



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

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

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

***2:00p.m., 21<sup>st</sup> September, 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 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

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

Councillor Noel French congratulated all involved in the 'Back in 5' awareness initiative. He also welcomed the pedestrian crossing works in Clonard. A short discussion followed on the responsibility of drivers to comply with the speed limit, thereby avoiding approaching the raised table at speed.

Councillor Caroline Lynch welcomed the works and maintenance undertaken at the public toilets.



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Councillor Trevor Golden welcomed the works undertaken on the Blueway.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Former Councillor Gabriel Cribben on the death of his twin brother, Dermot, in England.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Council staff on their work during the recent adverse weather and for the regular notifications on social media on related issues, which helped to minimise disruption. Reference was made to the responsibility of landowners to ensure that trees and hedges are properly maintained and do not pose a danger to vehicles or other road users. It was confirmed that enforcement actions have commenced in relation to failure to cut hedges/trees.
- Trim Cycling Club on winning the Race Around Ireland, which for the first time started and finished in Trim;
- All involved in the organisation of the Salmon of Knowledge Festival, the Meath Agricultural Show, the Bank of Ireland Enterprise Awards, Royal Meath Show and the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland;
- Emma Ferguson, Longwood on winning the ICA's National Brown Bread Competition.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

- 4.1.1 To receive an update on works completed/ planned within Trim Municipal District.

Donna Moran, Assistant Engineer was welcomed to the meeting.



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The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Update on the replacement of equipment in Enfield playground – it was confirmed that the equipment would be replaced in approximately two weeks, following completion of works.
- The provision of a bin on Main Street, Longwood and the possibility of securing business sponsorship for bins – it was pointed out the manpower was not available for additional bin collections and discussions were underway with a view to examining the supply of Big Belly Bins, which would be ideal for villages. It was agreed to provide a report on this approach for consideration during the budget process.
- The possibility of using Mornington Heights as a pilot project for estate management following the significant works undertaken.
- The erection of additional seating from Knightsbridge to the Post Office and from Avondale to the Post Office.
- Signage on some of the roundabouts is causing concern to the Tidy Towns Group.
- Concern that issues raised are not being addressed in the works carried out to the junction at the Enfield Bypass.
- The increase in Japanese Knotweed and Ragwort and the need to contain it. It was asked if this issue could be quantified with regard to new incidents and the rate of reporting.
- Requested that the OPW dispose of all items removed from the river by them during a recent clean up of the river.

4.1.2 To receive an update on the County Meath Special Speed Limit review following on from the Statutory Public Display of the Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.2) 2017



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Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the update provided, the submissions received and the proposed amendments and next steps. Responses were provided to specific queries raised.

The update was noted.

### **4.2 Corporate Services**

#### **4.2.1 To discuss the 2018 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal budget.**

Robert Collins, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services advised of the €8,000 budget €5,500 has already been allocated this year leaving a balance of €2,500. Following a short discussion, the Cathaoirleach proposed that the balance be allocated to this year's Christmas Market. If agreed, the budget would be allocated to the Trim Tourism Network on the basis of an agreed joint proposal being submitted to the Council for the operation of the market. It was also proposed that Councillors allocate €1,000 of their Municipal District Allocation towards the Christmas Market as done previously.

Following a short discussion, the proposal was agreed, subject to two clarifications. Firstly, that smaller towns within the Trim Municipal District should be allocated funding for Christmas lights, same as in previous years.

Clarification was also sought with regard to next year's Municipal District Allocation and following same the following Councillors agreed to allocate the following funding towards the Christmas Market:-

- Cllr Caroline Lynch €1,000 from 2019 fund.
- Cllr Enda Flynn €1,000
- Cllr Joe Fox €1,000
- Cllr Trevor Golden €1,000
- Cllr Ronan McKenna €2,000 plus an additional €1,000 if funding has not already been allocated to the smaller towns towards Christmas lights.

#### **4.2.2 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. Councillors were reminded of the deadlines for the receipt of applications and of the amount outstanding for allocation within the municipal district.

### **5 Notice of Question**

#### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn**

“What progress has been made by the Council in taking ownership of the derelict house in Glenidan to allow it to be renovated, which has been burned down for approximately 10 years?”

**Response:**

*It is confirmed that, following correspondence with a number of legal firms, a potential owner has been identified. The Council’s law agent has advised there are some legal issues that need to be resolved and a meeting with the law agent is to be scheduled to review these issues.*

The response was noted.

#### **5.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

“What is the current status of the requested gritting route between Trim and Kildalkey for the 2018/2019 Winter Gritting programme?”

**Response:**

*Meath County Council is constantly reviewing it’s Winter Gritting Plan and has currently tendered for plant to marginally increase capacity on the gritting routes. The route in question is currently being considered for inclusion on the permanent Winter Gritting Plan.*

*In the meantime, it has been agreed that this route will be added to the Priority 3 list, for gritting whenever the relief truck is available. This will not be advertised as part of the Council’s Winter Gritting Plan as this truck may be required as back up for the Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes.*



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The response was noted.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

“Requesting Meath County Council to carry out an in-dept traffic analysis of heavy goods vehicles travelling through Longwood. The data should include the following in addition to any other criteria deemed necessary by the Transport Department:

- The number of Heavy Goods Vehicles Passing through the village on average per day (Mon-Fri)
- The Source and Destination of the vehicles.
- Average Speed of vehicles on the Enfield / Trim road - Propose the relocation of radar sign to measure.”

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

*Meath County Council will undertake an in-depth analysis of the average number of HGVs travelling through Longwood village along this route (Mon – Fri) and also the average speed of vehicles on the Enfield/Trim Road.*

*The Council has carried out a preliminary study on traffic at this location and intends to submit an application for funding to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, under the Safety Improvement Scheme 2019 for minor improvements works.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

The motion was adopted.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**



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“For the Trim Municipal District to issue an appeal to An Post ([reviews@anpost.ie](mailto:reviews@anpost.ie)) in support of efforts in Rathmolyon by local business and residents to establish a new Post Office. The appeal should include details on projected population, transport and connectivity links.”

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

The motion was adopted.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn**

“In the interest of safety that Meath County Council investigate the possibility of moving the bus stops in Enfield to the Clonard end of the village in order that it would be close to the parking facilities provided at the train station and then move the bus stops if this alternative is deemed more suitable.”

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

*The Dublin-bound bus stop in Enfield was originally located near the train station, but it was relocated to outside SuperValu to resolve difficulties with the original location. Requests for new bus stops and use of bus stops by operators require the approval of the NTA, and licences are granted under the Road Traffic Act. Removal of the existing bus stops would therefore affect all existing licences that grant permission to use the bus stops in their current locations. There is, however, a possibility that two new bus stops will be provided as part of a proposed mixed-use development at the Clonard end of the town; these bus stops would be located between the railway line and the ring-road roundabout.*

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

The motion was adopted.

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

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



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The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:-

9.1.1 Requested an update on the OPW building in Enfield – It was confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the OPW and that an application is being made for Rural Regeneration Fund for this building.

9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:-

9.2.1 Sought an update on the old school and Educate Together – Cllr Fox, as a board member advised that this is under a Redress Scheme whereby the old school has been given to the Department of Education who have given it to Educate Together. There are some legal issues which are outstanding. It was further advised that the Department of Education have negotiated a 3 year lease on the old Tide Building.

As there is no update on the old school on Patrick Street it was requested that a letter be written to the Department of Education asking of their intentions as owners with regard to the refurbishment of this building. If they have no plans for this building it was asked of the Council could apply for rural regeneration fund for same.

Des Foley confirmed that they will be submitting applications for Trim Municipal District under Rural Regeneration Fund as follows:-

- Library and Cultural Centre
- Converting the Town Hall building to a Visitor Centre – The OPW are taking the lead and making the application for this project.
- Road Project proposal for Dublin to Navan road.





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- The refurbishment and renovation of St. Kinneth's Church for Community use. – It was asked if Ballivor Community Library could move onto the site with a portable structure in the meantime.
- Conversion of the OPW building in Enfield to Community use.

9.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:-

9.3.1 All Civic Receptions for the area be rolled into one.

9.3.2 Proposed that the Twinning with Entrepagny be revived. Cllr Noel French agreed to liaise with all groups involved. Cllr Caroline Lynch agreed to meet with the Athboy Twinning group and bring back their model to Trim.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**