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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 27th July, 2018, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Trevor Golden**, presided.

Councillors Present: Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Noel French.

Apologies: Councillors Caroline Lynch and 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 Annual Meeting held on 15th June, 2018.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th June, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to a query by Councillor Noel French, it was confirmed that no response had yet been received from the Department of Education and Skills in relation to their plans for the old school premises on Patrick Street. He asked that it be reported that a noxious weed, ragwort, was growing on the premises of the old school.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Noel French on the launch of his new book, “Discovering the Boyne Valley”;
- Trim Tourism Network on the launch of their various initiatives, including a map, visitor passport, float, etc.
- Meath Local Sports Partnership on their upcoming Meath Heritage Cycle Tour and to Council staff who had cooperated with plans for the event;
- All involved in the Trim Vintage & Veteran Car Rally & Show, the Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival, etc.
- Meath Fire Service on dealing with the recent bog fires and preventing further damage to property.

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 it was also confirmed that the design for the Market Street junction was being finalised and that works were due to commence shortly on the Low Cost Safety Scheme on the Enfield Ring Road.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the proposed works on the Market Street junction, which were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Noel French and seconded by Councillor Joe Fox – it was confirmed that works would start later this year.



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- Requested an update on the pedestrian crossing at Supervalu – it was confirmed that these works were to go out to tender and would commence later this year. In relation to traffic management proposals for Trim, it was also pointed out that the pedestrian crossing on Loman Street had been completed, the works on the Dublin Road would be completed before the schools return and that other works would link with proposals from Age Friendly and Prosper Meath. In relation to the proposals for the outer relief roads and the discussion that had previously taken place, a revised proposal would be brought to the municipal district and would be included in the review of the Trim Development Plan or as a variation.
- Requested an update on the commencement of works in Ballivor playground.
- Requested that the mobile speed detector be moved to Ballivor and Longwood.
- The removal of bins from Griffin Park, Manorlands and Avondale – it was pointed out that this was due to the amount of domestic refuse being deposited in the bins and that any bins that were subject to such abuse would also be removed. Consideration was being given to renting Big Belly Bins for suitable locations. It was confirmed that, where contacts were available for residents associations, notice was given if bins were to be removed. Councillors requested that notice of bin removal be provided at municipal district level also.
- Requested an update on the provision of lighting along the riverside walkway at Avondale – it was pointed out that a costing had been obtained from the ESB for these works but that no funding provision had yet been made and that this could be considered as part of the next budget.
- Requested an update on progress in relation to the dog park.
- Requested that a letter of thanks issue to Anthony Conlon, Brian Heffernan and the staff who had contributed to the town looking so well.



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- Welcomed safety works at Clonard School.
- The need to review the traffic accessing/exiting the petrol station at the Summerhill/Longwood roundabout and the impact on traffic flows.
- The responsibility for maintaining roundabouts, even those that are sponsored, e.g. the roundabout coming into Enfield off the motorway.
- The possibility of providing a footpath from Baconstown school to the GAA club – it was confirmed that this had already been requested and would be subject to engineering assessment.
- The extension of the roadside hedge cutting period by a month, permitted from 1st August, and the need to encourage landowners to cut hedges from this date.
- The weeds on road sides and on kerbing in Kildalkey – it was confirmed that this would be dealt with.
- The proposed works on the public toilets and the possibility of working with the tourism groups/agencies to deal with the ongoing issues.

4.1.2 To receive a presentation in relation to proposed awareness campaign & text alert service by Meath Disability Network to raise awareness about misuse of Disable Bays.

Tracey Holsgrove and Michael McCabe, Meath Disability Network outlined the proposed awareness campaign, 'Back in 5', planned for Trim on the morning of 24th August, a campaign that was held successfully in Navan in 2017, and also a Text Alert Scheme, which involved signs being erected with a number to text if disabled bays are abused.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** that the campaign proceed as outlined.

4.2 Housing



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- 4.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2017 on proposed development which will comprise the conversion of the former crèche at The Belfry, Athboy Road, Trim, Co. Meath to 2 no. 1 bed units and 1 no. 2 bed unit including all site development works. (P818010).

Padraig Maguire, Senior Executive Planner outlined the key points in the report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The report and recommendation was noted on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

4.3 Planning

- 4.3.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.

- Stonyford Housing Estate, Ballivor

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

4.4 Corporate Services

- 4.4.1 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 Trevor Golden



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“For the September meeting of the Trim Municipal District, can we have a report detailing the available statistics from the Speed Activated Signs in the Trim Municipal District?”

Response:

The Transportation Department will arrange for a report to be presented to the September meeting.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“For Trim Municipal District/Meath County Council to immediately assume the necessary posts of responsibility for the Boyne Blueway from Longwood to Bective.

The posts of responsibility include erecting signage and liaising with other state agencies such as the OPW. The Boyne Blueway Steering Group has completed the initial steps and the project cannot proceed until this action is taken. This motion asks for immediate action as funding secured by Meath Tourism earlier this year will expire in September.”

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

This project is being progressed by the relevant agencies. However, clarification is awaited on the signage requirements along the River Boyne as it is located within a SPA and SAC area. Once these details are confirmed, we will be better placed to provide an update.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

The motion was adopted.



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7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

7.1 To note the report from the Housing SPC meeting of 15th June, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 22nd June, 2018.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 26th June, 2018.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Concerns expressed by residents in Maudlin Vale regarding fires being deliberately set.

9.1.2 The need to apply for funding for Trim – reference was made to the different available funding streams, including the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, for which an application had been made for St. Kinneth's. A submission had also been made for the Porchfields under the Outdoor Recreation Scheme, the closing date for which was today, and applications are also being considered for the urban and rural regeneration fund, a substantial fund, with Councillors urged to submit proposals.

9.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:



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9.2.1 Requested an update on the meeting with T-Act.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach