



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00 p.m., 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Via Zoom***

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

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Assistant Engineer:** Donna Pringle

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

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

Councillor Noel French referred to the request to have a presentation on water services and it was confirmed that this would be included on the April agenda.

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



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Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Stephen Leonard, whose business had played a central role in Trim over many years;
- Superintendent Martina Noonan on the death of Garda Hugh Byrne, who had been stationed in Trim Garda Station since 2012.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed Maura back and expressed gratitude to Donna for her work in recent months.
- Queried whether Enfield playground was operational – this is on hold pending an investigation relating to a claim. Councillors will be notified when the facility is due to reopen.
- Welcomed the list of footpath works circulated and queried if these would be discussed – no further information is available but any queries submitted will be referred for response.
- Queried the proposed route and process in providing a footpath link from the Navan Road to Newtown Abbey and whether public lighting is also be provided – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

#### **4.2 Corporate Services**

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

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

### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

“For Meath County Council, in consultation with the OPW, to review and report findings on increasing the biodiversity of the Porch Fields. The review should also consider sustainable measures to protect the amenity.”

**Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:**

*It is an objective of Meath County Council to implement, in partnership with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, relevant stakeholders and the community, the objectives and actions of Ireland’s National Biodiversity Action Plan and the County Meath Biodiversity Action Plan and any revisions thereof. Meath County Council is a partner to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan which is an important framework to bring together pollinator initiatives to protect pollinators and the ecological services they provide. The new All Ireland Pollinator Plan for 2021-2025 will be launched on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2021. Meath County Council will engage and consult with the OPW to explore actions to enhance the biodiversity value of the Porch Fields.*

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, was agreed.

### **7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes**



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- 7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 To receive an update on the SDGs in Cities pilot project.

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department confirmed that of the 39 entries for this pilot project, Trim was the only Irish town that had been selected. 70% ERDF funding will be made available, with the first project meeting due to take place in early April. A local project team will be needed and councillors will be kept updated of developments.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors congratulated Caroline and all involved in the project application having been successful and look forward to working with the council officials and community in its implementation.

- 9.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried whether the public realm plan for Trim was to proceed – due to extenuating circumstances, this had been deferred but can now be revisited.

9.2.2 Queried whether Meath had received any allocations under the Urban Regeneration Fund – the timing of the funding announcements is based on different regions, with any allocations for Meath due to be announced next week. Funding applications will continue to be made for suitable projects. Approval has also been received to commence works on the Trim Cultural Centre once the current restrictions have been eased.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**