



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00 p.m., 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 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**

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Former member of Trim Town Council, Des Clancy, on the death of his wife, Peggy.

### **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 St Patricks Park, Trim.

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 Enfield, Co Meath to Irish Water.

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 it was also confirmed that the Community Noticeboard was now erected in Enfield and the keys given to the community.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the ramps in Lackanash and queried whether ramps could be installed either side of the pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road.
- Requested that the provision of a pedestrian crossing at St. John's on the Dublin Road be included on the works schedule.
- Queried whether the cases of knotweed are increasing – reports of knotweed are submitted directly to the municipal district and any notified, which are not

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many, are added to the 3 to 4 year treatment programme, which will only kill off the knotweed in the area treated.

- Urged that wildflower seeds are only purchased from trusted sources as many batches can contain black grass, which can spread and be devastating to the tillage industry.

### **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 St. Kinneths Church Ballivor. Included in the development is change of use from a deconsecrated church to a community building at Main Street, Ballivor, Co. Meath, in the Townland of Kilballivor. Planning Application: P821003.

John Smith, Executive Engineer, and Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services – Asset Management outlined the Chief Executive's Report on the proposed development. The public consultation period had run from 10<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> April and no submissions had been received by the closing date of 27<sup>th</sup> April. No objections had been submitted arising from the internal and external consultations. The recommendation, therefore, was to proceed subject to two planning conditions, which were outlined. The Part 8 process was outlined, whereby councillors have 6 weeks from today to consider the report and recommendation and, if not amended or rejected within that period, the permission would be granted. Following the six week period, the contractor will be ready to commence works. Works not included in the Part 8 application are continuing on site, including roof repairs.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Expressed appreciation for the progress made, including the works already undertaken, and welcomed the transition from an unsightly building into a community facility that will benefit the village and its community.



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- Queried whether any contact had been made by a telecommunications provider regarding the possible use of the site for a mobile phone distribution point, with the possibility of the income being used for ongoing maintenance – it was agreed to discuss this with the Planning Department in the first instance.

5.2.2 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 Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The minutes were noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **10 Any Other Business**

10.1 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Referred to ongoing challenges being experienced by residents in Maudlin Vale



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and, whilst the steps undertaken to date were appreciated by residents and not all issues are within the remit of the local authority, an update was requested on any further steps planned – the ongoing issues were outlined and it was agreed to provide a further update following a meeting taking place between the various stakeholders, and under the auspices of the JPC, on 1<sup>st</sup> June, where the different issues will be discussed.

10.2 Dara McGowan raised the following issues:

- 10.2.1 Trim Library – the contract will be signed in May, with works to commence at the end of June.
- 10.2.2 Porchfields – contracts will be signed next week, with works to commence in mid-June.
- 10.2.3 Enfield Community Building – the tenders will issue in the next two weeks.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**