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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:15p.m., 15th June, 2018, 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 May, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French requested that another letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills regarding their plans for the old school on Patrick Street and pointing out that the number of letters issued without response.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Councillor Joe Reilly;



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- Councillor Wayne Harding on the death of his brother, Gary;
- Councillor Sharon Tolan on the death of her father, John Donohoe.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Scurlogstown Olympiad on their upcoming festival;
- Councillor Trevor Golden on the inaugural meeting of Trim Brass Band;
- Trim Tourism Network on being selected as an Erasmus project;
- Ballivor Horse Show on their successful event.

4 Prosper Meath – Accessibility Campaign Update.

Niamh Clavin, Manager and Michelle Whelehan, Service User delivered a presentation on Prosper Meath, including services, locations, collaboration with the Council and future plans, and ongoing projects. Further projects were also outlined and it was suggested that the group return with their documentary when it was completed.

Matters raised by the Council included:

- Commended the group on their approach.
- Acknowledged the significant works undertaken by the Municipal District staff, which have benefited so many people by improving accessibility and quality of life.
- The opportunities to increase awareness amongst school children and teachers.
- The possibility of extending these initiatives to other towns in the county.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Niamh and Michelle for their presentation and commended them on the works undertaken.



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5 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

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

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

- 6.1.1 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:

- Query on plans to reline the streets – it was confirmed that there were no plans other than two loading bays.
- The provision of an Age Friendly car parking space.
- Complaints received about the public toilets and the possibility of assessing the options available – it was pointed out these were old facilities.
- Update on the lights at Dangan N.S. – it was confirmed that these were operational.
- Footpath repairs needed at Ballivor playground.
- Welcomed the pedestrian crossing at Loman Street.
- The possibility of resurfacing the streets in Trim following road opening works and/or putting a policy in place to restrict road openings prior to any resurfacing works – it was pointed out that a procedure was already in place whereby service providers are contacted prior to resurfacing works being carried out. It was also pointed out that funding was not available to resurface the streets in the town.



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- Update on the lights at the canal on the Trim Road, Enfield – it was agreed to check this as the ESB were due to carry out works.
- Update on the works at the crossroads on the bridge bypass – it was agreed to check this.
- The need for areas on each side of the motorway to be maintained.
- Road markings needed on the Enfield to Johnstown road – it was confirmed that these works commenced this week.
- Signage obstructed by overgrown verges – it was confirmed that works were ongoing.

The Cathaoirleach suggested that many of these issues should be submitted via Sugar.

6.2 Community

- 6.2.1 To receive a presentation on the current LEADER programme & updates to the scheme.

Colin Ludlow, Senior Project Officer, Meath Partnership delivered a presentation on the LEADER 2020 programme, including an overview of the programme, the thematic framework 2014-2020, eligible project areas, ineligible activities, available grant rates, benefits of changes to programme delivery, progress 2017 – 2018 including progression of applications in 2018 and applications approved 2017 – 2018.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The plans to improve the number of expressions of interest from the Trim Municipal District – the timeline for the launch of the programme was outlined, with the next three years to focus on the maximisation of interest and applications. It was confirmed that a number of animation events were planned.

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- The administrative costs associated with the programme – it was confirmed that administrative costs were capped at 20% of the total programme budget and were currently running at approximately 14-15%.
- Queries were raised around specific allocations within the programme.
- The role of Councillors in promoting interest in the programme – it was suggested that Meath Partnership would meet with interested groups if arranged by Councillors.
- The challenges facing smaller groups in terms of meeting the conditions of the programme – it was confirmed that feedback from groups did indicate that there were challenges with the processes and that, whilst this was fed back to the Department, ultimately the programme is run according to EU regulations.
- Reference was made to presentations made previously by community groups where projects had been identified.

It was agreed that Councillors could meet with Meath Partnership separately to discuss specific issues.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Colin and Robert for attending and the information provided.

6.3 Corporate Services

- 6.3.1 To discuss the hosting of a civic reception to welcome the visiting delegation as part of the *'Children's Mission: Europe without Borders!'* project.

Reference was made to the request made by St. Michael's school for a civic reception on 4th September 2018. It was unanimously agreed that this would be arranged and would take place in the school.

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



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

7 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

8 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

9 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

9.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 29th May, 2018.

The report was noted.

10 Correspondence

10.1 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 the Rebuilding Ireland Home loans Scheme.

The correspondence was noted. Councillor Caroline Lynch requested that a letter issue to the Department requesting clarification on any flexibility in the administration of the scheme, as indicated in this correspondence.

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

11.1.1 Requested confirmation that a report on pedestrian crossings would be available at the July meeting – this was confirmed.

11.1.2 Referred to the need for longer opening hours for the castle and tourist office,



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including early mornings and evenings. It was agreed that a letter would issue to the OPW seeking a meeting with relevant personnel in their offices to discuss this matter.

11.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

11.2.1 Requested that a letter issue to Waterways Ireland requesting that plant growth in the canal at Enfield be cut and removed to improve navigation on the canal.

11.2.2 The need to cut the briars along the Greenway between Enfield and Furey's.

11.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

11.3.1 The trip to Wexford being organised by the JPC next week to view Garda facilities.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach