



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

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

### ***Annual Meeting***

***2.00p.m., 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Noel French**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Aisling Dempsey, Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Ronan Moore, Niamh Souhan.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Assistant Engineer:** Donna Pringle

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Trevor Golden, welcomed returning and new councillors to the meeting and wished everyone well for the coming council term. He thanked councillors and staff for their work and support and confirmed how it had been an honour and privilege to act as Cathaoirleach for the past year.

Councillor Aisling Dempsey proposed that, in future years, the selection of Cathaoirleach be decided by means of a draw rather than by agreement and this was seconded by Councillor Trevor Golden. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to put the proposal to a show of hands vote, which indicated two in favour and four against. The proposal was defeated.

#### **1 Election of Cathaoirleach**

Councillor Noel French was proposed by Councillor Joe Fox and seconded by Councillor Niamh Souhan.



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Councillor Trevor Golden was proposed by Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Aisling Dempsey.

As there were two nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
DEMPSEY, Aisling	Golden, Trevor
FOX, Joe	French, Noel
FRENCH, Noel	French, Noel
GOLDEN, Trevor	Golden, Trevor
MOORE, Ronan	ABSTAIN
SOUHAN, Niamh	French, Noel

### **RESULT:**

FRENCH, Noel - 3 votes

GOLDEN, Trevor - 2 votes

**Councillor Noel French** was declared elected and assumed the chair. The Cathaoirleach thanked those who had supported him and outlined his objectives for the coming year, including the promotion of tourism and employment.

## **2 Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach**

Councillor Ronan Moore was proposed by Councillor Joe Fox and seconded by Councillor Niamh Souhan.

Councillor Trevor Golden was proposed by Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Aisling Dempsey.



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As there were two nominations for the position of Leas-Chathaoirleach, a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
DEMPSEY, Aisling	Golden, Trevor
FOX, Joe	Moore, Ronan
FRENCH, Noel	Moore, Ronan
GOLDEN, Trevor	Golden, Trevor
MOORE, Ronan	Moore, Ronan
SOUHAN, Niamh	Moore, Ronan

### **RESULT:**

MOORE, Ronan - 4 votes

GOLDEN, Trevor - 2 votes

**Councillor Ronan Moore** was declared elected.

### **3 To consider the election, appointment or nomination of Councillors to Local Bodies & Committees**

3.1 Appointment of one Councillor from Trim Municipal District to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

**Councillor Noel French** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Ronan Moore.

3.2 Appointment of one Councillor from Trim Municipal District to the Meath Heritage Forum.

Councillor Ronan Moore was proposed by Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Joe Fox but indicated that he would like his name withdrawn.



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**Councillor Noel French** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Noel French.

- 3.3 Appointment of two Councillors from Trim Municipal District to Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd.

**Councillor Joe Fox** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Ronan Moore and seconded by Councillor Trevor Golden.

**Councillor Aisling Dempsey** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Aisling Dempsey and seconded by Councillor Noel French.

### **4 To agree the 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings**

Meetings will commence at **2.00 p.m.** on the following dates:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Ordinary
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Ordinary
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Ordinary
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Ordinary
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Ordinary
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Ordinary
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Ordinary
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Ordinary
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Ordinary
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Ordinary
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Annual & Ordinary

This was agreed, with the July date changed to 12<sup>th</sup> July. Councillor Noel French requested that a civic reception be arranged following the July meeting for a group visiting from Etrepagny,



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which is being arranged by the Carney School of Dance as part of the town twinning arrangement.

### **5 Standing Orders**

- 5.1 To adopt the Standing Orders for the meetings of Trim Municipal District.

These were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

### **6 Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Orientation for Councillors

Orientation for Councillors will take place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June from 9.30am to 1.00pm in Buvinda House.

- 6.2 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:

- 6.2.1 Requested support from councillors with regard to the submission of a motion to the July meeting of Meath County Council. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to submit the following motion on behalf of Trim Municipal District to the full council for consideration:

*“Noting the declaration of a climate change and biodiversity emergency by Dáil Éireann and reports of the United Nations on the economic, societal and environmental threats posed by climate change and biodiversity loss, Meath County Council declares a climate and biodiversity emergency in County Meath and requests the Environment and Climate Change SPC to consider the further actions required.”*

- 6.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

- 6.3.1 Requested that the civic awards event to recognise the achievements of relevant groups and individuals be organised soon – it was agreed that this should be arranged for September 2019 and again in May 2020.



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6.4 Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation raised the following issues:

6.4.1 Outlined the proposals for the Low Cost Safety Scheme in Longwood, which includes three raised tables at specified locations and the upgrade of road lining and signage. It was confirmed that the proposals are on public display and it is intended to bring a report with recommendations to the July Trim Municipal District meeting for approval. If approved, it is hoped that works can commence in August, subject to no material changes required. The results of the recent speed survey were provided. It was requested that the speed limit sign on the Trim Road be moved to improve its visibility.

6.4.2 Outlined the background to feasibility studies prepared for a number of locations in the county, including the Porchfields, with a view to applying for future grant funding. A recent funding opportunity has since arisen, for which the proposal for the Porchfields may be eligible. The initial draft design proposals were outlined, including the walkway, surfaces, performance space, grassed car park to cater for events, a wildflower area, rest areas and the horse bridge. The consultants will be available next week for further discussion of the proposed options. It is intended to return to the municipal district in July with a recommendation, with a view to advance the Part 8 in August and make a funding application in September. The proposals were welcomed in providing an opportunity to maximise this amenity as an asset for the community and increase its usage. The geo-surveys would also provide an opportunity to learn more about the area and provide the basis for showcasing its history. Suggestions included the introduction of park rules, the consideration of providing a designated area for dogs and the need for appropriate wheelchair accessible benches and walkways.

6.5 Councillor Aisling Dempsey raised the following issue:

6.5.1 Requested an update on the theatre/library project – it was pointed out that the Chief Executive’s Report, with recommendations, had been brought to the May municipal district meeting, with planning permission to be granted after 6 weeks. The closing date for the relevant funding is 6<sup>th</sup> August.

6.6 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

6.6.1 Requested approval that he could formally represent Trim Municipal District



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during his forthcoming trip to Boyne City, USA as part of a potential town twinning and with local group, Gluais – this was approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**