



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00 p.m., 11<sup>th</sup> December 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The Mayor of Etrepagny on the death of former Mayor, Monsieur Pierre Beaufile – it was agreed that a formal letter of sympathy will issue.

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

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of site 5, 6 & 7 Eamon Duggan Industrial Estate, Trim, Co Meath.

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

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance and a further update provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Commended the engineers and staff for their work throughout the year and the speed in providing responses to queries raised.
- Referred to vehicular damage being caused by overhanging trees, e.g. Enfield to Rathmolyon Road and Milltown Road and requested that information be provided on social media to encourage landowners to address the issue – councillors were requested to submit location details to facilitate the issuing of hedge cutting notices but the council cannot go onto private land.



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- Referred to footpaths where moss growth is causing slippery surfaces – councillors were requested to submit location details so the footpaths can be power washed.
- The possibility of clearing the grass that is encroaching on the footpath on the R154 Friar’s Park to the turn at Newtown.
- Queried whether the traffic light pole at Newtown can be extended upwards to provide lighting on the bridge to improve pedestrian safety.
- Referred to the traffic congestion on Haggard Street arising from the entrance/exit arrangements to Supervalu car park and the pedestrian crossing and queried whether the entrances/exits to the car park can be altered following recent upgrade works and in advance of new markings being laid in the car park.
- Requested that the traffic warden be deployed to Enfield 3-4 times per year to address long term and commuter parking.
- Welcomed the works being carried out under the July Stimulus Package.
- Requested that the bin collection schedule be amended to address the overflowing bins at Newtown over the weekends.
- Queried whether grit bins are provided locally to grit bad bends along routes, e.g. Enfield to Rathmolyon – It was agreed to check this.

### **5.2 Corporate Services**

- 5.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive’s Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) on the proposed new development of Enfield Community & Enterprise Hub, included in the development is change of use from Office Usage (Class 3) to Community usage (Class 10) and minor material alterations to the building facade at Enfield Co. Meath, in the Townland of Johnstown (ED Innfield). (P8/20016)



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Enda Weldon, Executive Engineer, Corporate Services presented the planning report and confirmed that no submissions had been received following internal referrals, referrals to prescribed bodies and the public display. It was therefore recommended to proceed as per the report and the two conditions outlined. Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer confirmed that councillors had 6 weeks to consider the report, with no action required today. The funding application submitted would be considered in February and, if approved, the tender process can commence immediately with a view to the contractor being on site in the summer. The three phases were outlined, including parking provision, and the works being undertaken by the school, who are being accommodated temporarily, were also outlined.

### **6 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

“To write to the Department of Education & Skills and request that in preparing a high level report regarding national school capacity in Trim, as has been confirmed to Meath County Council, that they extend this high level report to also include secondary school capacity in Trim as a matter of urgency, with particular attention drawn to the position of boys, who currently only have one secondary-school within the town environs.”

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, was agreed. It was agreed that the letter would also request a timescale for the reports on national school and secondary school capacity to be made available.

#### **7.2 Referred by MCC**

“To ask Meath County Council to offer 2 hours of free parking to shoppers in all Meath towns for the month of December to help both shoppers and shop owners who have lost so much to Covid and the restrictions.”



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Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation Department confirmed that the proposal previously circulated had been published for Navan and Kells but had been held back for Trim due to a response received. It had intended to apply incentives on a consistent basis in the three towns, with a Shop Local campaign being implemented countywide.

A discussion followed with Councillor Aisling Dempsey requesting that consideration be given to free parking on both Saturdays before Christmas and Christmas Eve. It was acknowledged that paid parking is intended to facilitate availability of spaces and not as an income generating measure and that this ultimately benefited local businesses.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**, was noted.

Councillors agreed that free parking would be provided on both Saturdays before Christmas, after 10am, and in addition to the incentives outlined in the proposal previously circulated.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Jane Kennedy, Site Acquisitions and Property Management, Department of Education and Skills in response to the Notice of Item 2 from the November meeting re the old St. Marys school building.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the staff and the executive and wished everyone a merry Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**



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