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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 16th November, 2018, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillor 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 19th October, 2018.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th October, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 2nd November, 2018.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 2nd November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- All the participants and winners in the county Pride of Place awards and the Community Department for organising the event.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

Matters raised by councillors included:

- The possibility of providing a space for cyclists on the verge of the Kinnegad Road into Clonard.
- The possibility of reviewing lined parking spaces and HGV traffic in Longwood - it was confirmed that a funding application was being made for a Low Cost Safety Scheme in the village.
- The need for a more proactive approach to encourage landowners to cut back trees and hedges along roadsides to prevent damage to people and property during adverse weather events.
- Update on the issuing of tender documents for redesign works on Market Street, Watergate Street and Emmet Street – it was confirmed that these had issued this morning.
- Update on works at Supervalu/Haggard Street – it was confirmed that an update would be circulated.
- Update on resurfacing works in Mornington – it was pointed out that this had been subject to delays by the contractor.



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- The possibility of including the Trim to Enfield Road through Rathmolyon on the winter gritting programme – it was confirmed that this road had been proposed previously, that currently 83% of regional roads were included in the programme, that new trucks were due to be delivered by the end of January allowing an additional 40kms of road to be added to the programme and it may be possible to include this road at that stage. A review of all routes would take place prior to the next winter season, with the target being the coverage of all regional routes over the coming years.
- Concerns expressed regarding slippery conditions, during wet weather, on roundabouts off the M3, including the old N3 at Dunshaughlin water tower and Drumree Road.
- The possibility of including a programme in 2019 to power hose streets – it was agreed to check this.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To receive an update on the preparation of Variation No.1 of the Trim Development Plan 2014-2020. This variation will align the Trim Development Plan with the key tenets of the Meath Economic Strategy.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner and Fergal O’Bric, Executive Planner provided an update on the anticipated timeline with regard to the County Development Plan review and confirmed that the current Trim Development Plan is likely to be in place for approximately two years post adoption of the County Development Plan, thus requiring the variation as presented. The objectives, reasons for the exercise, proposals, economic advantages of the area, next steps and timeline were outlined.

A discussion followed with responses provided on specific queries and issues raised. The Cathaoirleach and councillors welcomed the proposals made.

4.3 Corporate Services

- 4.3.1 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.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Regarding a new burial ground for Trim can the following be clarified:

- How many sites have been identified to date and were these identified by the local authority or a third party?
- Is the local authority the only entity involved in the process or is the local authority in partnership with other entities?
- How many sites, if any, have been identified as viable, what is the capacity/timeframe for delivery and supporting infrastructure required?”

Response:

- *3 viable sites have been identified to date, lands at Loganstown, Dunganny and Dogstown. Site investigations were undertaken at the site in Loganstown and it was found to be suitable for burials, an offer has been made on the 13 acre site and we await a response from the vendor. The other two sites have not progressed to site investigation stage but a desktop geological study has been undertaken and this suggests favourable ground conditions but, as always, must be verified by excavating trial pits. The site in Loganstown is also more favourable in terms of accessibility and proximity to the town. The sites in Loganstown and Dunganny were identified by Meath County Council and the Dogtown site via an estate agent. Notifications for land for sale have also been set up on the major property selling websites.*
- *Meath County Council is the only entity involved in procuring new burial grounds and do not intend to partner with others. The site will offer a full range of interment options including traditional burials, green burials and columbarium walls for cremated remains.*



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- *See answer above. It is estimated it would take 6 months to develop the preliminary design, 6 months to take through Part 8 and develop detailed design, 6 months for tendering stage and assessment and 1 year to build; in total 2.5 years.*

The response was noted.

5.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Can the Council provide an update on the progress of lighting installation at the linear park and the progress of the pilot project in Mornington Heights?”

Response:

Work has already commenced on the lighting installation at the linear park and it is planned to commence work on the pilot project in Mornington Heights before Christmas.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“This Municipal District agrees to write to the recycling facility in Trim requesting that registered charities be except from re cycling charges in view of the financial difficulties they often find themselves in.”

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

Free entry to the Civic Amenity Sites was the subject of previous requests but were rejected on a number of grounds including the administration of such an arrangement. While this position has not changed it is pointed out that the Environment Department are proposing, as part of the estimates process, to reduce the entry fee to the three sites with a view to increasing the numbers of visitors and reduce incidences where household and other waste are given to ‘Man with a Van’ type operators.



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

It was agreed that this motion would be submitted as consideration as part of the review of the operation of the civic amenity sites.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“This Municipal District agrees to write to all suitable vacant commercial properties in the Trim area as part of the rates collection process to encourage them to consider using their properties for residential lettings to ease the housing shortage in Trim and encourage urban regeneration.”

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

The data relating to vacant commercial properties collected with regard to Commercial Rates can only be used in accordance with the Data Protection Privacy Notice with regard to Rates. The privacy notice states that the information “Obtained for only specified, explicit and legitimate purposes, Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for purpose for which it was obtained.” To do otherwise would be a breach of GDPR regulations. To use commercial rates data to approach persons to encourage them to consider using their commercial properties for residential lettings would be such a breach.

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

In light of the supporting information provided, an amended motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**, as follows:

“That this Municipal District asks Meath County Council to undertake an extensive advertising campaign to encourage all owners of suitable vacant commercial properties in the Trim area to consider using their properties for residential lettings to ease the housing shortage in Trim and encourage urban regeneration.”



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

- 7.1** To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 17th October, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2** To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 25th October, 2018, together with Policy Document School Wardens.

The report was noted. Councillor Enda Flynn referred to the availability of substitute cover for school wardens and it was noted that this would come before the full council for adoption.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1** Correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to the Notice of Item 10.1 from June meeting re Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1** Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Trim Christmas lights – it was agreed that these would be switched on the evening of Saturday 1st December, that the Brass Band had been confirmed, that refreshments would be arranged and that the five primary schools would be invited to nominate a student each to switch on the lights.

- 9.2** Des Foley raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Confirmed that the Christmas parking initiative includes one hour paid and one



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hour free on-street parking with free parking in public car parks from 14th December 2018 to 1st January 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach