



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00 p.m., 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020, 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

#### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.**

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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



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Sympathy was extended to:

- David Jones, Housing Department, on the death of his father, Gerry.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Trim Musical Society on their production 'Michael Collins – The Musical', which was sold out.

### **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.

#### **4.2 Community**

- 4.2.1 To inform the Trim Municipal District Members about the development of Broadband Connection Points in Trim Municipal District as part of the National Broadband Plan.

Cormac McCann, Broadband Officer, Community Department delivered a presentation which provided a background to the scheme, the roll-out programme over 2020-2021, the beneficiaries, the BCP models, BCP locations in Trim Municipal District, considerations including access, management and insurance, connecting BCPs and the role of councillors.

Matters raised by councillors included querying the locations included and excluded in the proposed roll-out of the programme – the issue is finding suitable locations, e.g. where fibre does not pass currently, finding organisations willing to participate, etc.; and access through existing services where fibre is in place – government supports, including grants, are in place to facilitate accessing broadband services.



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### **4.3 Corporate Services**

#### **4.3.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Trim Municipal District.**

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

### **4.4 To consider and adopt the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works.**

David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section outlined the schedule of works as they relate to housing, including the service categories, funding allocations per municipal district, the centralised budgets and updates on the previous year.

Des Foley, Director of Service, Transportation referred to discussions held previously with the district engineer, and outlined the key points in the proposed programme, pointing out that the information presented today refers to the revenue programme, with the capital programme, being separate, dealing with works such as footpaths, public lighting, etc. The increase in funding does have implications on the available resources and tender prices have also increased.

Reference was made to CIS, with the 2020 programme based on a priority list, and LIS, for which no funding has yet been allocated. It was confirmed that no new CIS applications are currently being accepted.

John McGrath, Senior Engineer, Transportation Section outlined the proposed works under each heading. A contingency fund has been included to deal with any tender price increases but this can be reviewed mid-year and the programme increased, if appropriate.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the remedial works planned for Tower View – works are planned on roads, footpaths, signage and tree removal.
- The criteria by which roads are selected for inclusion on the programme of works – A PSCI survey is carried out every two years, with roads rated based on a visual survey, the results of which are recorded. The condition rating system categorises road condition from bad to good. It is hoped to repeat this



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survey this year. Note is also taken of complaints received and councillor reps.

- Referred to a pilot scheme in the UK involving the use of winter gritting fleet to record road conditions – TII surveys national roads using their asset management system whilst the Roads Management Office, operating a shared service, hosts the survey system for other routes. A department circular requires that regional roads are surveyed annually and primary roads bi-annually. Note is also taken of observations of outdoor staff.
- Referred to the delays in progressing the works on the N51 at Tullaghanstown – the scheme is complex, due to environmental and planning issues, so interim measures are planned.
- Acknowledged the value for money obtained through the centralised tendering process approach.
- Acknowledged the impact of weather damage and increased tender prices on the works programme.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works was unanimously adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

### **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 Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European



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Affairs SPC meeting of 19th December 2019.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 22nd January 2020.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Dara McGowan raised the following issues:

9.1.1 For information purposes, an update was provided on land at The Maudlins, where Educate Together Trim are seeking to provide a playing field for the school. The school is to relocate in the future. It is proposed that, as a short-term measure, the land be provided to the school under licence, with the school responsible for grass cutting, maintenance, etc., with the longer term intention being to provide car parking. The arrangement can be ended at any time if funding for the car park were to be secured.

9.1.2 Parking meters are to be replaced in Navan, Trim and Kells, some of which will have card payment facilities. These will be based in the busier locations, due to the cost to the council of transactions. Once installed, a pay by phone facility will be launched. There will be no change to the charges applied.

9.1.3 With regard to the former ESB building in Enfield, which is close to being transferred to the council, talks have been held with the Department of Education & Skills, who are seeking to identify a site for a new secondary school. They are hoping to commence registration in September and are seeking a site for a temporary school, possibly involving the provision of portacabins or a temporary building. Whilst it is intended to facilitate the department on a temporary basis, if confirmed, work will continue on the



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design and fit out of the community building. Discussions have included reference to the nature of the site and related traffic restrictions. This will not impact on the future provision of a park & ride facility.

9.2 Councillor Aisling Dempsey raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried whether a civic awards event would take place this year – it was agreed that councillors would suggest possible recipients at the March meeting to determine the nature of the event required.

9.3 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Requested an update on the Go Car initiative.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**