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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 17th May, 2019, 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 26th April, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th April, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch welcomed the correspondence from the Gardaí in relation to Abbeyfields, Clonard and requested an update in relation to the provision of the fencing – a commitment had been given and would be progressed.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:



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- Trim Tourism Network on the visit of the Kennedys and also to Meath County Council and local businesses for their support;
- Councillor Caroline Lynch on her birthday;
- The organisers of the first Darkness Into Light event.

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

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Newtown, Trim, Co. Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 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:

- The provision of a continuous white line at Lackanash and Newtown.
- The provision of yellow boxes to facilitate traffic exiting Steeple Manor and De Lacey Crescent.
- Complimented the quality of the works undertaken by contractors in the town.
- The need for a footpath, even a section, from the playschool to Enfield village.
- The need for resurfacing of Eskeroon Lane.



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- The possibility of installing pedestrian/cyclist friendly lights on the bridge at Newtown.
- The possibility of providing bins at the main entrances to the Porchfields.
- Requested that the OPW be asked to remove the items dumped in the river when the water levels fall.
- Requested that the speed radar signs be installed on the Trim – Longwood Road, at Oakley estate, and that the statistics be provided to the new council for consideration.
- Queried the letter that was to issue to residents in Lackanash following the April meeting – it was agreed to check this.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked the engineering and outdoor staff for their work over the council term and acknowledged the progress achieved.

5.2 Corporate Services

- 5.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2018 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2018 on the proposed up-grade of Trim Library in conjunction with the adjoining St Patricks Church, to create a new Cultural Centre, incorporating an expanded Library and a new multi-functional space at High Street Trim, Co. Meath in the townland of Townparks North. (P8/19006)

Fergal O'Bric, Executive Planner outlined the Chief Executive's report, including the key points and submissions received. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning outlined the Part 8 process and timelines.

The work of the executive in progressing the project to this stage and for the allocation of funding was acknowledged. The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the role of Councillor Ronan McKenna, who had acted as liaison between the various stakeholders. The role of the late councillor, Danny O'Brien, was also acknowledged.



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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted. Councillors acknowledged the success of the scheme and its benefits to local community groups and thanked the staff who administered the scheme.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"In relation to the Winter Gritting Programme, can the Council please confirm that the extra plant has been sourced and if the R156 can now be considered, by the Transport Section, for inclusion in the 2019/2020 Programme?"

Response:

Meath County Council are currently reviewing the salting network taking into account any increased capacity following the purchase of new plant. The delivery timeframe for the new trucks and the 9 cu salter is estimated at the end of May 2019. The increased capacity shall be fully utilised dealing with any high priority issues that are also in line with MCC's winter maintenance policy. A proposal/recommendation of salting routes for the 2019/2020 season shall be presented to the Transportation SPC as part of the 2019 end of season review.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn

"That Trim Municipal District contacts the Department of Education and Skills requesting information on their procedure for the purchase of sites for schools and asking for confirmation as to whether a site has been purchased for the provision of a Post Primary School in the Enfield area."



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

The motion was adopted.

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

- 8.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 16th April, 2019.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 25th April, 2019.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise PC meeting of 3rd May, 2019 (CDP timetable also attached).

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Superintendent Yvonne Murphy in response to the Notice of Item 4.2.1 from April meeting re Abbeyfields, Clonard.

The correspondence was noted.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issue:

- 10.1.1 Concerns of residents with regard to recent incidents of anti-social behaviour by a group of young people in the town and the possibility of the executive meeting with the Garda Superintendent to see if anything can be done.



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Tributes were paid by the Cathaoirleach and councillors to Councillors Ronan McKenna and Enda Flynn, who are not standing in the forthcoming local elections. Thanks were also expressed to the officials and all staff for their work and support over the council term.

Councillors Enda Flynn and Ronan McKenna thanked their councillor colleagues and staff and acknowledged the progress made as a result of the efforts of all those involved. On behalf of the staff, Des Foley referred to the good relationship that exists in the municipal district, facilitating the progress and achievements made over the last five years.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach