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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 18th September 2020, County Hall, Navan

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Ronan Moore**, presided.

Councillors Present: Aisling Dempsey, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Niamh Souhan.

Apologies: Councillor Joe Fox.

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 17th July 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th July 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

4 Statutory Business



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4.1 Community

- 4.1.1 To receive details of the allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2020 and if in agreement, recommend to the full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community outlined the recommended grant allocations following the assessment process.

A short discussion followed on how the applications were assessed and the community needs that exist in different locations. It was agreed that the assessment process would be reviewed at year end.

Councillor Noel French proposed that the allocation for Enfield be split equally between Na Fianna CLG (Enfield) and Enfield Celtic FC and this was seconded by **Councillor Niamh Souhan**. The recommended grant allocations, with the proposed amendment for Enfield, were agreed.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2019.

- Swift Court, Trim

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

- Ard na Boinne, Trim.

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

- Pinebrook, Trim.



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

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 and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed applications, i.e. 30th September.

4.4 Transportation

- 4.4.1 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 works envisaged for the ring road – the road and footpath are to be upgraded, the trees trimmed and a more defined cycle path provided from the Summerhill to the Dublin Road roundabouts, to the greatest extent possible but excluding the roundabouts. The pedestrian crossing at Patrick Street is to be reassessed.
- Requested an update on the pedestrian crossings on the Dublin Road.
- Queried why a pedestrian crossing cannot be provided at the Wellington Monument and whether road markings can be added and/or a speed radar fitted to the traffic lights.
- Queried the timeframe for works to be undertaken in Pinebrook.
- Queried whether there was a programme in place to remove old water pumps, e.g. Kildangan.



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- Requested that if another stimulus package is made available, that priority be given to providing a pedestrian crossing at Lackanash and that additional lighting be installed on the bridge at Newtown – the request for lighting has been submitted.
- Referred to the adverse impact trees are having on lighting on the bridge and ring road, which forms part of the Slí na Sláinte route.
- Referred to the lack of public toilet facilities for those visiting the castle – it was pointed out, due to the age of the public toilets, maintenance costs are high. The investment required cannot be justified. The Trim Castle Visitor Centre project will, when delivered, deal with the provision of facilities. In the interim, efforts will be made to arrange access to the toilet facilities in the visitor centre during opening hours.
- Referred to increased pedestrian volumes that would arise if the proposed SHD proceeds at Manorlands and the need for appropriate measures to cater for these, to be funded as part of such a development.
- Welcomed the stimulus funding allocated and the projects that would be delivered as a result.
- The need to consider measures to slow traffic on the Dunderry to Trim road – this is a 80km zone in a rural setting and traffic management measures cannot be implemented at this location.
- The increased traffic on the cul-de-sac in Longwood, where children use the pedestrian crossing.
- The possibility of identifying a suitable location in Enfield for the installation of age friendly gym equipment – the only available land is in front of Blackwater Park but the consent of the residents association would be required. It was agreed to refer this to the residents association, with a visual mock up, for their opinion.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Asset Management confirmed that the tender for the Porchfields was ready to issue next week and asked



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councillors if they wished for this to include the provision for age friendly gym equipment, for which funding has been secured. This would delay the tender process by one week. Two locations were proposed for the equipment – the Lackanash corner or along the pathway. Councillors expressed a preference for the Lackanash corner and it was requested that the hedges be cut back and lighting added to prevent vandalism.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“Could I please get an update on current situation in Maudlin Vale?”

Response:

Following a meeting between residents of Maudlin Vale, An Garda Síochána and Meath County Council, hosted by the Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee, a number key actions were identified to tackle the anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping that has been reported on.

Funding has been secured by the Environment Section to remove the dumped material and place a fence on the rear perimeter wall of Castlemeadows.

The dumped material has been removed, while quotations are currently being sought in respect to the fencing, with installation of same expected shortly.

Commitment has been secured from the land owner to regrade the embankment at the roadside boundary of the site, and Meath County Council will continue to liaise with the property owner on this element.

The response was noted. A further update on progress was provided. Councillors expressed concerns around the decisions to be taken in respect of the future development of vacant lands.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.



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

- 7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 16th July 2020.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 30th July 2020.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Mr Michael O'Brien.

The correspondence was noted. A short discussion followed on the options and implications of the provision of infrastructure and the possible future options for its delivery.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Referred to the 'Trim Famous Footsteps' proposal made by Trim Tourism Network in August, which would involve the installation of paving slabs around the castle, to which no official response has yet been received.

- 9.2 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Pointed out that whilst Meath is not included under the EU Just Transition Fund, despite having bog/peat communities in the west of Trim Municipal District, it would still be looked on favourably.

9.2.2 Referred to the proposed SHD application for Enfield and requested that the council make a strong a submission as possible and queried whether this application would be considered in the context of the standards contained in



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the existing or draft County Development Plan – it was pointed out that a relevant email had been circulated and a presentation would be made to the municipal district, where councillors would have an opportunity to comment. Councillors may also make their own submission.

9.3 Dara McGowan raised the following issues;

9.3.1 Confirmed that the tender process in respect of the Library & Cultural Centre would be finalised in the next two weeks, following which it is intended to commence works in November, with a conditional 18 month timeframe.

9.3.2 Referred to the 'Trim Famous Footsteps' proposal submitted by Trim Tourism Network. Whilst the proposal was welcomed, a discussion followed on the appropriateness, challenges and sustainability of the proposal. Alternative options were discussed, including a marked trail that would provide improved linkages to other sites and parts of the town and would potentially benefit businesses. This would complement the work of the Boyne Valley Tourism in refreshing historic trails.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach