



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***10:00a.m., 21<sup>st</sup> December 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

**Assistant Engineer:** Donna Moran

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested an update on the planned works in Longwood under the Low Cost Safety Scheme – it was confirmed that the options were being reviewed with the aim of undertaking works in 2019.

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

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family and friends of the late Margaret Lang, Trim;
- Councillor Brian Fitzgerald on the death of his sister.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted and councillors welcomed the improved progress in relation to the delivery of requested signage and the improved pedestrian safety at Loman Street following the installation of the pedestrian crossing.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked the engineers and outdoor staff for their hard work throughout the year, particularly during the adverse weather events, and acknowledged the significant progress made despite the limited resources.

It was suggested that a end of year report be prepared outlining the key achievements of the year.

#### **4.2 Corporate Services**

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

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

### **5 Notice of Question**

#### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor**

There were no Notices of Question.



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### **6 Notice of Motion**

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

“That Trim Municipal District will carry out a survey and present a report, with costings and other relevant proposals, to the Elected Members on the Trim - Kildalkey road. The survey should include, but not be limited to, the following points: Road Marking, Alignment, Speed Limits, Road Safety and other points deemed relevant.”

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

*The Council will carry out a review of this road and will revert to the Municipal District as soon as possible in Q1 of 2019.*

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

The motion was adopted.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

“That Meath County Council investigates the installation of new technology charging points for electrical vehicles.”

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

*As the Members will be aware the Council published a draft Climate Action Strategy in June of this year and which contains various specific actions which demonstrate a commitment to increasing the use of Sustainable Transport and reducing carbon emissions within our region. These include:*

- *The Retrofit of charging points in towns in and around Meath.*



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- *To support the growth of electric vehicles and EBikes and supporting facilities, through a roll-out of additional electric charging points in collaboration with relevant agencies at appropriate locations.*
- *To facilitate the provision of electricity charging infrastructure for electric vehicles both on street and in new developments in accordance with car parking standards.*

*A number of particular initiatives have already commenced in respect of compliance with these actions including the submission of an application for Interreg funding for the installation of Electric Vehicle Rapid Chargers at five locations in the County.*

*The Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) for the Eastern & Midlands Region and headed by Kildare County Council are also examining possible funding streams to go towards the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points and the Council will work closely with the CARO and other agencies in increasing the number of such facilities throughout the County.*

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

A short discussion followed with a number of suggestions being made.

The motion was adopted.

### **6.3 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

“That Meath County Council considers the introduction of public water fountains where possible in public areas to reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles.”

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

*The Council’s draft Climate Action Strategy recognises the need to use our natural resources more effectively in view of the rapid depletion of such resources a situation which is exacerbated by our culture of single use of resources and particularly plastic bottles and cups.*



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*The strategy also sees the key role that effective use of resources will play in helping us to adapt to a changing climate as well as multiple benefits for our residents including improved health and well being.*

*The installation of public water fountains at strategic locations as a measure to reduce plastic waste and to introduce water sustainability is something that will be considered by the Council. Such considerations will include the identification of pilot locations where there is a high pedestrian footfall, the costs associated with the proposal and engagement with Irish Water in terms of any new connections necessary.*

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

The motion was adopted.

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

- 7.1 To note the report from the Environment SPC meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> November together with Low Cost Private Site Scheme.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

- 9.1.1 Proposed that a request be made to the Protocol Committee that, commencing with the new council term, the municipal district medal and ribbon be replaced



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with the medal and chain of office to record the names of the chairs, to symbolise the significance of the role as representative of the people and for use at ceremonial occasions. It was also suggested that any associated cost might be met by councillors through the Municipal District Allocation Scheme.

9.1.2 Requested that a letter issue to the Church of Ireland, Loman Street in appreciation of the invitation to attend the dedication service for the restored stained glass windows.

9.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Referred to the need to widen the footpath towards Longwood village and improve safety in the village, particularly in the proximity of the schools.

9.2.2 Requested an update on efforts to improve broadband availability in areas such as Killyon. A discussion followed on the types of initiatives where the local authority could assist communities in improving local broadband services. It was agreed to refer this to the Broadband Officer.

9.3 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Requested an update on the My Open Library initiative.

The Cathaoirleach wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**