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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 16th April 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

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March 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 Site 15 Eamon Duggan Industrial Estate, Trim, Co Meath.

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

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Site 8/10 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, circulated in advance, was noted and matters raised by councillors included:

- Commended the age friendly works undertaken in Summerhill, the erection of deer warning signs, the new street sweeper in Trim and the efficient responses provided to queries raised via Sugar.
- Queried whether all upgrade works have been undertaken in playgrounds in the municipal district – all works have been completed, with the exception of Enfield.
- Queried the timeframe for footpath works in Enfield – the COVID restrictions have resulted in a backlog of works but these will be scheduled with the contractor, who is to commence the Lackanash pedestrian crossing on Monday.

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5.2 Water Services

5.2.1 To receive an update on Water Services in the Trim Municipal District.

Gerry Boyle, Senior Engineer, Water Services provided information on the Water Services Department role and structure and provided a comprehensive overview of water and wastewater infrastructure throughout the municipal district, including capacity and upgrades undertaken and planned. Councillors were reminded of the dedicated email and contact number for Irish Water.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Commended council staff for the speedy response in dealing with leaks.
- Suggested that issues with water supply had increased since 2018.
- Expressed dissatisfaction regarding the lack of advance notification of automatic water outages – prior warning cannot be provided for automatic water outages.
- Referred to discolouration of water taken from the Boyne – complaints had been received regarding discolouration of water in Ballivor, the source of which is groundwater which can contain the naturally occurring manganese and which can cause discolouration. The water taken from the Boyne is subject to adequate treatment and is of good quality. Following a burst main, issues can occur for 1 to 2 days afterwards.
- Queried whether there was adequate capacity in Trim and Enfield to facilitate the additional development included in the county development plan – this was confirmed. The Water Services Department liaises with the Planning Department in prepared the county development plan. The improvement works in Trim, to be completed at the end of 2023, will future proof the plant.
- Queried whether improvements would be noticeable whilst upgrade works were being undertaken or only when completed.



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- Queried whether automatic shut downs occur due to watermain bursts – these are separate from network issues and will occur due to, for example, a temporary detected rise in manganese. The reservoir provides a buffer in these instances.
- Requested that Irish Water be told of councillor’s disappointment at communications, including that notification issues when major outages occur and for those that do not use social media – these will be conveyed.
- Queried whether water is treated for limescale – no regulations is in place under drinking water regulations and limescale is considered beneficial for public health. It is a choice for households to install softening systems.
- Referred to the need for a wastewater upgrade for Clonard and queried whether Westmeath County Council has applied to upgrade the Kinnegad plant – the issue was acknowledged. Liaison is ongoing with Irish Water and Westmeath County Council. There is no stand alone scheme in Kinnegad as it is supplied from Mullingar, which has no spare capacity at the moment.
- Referred to the need to resolve the issue where public sewer mains are located on private property – this is a national issue, which, it is hoped, can be resolved.
- Queried whether the applications for capital works to provide reservoirs in villages would be impacted by projected reduced housing increases as included in the county development plan – the key driver is where development is proposed and it is intended to ensure that capacity is available.
- Queried the reasons for increased raw sewerage discharges – the weather is the key reason for discharges, particularly in wet weather.

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- The need for developers to deal with water and wastewater capacity in advance of developments being progressed – each planning applications is referred to the Water Services Department as part of pre-planning.
- Welcomed the proposed use of reed beds in the upgraded wastewater treatment plant in Enfield.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked Gerry for attending and for the information provided.

5.3 Corporate Services

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

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

5.4 Planning

- 5.4.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2020.

- Moyview, Kildalkey.

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

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.



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8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 26th February 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC meeting of 25th March 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 7th April 2021.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Garda Superintendent Martina Noonan.

The correspondence was noted.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Referred to the Sustainable Energy Community Initiative in Trim, with a meeting planned to gauge community interest.

10.1.2 Referred to the commencement of the Climate Action Forum, with a number of workshops held and planned.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Signed:

Cathaoirleach