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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 12th February 2021, Via Zoom

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Trevor Golden

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 15th January 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th January 2021 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 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Athboy Gate, Trim, Co. Meath.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

5.1.1 To inform the Members of the commencement of a review of submissions received regarding housing estates to be considered for inclusion in an update to the current 30 km/h Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law and seek representations in relation to any estates which the members feel should be included for review.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation referred to the estates in Trim Municipal District that had been identified for review and asked that any further suggestions be submitted by email by 31st March. It was agreed to circulate the list of housing estates to which the special speed limit of 30km/hr already applies.

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by councillors included acknowledging the efficiency of the pothole crews – councillors were requested to submit details of locations where repairs are required.

5.2 To consider and adopt the 2021 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section outlined the schedule of works as they relate to housing, including the service categories, funding allocations per municipal district, the centralised budgets and updates on the previous year. Reference was made



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to a national commitment given with regard to the Energy Retrofit Programme, which will represent an annual programme of works over the coming years.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Thanked the Housing Department for its continued work and responding to representations of councillors.
- Queried whether the full budget had been expended in 2020 or had been affected by restrictions associated with COVID and whether there were any related challenges expected in 2021 – the full budget was spent and the work programmes continued unaffected. The only programme affected was the private adaptation grants but, under the current Level 5 restrictions, these can continue.
- Queried the projected budget for the energy retrofit programme, the number of units nationwide that will benefit and the match funding requirement for local authorities - €46 million has been committed nationwide for 2021 and will apply to 2000/2500 units nationwide. The detail of the programme is awaited but it is expected that there will be co-funding requirement.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation outlined the programme for the delivery of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, as it relates to Transportation, including the funding sources and status. Some grant allocations have not yet been confirmed and a contingency allocation in the Restoration Improvement Grant has been allowed in the event that grants are reduced from 2020 levels and/or inflation leads to increased costs.

John McGrath, Senior Engineer, Transportation outlined the proposed programme of works, across the different categories and schemes and including the funding breakdown. It was pointed out that the programme being outlined excluded works planned under the capital programme.

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Complimented the Transportation team and acknowledged the completion of projects under each of the annual Schedules and the extra funding allocated.
- Requested that the R161 Trim to Kinnegad Road and the section of the Trim to Kildalkey Road, with the bad bends, be included in the next three year roads programme.
- Requested that any central government funding opportunities for shovel ready projects be taken, e.g. cycling/walking facilities in Enfield – this was discussed recently in the context of a transport study for Enfield and efforts are underway to develop proposals for Enfield to advance to the planning process stage and, subsequently, commence relevant funding applications.

The 2021 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Trim Municipal District was unanimously adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

5.3 Corporate Services

- 5.3.1 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 Works to St. Kinneth's Church, Ballivor.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services – Asset Management delivered a presentation, which outlined the project description, including the ongoing external repairs and the Part 8 restoration and replacement works. If approved with the Planning Department, the Part 8 for new works will go on public display. The cost of the proposed works will be known when tenders are received and the final community use of the building is to be decided.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked all the officials involved in advancing the project and welcomed the progress made, the positive impact the project will make on the village and the outlined proposals, which respect the integrity of the building.



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- 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.

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 Transportation SPC meeting of 3rd December 2020.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 25th January 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs of 25th January 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.4 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services SPC meeting of 26th January 2021.

The report was noted.



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9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Referred to difficulties in understanding how the water supply operates in Trim, Ballivor, Longwood, Enfield, etc. and requested that a visit be arranged for councillors to see the water treatment plant to improve their understanding of how the system works, where the restrictions are and its impacts. He also requested information on the schemes planned by Irish Water – it was agreed to invite Gerry Boyle, Water Services to a meeting to provide an update on recent issues in relevant locations and future plans of Irish Water.

10.2 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Requested that councillors respond to the request made by Comhairle na nÓg in relation to facilities within the municipal district that young people can avail of.

10.2.2 Acknowledged the progress that has been made in relation to the County Development Plan, particularly the issues that relate to Trim Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach



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