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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 13th November 2020, Solstice Arts Centre, Navan

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

Councillors Present: Aisling Dempsey, Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden, 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 16th October 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th October 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French thanked the Transportation Department for their response regarding the pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road and requested that another pedestrian crossing also be provided. He queried whether a response had been received from the Department of Education & Skills regarding the former school on Patrick Street – no response has been received and it was agreed to issue another reminder.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.



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

- Whilst it was acknowledged that the junction was working well, reference was made to reports of traffic not observing the Stop sign on Watergate Street and driving straight onto Emmet Street, without stopping, and also issues related to delivery vehicles not complying with the traffic arrangements in place – contact has been made with the Post Master General and local shops to request compliance by such vehicles.
- The need for advance warning signs on the Kilcock to Summerhill Road and Summerhill to Enfield Road and other locations with adjacent forests to indicate possible deer crossings.
- Referred to the recent markings at Galtrim Cross, next to Kiltale, which is causing confusion for traffic from Kiltale.
- Queried whether winter gritting would be undertaken in the town and if grit bins are being made available for businesses – winter gritting information is available on meath.ie and bins will be provided.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.



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7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Confirmed that contact had been made with local groups in Enfield regarding the location of bottle banks, which had caused some confusion, and the location was now agreed.

8.1.2 The final report in respect of Enfield playground is now due following tests of the equipment during the week and the opening of the playground will be considered when these results are received.

8.1.3 With regard to the Trim Library & Cultural Centre, the costs were significantly higher than anticipated and a submission has been made to the department to secure additional funding. Issues had arisen around the first preferred contractor and the appointment process must recommence, resulting in the commencement date being delayed from November to January.

8.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Welcomed the news regarding the playground.

8.2.2 Expressed his disappointment that further funding is required for the Library & Cultural Centre.

8.2.3 Queried the allocation of funding for Christmas lights – these were agreed at the October meeting and payments are being made, subject to contact information being provided.

8.2.4 Queried what plans are in place for Christmas parking – parking incentives, in place in the three towns, will remain in place with no additional incentives proposed.



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8.3 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

- 8.3.1 Welcomed much of the development associated with the SHD for Manorlands, which has been approved by An Bord Pleanála, including the allocation to upgrade the Trim to Summerhill Road. However, he expressed concern that the density is in contravention of the existing and draft County Development Plan and urged the council to ensure that this point is strongly made in any future submissions in respect of SHDs. He also requested that the NTA be encouraged to provide for safe bus stops in the area. With regard to the Part V allocation, he queried whether the council would take ownership of these units or were they being made available on a long-term rental basis – the Board can permit higher density without regard to the County Development Plan and the policy is to allow for higher density development in urban locations.
- 8.3.2 Referred to the planning application submitted for the permanent secondary school in Enfield and queried whether the Department of Education & Skills participated in pre-planning, as a significant further information request had been made – the council is facilitating the accommodation of the school on a temporary basis.
- 8.3.3 The need to promote local business by encouraging people to shop locally using social media and other means - in addition to the national buy local campaign, a number of local initiatives are being rolled out and these will be promoted in a number of ways, including social media.

8.4 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

- 8.4.1 With regard to SHDs, welcomed higher density if they are done right and supported the request for improved access to public transport.
- 8.4.2 Referred to the employment being created and sustained via online retail and referred to the benefits to local business in having an online presence.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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