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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 15th November, 2019, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

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 11th October, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th October, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Niamh Souhan**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 11th November, 2019.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 11th November, 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to the executive of Meath County Council, including Jackie Maguire, Des Foley and Dara McGowan, for their efforts in securing funding for the Trim theatre and cultural centre.

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, Hill of Down, Co Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Manorland Trim, Co Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

4.3 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Newtown, Hill of Down, Co Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

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:

- Queried the traffic flows at Market Street, including prioritisation – it was pointed out that the scheme complied with TII standards and required users to be aware of the shared space. It is intended to raise the Stop sign at Watergate Street and the lights, when operational, will provide more definition. As it is located in an urban area, traffic should be conscious of speed and the surroundings.



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- The submission of trees for the programme of works – all queries should be submitted and an assessment report will be carried out, indicating what works are needed.
- The impact of ditches/drains being filled in, e.g. when a new house is being built, on flooding – such considerations form part of the planning permission granted and, where incidents of flooding are known, the issue can be discussed with the relevant landowner.
- Referred to the deteriorating condition of the ring road from the recycling centre to the roundabout.
- Requested an update on the pedestrian crossing at Enfield N.S.

The report on St. Peter's Bridge – Pedestrian Options had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the report.
- Queried whether the measurements could be undertaken at night, when pedestrian movements are greater.
- The need to urgently provide adequate lighting, at a minimum.
- The need for pedestrian crossings on both the Lackanash Road and also on the R154.
- The possibility of erecting additional signage to indicate the weight limit over the bridge and what penalties are in place for those who breach the limit – it was agreed to check the adequacy of the current signage and it was confirmed that enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí.

5.1.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Glen Abhainn estate in Enfield.



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Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the key points in the report circulated and responded to queries raised. It was unanimously agreed to proceed, as recommended.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“Can the Council provide information as to whether other methods of car parking payment have been considered in Trim, such as 'PayByText' or 'Pre-Paid Parking Tickets' that would aid car users with young children, children with special needs as well as those with mobility issues; and the outcome of any study on these other methods?”

Response:

Meath County Council are nearing completion of a tender process for the supply of new parking meters and the introduction of a pay by phone service. This procurement process will cover Navan, Trim and Kells and it is anticipated that the contract will be signed in mid-November and the new service will be delivered in the first quarter of 2020.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

8.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 23rd October, 2019.

The report was noted.

8.2 To note the report from the Climate Change, Environment and Emergency Services SPC meeting of 31st October, 2019.



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The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Indicated his opposition to the recommendations contained in the Tidy Towns report, which suggested that some of the features within the town should be re-located, e.g. the King and Queen at the entrance to the Porchfields, and suggested that, instead of these being moved, that they should be lit up and highlighted as local features – it was agreed to discuss the report further at the December meeting.

10.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

10.2.1 The need to underground the cables at the Wellington monument, which was highlighted in the Tidy Towns report.

10.3 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

10.3.1 The possibility of establishing a sustainable energy forum in Trim, which may assist in improving the town's Tidy Towns performance with regard to the environment.

10.4 Dara McGowan raised the following issues:

10.4.1 Confirmed the Christmas parking arrangements, which will provide for the first 2 hours free parking in the car parks from 10am on 9th December and also an extension of the grace period from 10 minutes to 15 minutes.

10.4.2 Phase I of the tender process for the works on the library building will commence next week, with tenders due back on 27th January 2020. The top 5 tenders will be selected to proceed to Phase II, with a view to commencing



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works on site at the end of April 2020. Considerable preliminary work has already been undertaken or is ongoing – the Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked Dara for the update and commended the work undertaken to date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach