



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

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

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00p.m., 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Noel French**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch, Ronan McKenna.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Assistant Engineer:** Jim McElhinney

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Maura Daly, Executive Engineer, Claire King, Meetings Administrator

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor End Flynn**.

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested an update on the former ESB building in Enfield – It was pointed out that the OPW have now received a valuation on the building. A meeting will be arranged at the earliest opportunity to progress this matter further.

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested an update on the School Warden policy – It was pointed out that the School Warden policy was discussed at the recent Transportation SPC meeting. It will be looked at in terms of Road Safety policy and to try and incorporate School Wardens into the Road Safety Policy.



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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Fergus O'Rourke, friend and colleague of the staff of Meath County Council and a resident of Trim.

Congratulations were extended to the following:

- Enfield and surrounding areas of the community involved in the Darkness into Light walk.
- Meath County Council who were in the top three for an audit on openness and transparency in Local Authorities.
- Trim Tourism Network and Meath County Council for the re-opening of the Tourist Office.
- Trim Tourism Network on the bringing of the Race Around Ireland to Trim.

### **4 To receive a presentation from Trim Tidy Towns Youth Committee.**

Mark Molloy, Youth Worker with SMART and four second year students from Boyne Community School, who carried out an Anti Litter Awareness Campaign, delivered a presentation which included the background to the project, research carried out, how they reached their target audience, conclusion and recommendations.

Matters raised included the need to engage with local businesses, getting more young people involved and the need to replicate this project in other schools. It was also suggested to use the project as a Junior Entrepreneur Programme within the school and sell their wares.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked the group for their excellent presentation and commended their efforts to date.

### **5 Statutory Business**



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### **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 the matters raised by Councillors included:-

- The need for works to be carried out at the Kilcooley Junction where the edge of the road is breaking away.
- Requested an update on the junction at Enfield Bye Pass towards Johnstown Bridge.
- The deterioration of the cul-de-sac on the L80812 since football facilities have been developed resulting in an increase in traffic onto the road – It was suggested that this road may be suitable for an LIS for next year. It was agreed to take a look at it in the meantime.
- The removal of damaged equipment in Enfield playground – It was pointed out that once equipment is faulty it has to be removed. It was suggested that if a committee were formed locally to oversee the playground, it may reduce the amount of vandalism which is taking place.
- Coillte have agreed to clean up the Illegal dumping in Frayne Bog and are agreeable to liaise with Meath County Council to put preventative measures in place.
- The need for landowners to cut their grass verges along the roads to make them more accessible and visible.

### **5.2 Planning**

5.2.1 To receive Part 8 Chief Executive Report (reference P818002) in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 in relation to a 3km stretch of cycleway/footway along the Royal Canal between Ferrans Lock and



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Cloncurry.

Aoife Kennedy, Assistant Planner outlined the report and recommendation, which had been circulated in advance. Councillors welcomed this section of the cycleway.

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

### **5.3 Corporate Services**

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

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

## **6 Notice of Question**

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

“Can the list of footpaths awaiting repairs or construction in the Trim area be provided to Councillors?”

#### **Response:**

*A list of footpaths awaiting repairs or construction in the Trim area will be provided to Councillors. In addition to this, comprehensive footpath surveys are commencing in towns in all Municipal Districts in the near future and this will provide a mechanism for prioritisation of future footpath works.*

The response was noted.

## **7 Notice of Motion**

### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**



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“That Meath County Council consider sponsoring the cost of a CCTV system for Mornington Heights estate.”

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

*Meath County Council currently has no proposals or funding to develop a CCTV scheme in Mornington Heights.*

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

The motion was noted.

### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

“That Meath County Council proceed immediately with a variation to the county Development Plan to allow for the identification and registration of vacant sites on a vacant site register and that the HSE lands between Mornington and the Ring Road be included in such a register.”

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

*Variation 4 of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 was adopted by the full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. This variation provided for the inclusion of objectives for the regeneration and renewal of land and the active land management of vacant sites within the Settlement/Core Strategy of the County Development Plan.*

*Reason: To comply with the requirements of, and to give effect to the Vacant Sites Register in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.*

*The Planning Department is currently identifying appropriate sites in accordance with the Act and will assess the suitability of the site identified when appropriate to do so.*



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

The motion was noted.

### **7.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“In view of the fact that the Housing SPC is developing an estate management policy, Trim Municipal District agrees to write to the SPC and request that an estate in the Trim area is selected to develop a pilot project.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

The motion was adopted.

## **8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes**

8.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The report was noted.

8.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The report was noted.

8.3 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

The report was noted.

## **9 Correspondence**

9.1 Correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to the Notice of Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion as adopted at April meeting re Rebuilding Ireland home loans scheme.



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The correspondence was noted.

### **10 Any Other Business**

#### 10.1 To receive an update on Paid Parking in Trim

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation Department attended the meeting and provided an update on Trim Parking system. He outlined recent and proposed initiatives, long and short stay permits, comparison of services in Trim and Navan, and comparison of the previous and current service in Navan. He also outlined the resourcing of the service which will commence on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Matters raised by Councillors included:-

- Expressed disappointment that they hadn't been informed at an earlier stage – It was pointed out that it involved dealing with staff and unions and they never go public on those issues until a decision is made.
- Asked how long the arrangement with the private company is for – it was advised that this is a permanent change with the initial contract set for a period of 6 months.
- Asked how much it was costing – It was pointed that it was done through a competitive tender process so it is value for money.
- Asked if it was saving money – It was pointed out that when everything is added up it will roughly break even. There will potentially be an increase in income if people are more compliant which means they are paying for their parking.
- Asked if there would be changes to long stay parking as a concession to people in the town – It was advised that there are no changes to anything other than staff.
- Asked if the contract was available for Councillors to view – It was pointed out that the wording of the contract is included in the tender which is available.



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- Requested the public be notified of the new staff arrangements.

10.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:-

10.2.1 Recently visited the Step Down Housing Project in Navan and asked if this project could be considered for Trim.

10.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:-

10.3.1 Asked if the right of way was maintained on the road to the left of Aldi - It was confirmed that there is a public right of way in existence into that premises. It is an objective in the Trim Development Plan to provide a walkway/pedestrian way along that route.

10.4 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:-

10.4.1 Requested a further letter be issued to the Department of Education in relation to the old school on Patrick Street.

10.4.2 Requested Irish Water be contacted following a further burst main at Newtown and asked if there are bigger issues in this area causing the burst mains.

10.5 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issue:-

10.5.1 Welcomes the improvement of on street parking over the last few months. Currently there are 50 to 60 cars parked in the car park at Flattery's pub in Enfield which is being put up for auction. If the car park is closed to the public, it will cause parking issues.

Dara McGowan advised that the tenders for Trim Library have been assessed and a letter has issued to the successful person.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**





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**Cathaoirleach**