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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 16th October 2020, County Hall, Navan

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

Councillors Present: Aisling Dempsey, Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden.

Apologies: Councillor Niamh Souhan.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Donna Pringle

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th September 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th September 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French requested an update on the provision of two additional pedestrian crossings on the Dublin Road, one at Newtown Bridge at St. John's and another further out, to facilitate access to the bus stops and by those with limited mobility- it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

Councillor Ronan Moore referred to the proposal by Trim Tourism Network, which was discussed at the September meeting, and the subsequent decision made regarding the heritage trail. He referred to the trail developed by Trim Tourism Network and requested that



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efforts be made not to overlap but, where possible, to add value – it was confirmed that the existing initiatives would be looked at.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Joe Fox on the death of his mother – Councillor Fox thanked councillors and staff for their condolences.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Nancy Stewart, Clonard who celebrates her 107th birthday today;
- Ballivor GAA on their county final win;
- Ballinabrackey GAA on their win over Trim;
- Meath Library Service and Tom French on their publication of “The Burning of Trim Barracks”;
- The people of Trim and Meath on participating in the “Wave of Light”.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation on the Strategic Housing Development application,

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reference no. ABP-308155-20 Hayfield Homes Ltd in accordance with Section 8 (4) (c)(ii) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016.

Billy Joe Padden, Executive Planner provided details of the application, the consultations that had taken place, the proposed site layout, residential typology and facilities, and the next steps, including the submission of the Chief Executive's report by 5th November 2020, which will include a copy of today's meeting minutes. The closing date for submissions was 15th October, with a copy to be provided to the Planning Authority for consideration. The decision due date is 11th January 2021.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Expressed the concerns of residents regarding the proposed pedestrian access through Newcastle Woods and the need to ensure residents are consulted and in agreement with regard to proposed pedestrian access.
- Expressed concerns regarding the capacity of the water and wastewater infrastructure to serve such a development, with water outages occurring in Enfield.
- Suggested that an additional or larger primary school would be required and queried the adequacy of community facilities to cater for such a development.
- Queried whether the development would meet housing need, e.g. the adequate provision of one bed units.
- Pointed out that the proposed Part V provision is centred in one block rather than being dispersed throughout the development.
- Referred to the need to provide adequate play facilities for children of different ages.
- Referred to the need to ensure that the proposed childcare facility is provided at the outset to avoid issues when units are occupied.

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- Queried whether the proposed density was in contravention of the existing and proposed densities, as contained in the current and draft County Development Plans.
- Acknowledged the need for urgent delivery of housing and recognised the potential of Enfield in terms of its connectivity and as a strategic employment and enterprise centre.
- Referred to the need to reduce speeding through, e.g. the provision of raised tables at junctions.
- The need to ensure that adequate electric vehicle charging points are provided, including for apartments, with reference to the speed of the changing technology in this regard.
- Queried the consideration being given to broader social infrastructure requirements, e.g. GPs, post office, etc.

In response, it was confirmed that the Chief Executive's report will contain all aspects of a normal planning report, including consideration of the submissions and with recommendations around transport, water and wastewater, parking, etc. It was acknowledged that, due to constraints currently existing around water and wastewater, certain interim measures would be required until the infrastructure was upgraded, with the Water Services Section to comment further on this. Irish Water will also have a view on this. The Housing Department communicates the housing needs as part of the pre-planning process, with agreement reached in principle. The Housing Department also has an opportunity to comment on the Part V provision as part of the Chief Executive's report. An assessment of the necessary community and education facilities would be also be included, with a recommendation that the childcare facility be provided in Phase I. The Transportation Department will consider in detail the capacity of adjacent roads and internal roads and streets in terms of safety, traffic calming, pedestrian and cycle movements, electric vehicle charging points, etc. and in the context of the proposed size of the development.

5.2 Transportation



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- 5.2.1 To receive an update on works completed/ planned within Trim Municipal District.

The report, circulated in advance, was noted. Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the tree pruning along the ring road and the safety improvement works in Kiltale.
- Requested that the timing of the pedestrian lights at the main T junction in Enfield be reviewed to facilitate those with mobility issues who find it hard to cross.
- Referred to changed school drop-off and pick-up arrangements leading to congested footpaths and/or children crossing roads and requested that schools be contacted to see if there are any issues arising – councillors were requested to submit details of particular locations of concern and the Road Safety Officer will be asked to make contact with these schools to see if improvements can be made.

5.3 Corporate Services

- 5.3.1 To discuss the 2020 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services outlined a proposal that the remaining budget be used towards investment in an asset that can be reused throughout the year to support various events and initiatives, i.e. a projector for which the colour and design of the projection can be changed as required. It was suggested that for Christmas 2020, the projector be used in Trim, with the locations being rotated in subsequent years. It was pointed out that the lighting is most effective when used for higher buildings and open spaces, with a power supply required. There should be some funding remaining and this can be used to support local groups.

- 5.3.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Trim Municipal District.

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



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- 5.3.3 To inform the Trim Municipal District Members that Meath County Council Corporate Services Section intend to apply for Part 8 planning approval in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), for Enfield Community & Enterprise Hub.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Asset Management outlined the drawings for the proposed community and enterprise hub, which was unanimously welcomed by councillors.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

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 Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 16th September 2020.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 24th September 2020.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services SPC meeting of 24th September 2020.

The report was noted.

- 8.4 To note the report from the Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs of 25th September 2020.



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The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Requested that a further letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills regarding the former school on Patrick Street, Trim, which remain vacant and deteriorating in condition.

10.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Referred to the discussion that took place at the September meeting regarding the proposed heritage trail and the decision taken that Boyne Valley Tourism would work with Fáilte Ireland to review the current historic trail whilst incorporating new ideas.

10.3 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:

10.3.1 Queried whether Meath County Council could introduce some initiative(s) to counter the negative impact that a second lockdown may have on people, e.g. local celebrities giving their views on Meath through social media.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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Cathaoirleach