision of a fence to secure and prevent access to council owned lands. It was confirmed that this could not form part of the taking in charge process and that a costing had been obtained, for which there was currently no funding available. It was agreed that the executive would take action, based on available resources and that a letter would issue to the Gardaí expressing concerns regarding trespass on the lands and requesting that action be taken.



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4.3 Corporate Services

4.3.1 To discuss the 2019 Municipal District Civic Achievement Awards.

It was agreed that the event would take place at 7.00pm on Sunday 19th May in the Castle Arch Hotel, with the list of recipients to be agreed.

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. Councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of applications.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"Following on from the motion adopted at a previous meeting, can the Council please give an update as to the current state of contract negotiations relating to the operation of the Civic Amenity Sites and the proposed exemption from recycling charges for registered Charities?"

Response:

The re-tendering process for the operation of the three Civic Amenity sites in Meath will commence in Q2 of 2019 and the issue of exemptions from recycling charges can be considered as part of this process.

It is pointed out that the Regional Waste Management Plan Offices have appointed Consultants to carry out a study on the operation of Civic Amenity Sites throughout the Country and such a study will examine details of services provided, costs of running the centres, charges and exemptions applying, etc. It is likely that the findings of the study, which will take some 6 months to complete, will also feed into any decisions relating to future exemptions from charges applying in the centres.

The response was noted.

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6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“We call on Meath County Council, with the endorsement of each participating Municipal District, to review the temporary signage bye-laws, including any relevant exemptions and/or exempted areas, during periods where judging or review is taking place for programmes that directly impact on the reputation or economic prosperity of the area.”

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

While there are no statutory Bye Laws in place relation to the erection of signage, the Council some years back introduced a signage policy for non commercial events which takes account of the requirements of the Litter Act, the Waste Management Acts etc . This policy allows for community and voluntary groups to make application for permission to erect posters for upcoming social and fund raising events and where granted, conditions are attached including in respect of the size, location and time periods when/where such posters can be erected. One of the conditions provides that signage should only be erected on approach roads to urban areas, within the speed restriction areas but should not be placed within actual town/village centres.

The signage policy does not cover such events as travelling circus, funfair, carnival, show, musicians, players or other travelling entertainment as these are covered by special exemptions in the Planning Regulations. Public Meeting advertisements fall under Section 19(7) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, and are not therefore subject to the Event Signage Procedure and/or application. Signage in respect of commercial operations are subject to consents under the planning legislation.

While there are no provisions in the non statutory policy relating to the erection of posters during periods when specific events are taking place, enforcement action can be taken where such posters are found to be in breach of the Litter Act or other legislation.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

The motion was adopted.



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

7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 22nd March, 2019.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 28th March, 2019.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from residents of Lackanash, Trim.

This was dealt with under Item 4.1.1.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach