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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 20th December 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 15th November 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Niamh Souhan**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Maura Daly on both her birthday and her engagement.



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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.

- 4.1.2 To discuss the 2019 Trim Tidy Towns Report.

The report had been circulated in advance. Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation confirmed that a number of actions had been identified, arising from the report, which can be undertaken by Meath County Council in the next six months. These include derelict buildings and small biodiversity schemes. Contact has also been made with the ESB with a view to discussing how the cables at the Wellington Monument can be made less intrusive, as the cables cannot be undergrounded until all cables from the different directions can be undergrounded. It is intended to prepare a Public Realm Plan in 2020, which will include a review of this junction to see how it can be improved and the monument highlighted. By 2021, the Porchfields project will be completed and the Public Realm Plan in place. In addition, the council has funded the preparation of a five year plan for Trim Tidy Towns, which is due to be completed in February/March.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested that the undergrounding of the cables at the Wellington Monument be considered as a long-term aim.
- Thanked Meath County Council for its help and cooperation with the Tidy Town efforts.
- Suggested that the areas highlighted in the report, i.e. residential areas, approach roads and sustainability, be prioritised.



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- Highlighted the focus in the reports on collaboration between the local authority, community groups, schools, etc. – these are included in the five year plan being prepared.

4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 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 development at the Porch Field, Trim, in the townlands of Blackfriary (2nd Division) and Newtown.

Kathryn Hosey, Executive Planner provided a summary of the report, which had been circulated in advance, including the two conditions relating to flood risk and archaeological impact assessments. It was also confirmed that €0.5 million funding had been allocated to the project under the Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns Initiative.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors welcomed the report and funding and thanked all involved for their work in bringing the project to this stage, acknowledging how it will improve the area's integration with the town and make it more user friendly.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

- 7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 11th November 2019.

The report was noted.



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8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

- 9.1.1 Requested that the January meeting be moved to Friday 24th January – this was unanimously agreed.

The Cathaoirleach thanked his councillor colleagues for their cooperation and assistance throughout the year and acknowledged the positive outlook and relationship that exists. He also thanked the executive, particularly Des, Maura and Dara for their work on the various projects that have been progressed. He outlined the key highlights of the year, including the theatre and community space, the Porchfields and also the developments in towns such as Enfield (park & ride facility), Ballivor (St. Kinneth's), Longwood (Ribbontail Greenway) and Clonard (Anniversary of St. Finian). He also acknowledged the increased visitors to the area as a result of the many festivals held, including the Púca Festival. He referred to upcoming events in 2020 including the centenary of the burning of Trim Barracks and looked forward to increased local employment.

He concluded by wishing everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach