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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 20th January 2017, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Enda Flynn**, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch, Ronan McKenna.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Maua Daly

Assistant Engineer: Jim McElhinney

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th December, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th December 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch asked that the minutes be amended under Item 6.3.1 to reflect that, whilst she supported the project locally, she had expressed her concerns at the national context.

Councillor Noel French enquired as to whether the OPW had responded to the request to extend the opening times of Trim Castle to commence on 1st February – it was confirmed that



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no response had been received and it was agreed that a further letter would issue in this regard.

Councillor Noel French requested an update on public lighting in Belview Court – it was confirmed that this was being followed up.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Paddy Meade on the death of his aunt, Janette Mohan (nee Meade);
- Martin McGuinness and his family on his current health situation and tributes were paid to Mr. McGuinness on his achievements and contribution to the peace process in recent years.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Ballivor Community Library on being nominated as a finalist in the IPB/LAMA 2017 Community and Council Awards under the category Best Education and Training Initiative.

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 it was confirmed that the 2017 Schedule of Municipal District Works would be discussed at the February meeting.

Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- The need for HGVs to cross the white line whilst turning the corner at Bagnalls Cross, Ballivor and the need to review the design to see if this can be addressed – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning & Design.
- The issues of speed and pedestrian crossings on the Dublin Road, the possibility of installing flashing speed signs and the need to clean the road/paths at this location.
- The winter gritting programme – it was suggested that an email be circulated to Councillors outlining the way the programme is implemented and that social media, e.g. Twitter, be used to alert people to when roads are gritted.
- The proactive approach being adopted by the LMETB to school road safety with management plans to be developed.
- The need for additional speed signage at Boardsmill and Enfield schools.
- The need to review the location of the pedestrian lights in Ballivor – it was confirmed that a cost estimate had been requested.
- The need to provide pedestrian crossings at Supervalu and Loman Street.
- Requested that a letter issue to Irish Water to get a commencement date for works to replace the old pipe on the Newtown Road.
- The criteria for adding turn lanes on regional roads – these were outlined.
- The provision of water cuts on the Rossan Road – it was confirmed that these would be done when works are complete on regional roads.
- The issuing of hedge cutting notices for the Hill of Down/Raharney.

4.2 Housing

- 4.2.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2016 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2015 on proposed housing development of 19



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houses at Cherry Court, Summerhill and if thought fit to approve the report.

Padraig Maguire, Senior Executive Planner, stated that the previous Planning Report had been agreed at that last Municipal District meeting, apart from the potential flood risk which had been identified at the site through third parties and required further consideration. The Consultants involved in the development of this Part VIII Planning Application had since revisited the Flood Risk Assessment to assess the potential impact. The Addendum to the Planning Report presented at the meeting summarised and outlined the key points regarding potential flood risk of this residential scheme in Summerhill. The report concluded that the Planning Authority is satisfied, subject to the implementation of recommendations and mitigation of the report, that there are no flood risks associated with the proposed development and that the development is in accordance with the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and all relevant planning policy.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** to approve the report.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors welcomed the development, particularly in Summerhill, and complimented the officials involved in bring the project to this stage.

4.3 Corporate Services

- 4.3.1 To consider a schedule of twinning activities for Trim Municipal District for 2017.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and reminded Councillors of the protocol adopted in 2016. The available funding was outlined and it was pointed out that proposals are being invited with a view to finalising the annual schedule of twinning activities by the end of January.

A number of suggestions were made and reference was made to the two twinning initiatives currently in place for Trim – Stirling, Scotland and Etrepagny, France, neither of which are active. It was pointed out that the Carney School of Irish Dancing does visit France and that it would be timely to organise any



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related visits during the 2017 Fleadh in Trim. It was agreed that any activities should include the entire municipal district and would involve support of the dancing school and linkages with the Fleadh.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of recent information in the public domain, previously not included in the evaluation of pilot open library projects, can Meath County Council provide detail on the evaluation framework which they have in place to monitor all aspects of the new open library pilot project in Trim?”

Response:

The new “My Open Library “ project at Trim will be managed subject to the same rigorous and robust Health and Safety requirements and associated Risk Assessments as any other project or work undertaken by the local authority.

It is noted that the Library Unit, the Department and IMPACT are engaged in ongoing discussions on the “My Open Library “projects at national level. The discussions are focused on all aspects of the new projects and refer to issues arising from the original projects.

As the “My Open Library “ projects will not be operational until such time as these discussions conclude and agreement is reached, it is suggested to await the outcome of these talks .It is advised that any and all details pertaining to a possible revised evaluative framework will be applied with equal vigour to the Trim project.

The response was noted.

It was confirmed that discussions were ongoing at a national level regarding the implementation of the project and, until such time as those discussions satisfactorily conclude, the pilot projects cannot commence.

6 Notice of Motion



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6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of the negative effect that the absence of a network of cycle lanes is having on potential tourism and the general uptake on the use of bicycles in the Trim area, I call for an engineer’s report on improvements in the provision of cycle lanes and costing for these to progress this work.”

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

The Council does not currently have the resources to carry out a Cycle Network Study for Trim on an individual basis.

Similar plans carried out elsewhere in the county (Ratoath, Dunboyne, Navan) have been funded by the NTA as part of the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. Trim does indeed fall within the GDA Network Plan, and this would seem to be the best avenue to have works done in the long term. However in the short to medium term, the NTA have no plans for a cycling feasibility study in Trim

The Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan was commissioned by NTA to prepare a Cycle Network Plan, comprising the Urban Network, Inter-Urban Network and Green Route Network, for each of the seven Local Authority areas comprising the Greater Dublin Area (GDA), being: • Dublin City Council (DCC) • South Dublin County Council (SDCC) • Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) • Fingal County Council (FCC) • Meath County Council (MCC) • Kildare County Council (KCC) • Wicklow County Council (WCC).

The project requires the Cycle Network Plan to identify and determine in a consistent, clear and logical manner the following cycle networks within the GDA: • The Urban Cycle Network at the Primary, Secondary and Feeder level; • The Inter-Urban Cycle Network linking the relevant sections of the Urban Network and including the elements of the National Cycle Network within the GDA. It shall also include linkages to key transport locations outside of urban areas such as airports and ports; and • The Green Route Network being cycle routes developed predominately for tourist, recreational and leisure purposes. Unlike area-based plans prepared previously by Local Authorities, this Cycle Network Plan is to be consistent across county boundaries such that there is continuity of route networks across these administrative boundaries.



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The NTA use the GDA cycle Network Plan to allow cycle infrastructure projects to be prioritised in terms of the importance to the strategic network and the likely cycle demand for such a scheme and unfortunately at this time, Trim falls at the lower end of priorities for the NTA.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

Councillor Caroline Lynch proposed the following amendment and this was seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**:

“That Trim Municipal District calls on the Executive to prepare a report on the viability and cost of a cycle lane project being delivered in Trim, which facilitates more cycling by tourists and residents of the Trim area.”

Reference was made to a previous motion adopted at the full Council relating to a Staying Alive Scheme and road signage that would promote safety for cyclists. It was agreed that the report in the motion and the provision of signage could be undertaken in parallel.

The amended motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In order to build on the success of the first Christmas market in Trim, and prepare for 2017, I ask that a local group which involves traders be part of the planning for the event to take on board their suggestions, and that a tendering process is followed in order to achieve the best possible value for money.”

The motion was deferred to the March meeting.

7 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To receive the report from the Environment & Emergency Services SPC meeting of 16th December, 2016.

The report was noted.



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- 7.2 To receive the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural SPC meeting of 21st December 2016.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from OPW in response to an item 6.2 – NoM as adopted at October monthly meeting re the lease of former ESB Building.

The correspondence was noted. Des Foley confirmed that he was also in discussions with the OPW and the Gardaí in relation to this matter and would keep Councillors updated on any progress made.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Requested that a letter of support issue to Minister of State at the Department of Health, Helen McEntee, in relation to her plans to progress the provision of a statutory homecare scheme – this was agreed.

- 9.2 Des Foley raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Confirmed that works are soon due to commence on the Aldi site.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach