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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 15th January 2021, Via Zoom

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

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

Officials in Attendance:

Senior Executive Officer: Dara McGowan

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Donna Pringle

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Des Foley, Director of Service and Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 11th December 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th December 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.

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, which had been circulated in advance, was noted and a further update was provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Complimented the works carried out in Summerhill, which has improved accessibility for all and is much appreciated by everyone.
- Referred to an increase in litter, including chewing gum, in Trim town centre and the possibility of increasing waste collections – daily checks are carried out with extra collections undertaken on Fridays and Sundays. Litter bags, provided to groups, are also collected.
- Requested that lamp posts and bins are cleaned regularly.
- Requested that the overgrown grass be removed under the bridge railings at the Dublin Road roundabout – it was agreed to check if responsibility lay with the council or OPW and, if appropriate, it would be added to the list of works.
- Queried the commencement date for works in Enfield – at the moment, the contractor for both Newtown Road and Enfield is due to commence works on 1st February, with works at Newtown Road scheduled to start first as they are of shorter duration.
- Referred to incidents of random litter on rural roads and the need for increased public awareness at county level.



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- The possibility of erecting signs requesting people to bring their litter home in locations such as Newtown, the Slí na Sláinte route and the entrance to the Porchfields.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Thanked all in Corporate Services for the Christmas tree, lights and display, which had been very positively received in Trim.

8.1.2 Thanked all, particularly Councillor Trevor Golden, for the pathways in the Porchfields, which are providing a wonderful amenity in the town.

8.2 Councillor Aisling Dempsey raised the following issue:

8.2.1 Referred to views expressed by traders that the Christmas tree and lights should be taken down as soon as possible and that the focus turn to the future, with window displays with positive messages and the possibility of a joint campaign with the council with related signs on the approach roads – it was confirmed that the council was willing to work with traders and support and promote any campaign being run. It was pointed out however that the removal of the tree



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and lights was not an essential service and it may not be possible to remove them until restrictions were lifted.

8.3 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issue:

8.3.1 Referred to complaints received that the R159 Laracor to Enfield and the R161 Trim to Kinnegad roads were not included in the winter gritting programme and were extremely icy during the recent cold weather – it remains the intention that, if funding becomes available, all regional roads will be included on the winter gritting programme from October 2021.

8.4 Dara McGowan raised the following issues:

8.4.1 A preferred contractor has been identified for works in the Porchfields but the contract cannot be signed until restrictions are lifted. It is hoped to sign the contract in February with works to start shortly afterwards, subject to weather conditions.

8.4.2 The contract for the works on Trim Library & Cultural Centre will be signed when the restrictions are lifted, if the additional funding is received (which is due to be confirmed in the coming weeks).

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach