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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 24th March, 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

Assistant Engineer: Jim McElhinney

Assistant Engineer: Rory Kilbride

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Claire King, Meetings Administrator

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th February, 2017.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th February, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the following:



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- The family of the late Martin McGuinness.

Congratulations were extended to the following:

- Gluais Music Group who represented their county and country playing music in Disneyland on St. Patrick's Day.
- The Celtic Festival and St. Patrick's Day Parade in Trim
- Enfield Community Group on St. Patrick's Day Parade.

4 To receive a presentation from the FAI Football Development Officer Meath.

Barry Ferguson attended the meeting and delivered a presentation to Councillors on participation rates, programmes and partnership initiatives.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- Delighted to see the inclusion of girls, social inclusion and growth with disability sessions.
- The need for more schools to participate in the Kick Start Programme.
- Late night soccer league could be developed further in Trim.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Barry for attending and for his presentation.

5 To receive a presentation from Fleadh na Mí Committee.

Aoife Farrelly, representing the Committee, attended the meeting and informed Councillors that Comhaltas are hosting Fleadh na Mí in Trim this year. She delivered a presentation which outlined the background to Fleadh na Mí, the benefits of Comhaltas and playing music, the history of the Trim branch and the impact on the town hosting the Fleadh and the costs involved.



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The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Aoife for her presentation, commended the Committee on the work undertaken to date and committed their full support for the festival.

6 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

6.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

7 Statutory Business

7.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and Councillors were informed that Jim McElhinney was transferring to the Transportation Department and Rory Gilbride was taking over from Jim as Executive Engineer for Trim Municipal District.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Thanked Jim McElhinney for his work during his time in Trim and wished him well. Welcomed his successor Rory Gilbride to Trim Municipal District.
- Reported two bollards on the centre island at the Lackanash Junction which have been damaged. The red light was also reported as being out at this junction.
- Asked if anything could be done with the footpath at the Church in Longwood.
- Markings at rural crossroads are wearing away – it was agreed if Councillors had any specific locations to submit them for inclusion on the list for road lining.



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- Residents in Enfield appreciate the work done on the path. It was asked if health and safety could be checked as the work is been done as pedestrians are stepping onto the road.

7.1.1 To receive an update on Speed Limit Review.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Transportation confirmed that the Speed Limit Bye Law process had commenced and outlined the process involved in the making of Speed Limit Bye Laws. He advised that 260 submissions have been received over the last number of years and he and Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation would be available after the meeting to go through any of the submissions received with Councillors.

7.2 Corporate Services

7.2.1 To discuss proposals for the 2017 Trim Christmas Market. (To discuss the 2017 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets)

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services referred to a motion from the January meeting of Trim Municipal District in relation to the Christmas Market. He outlined that last year's contribution towards the Christmas Market came from the above budget which is €8,000 per Municipal District. Also out of that budget money was give to Ballivor, Enfield and Trim towards Christmas lights. Of the €8,000 from this year's budget €2,250 has already been given towards St Patrick's Day parades to Trim and Enfield and there may be an expectancy that the same money as last year will be given for Christmas lights to Ballivor, Enfield and Trim. This leaves a balance of approximately €3,000 to be allocated. If the Councillors wish to go ahead with a Christmas Market this year they can use this €3,000 as a starting point.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- Felt some opportunity was missed with last year's Christmas Market in linking more closely with local communities and getting them involved – It was agreed that if there were a number of groups interested they could submit a proposal and these would be looked at.



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- Asked if there was a tendering process when spending this much money – It was advised that if the Council wanted to organise a festival or event there is a tendering process to go through. A company approached the Council and looked for Sponsorship from us towards a market they were intending to organise.
- The funding of Christmas lights to various towns and villages should not be cut. If anything it should be increased.
- The company who organised the market last year were a huge success and it would be good to build on this success.

It was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna** to agree in principle to the holding of a Christmas Market in Trim.

It was agreed that Dara McGowan would engage with the same company as last year and if another group is interested they should submit their proposals and they would be considered.

7.3 Library Services

7.3.1 To receive an update on the Open Library Pilot Project in Trim Library.

Des Foley, Director of Services advised that discussions are still ongoing at National level in terms of industrial relations. As a result the pilot project for Trim is on hold. However some preparatory works have been carried out in order to be ready to take on the pilot project and also to improve facilities for staff and users of the library. Some grant funding was provided for that purpose and additional funding was also obtained from our own resources. Even if the project does not go ahead the Council were looking at the prospect of upgrading the library in Trim.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, outlined the physical works which have been carried out in the Library including the installation of a Portacabin to the rear of the library and the conversion of the office to a Meeting Room.



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Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- Expressed disappointment that the Open Library is not progressing.
- Congratulated the Library on being such a successful library which provides a great service.

8 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of the passing of the motion at Meath County Council regarding additional public lighting in areas where a request is made by residents and the Gardaí, that Trim Municipal District writes to the JPC and residents associations in Mornington Heights and Pinebrook Estate informing them of this decision.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and as there was no one to second the motion it was deemed withdrawn.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“That a letter issues to all local post primary schools, youthreach centres and youth projects requesting that more young people volunteer to go on a list of helpers for Tidy Towns committees in their areas, making themselves available one Saturday per month or when specific projects are organised.”

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

The motion was adopted.



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

- 10.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 17th February 2017.

The report was noted.

- 10.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise CPG meeting of 23 February, 2017.

The report was noted.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the Notice of Item 4.1.1 of January meeting re the proposed watermain replacement on the Lackanash Road, Trim.

The correspondence was noted, however, it was advised that there was another recent incident of water breakdown in Lackanash. It was agreed that a further update would be sought from Irish Water in this regard.

- 11.2 Correspondence received from OPW in response to the Notice of Item 10.2.1 of December meeting re Trim Castle opening.

The correspondence was noted.

12 Any Other Business

- 12.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

- Asked that the installation of CCTV be revisited as a deterrent to Anti Social behaviour.

- 12.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

- Publicity is emerging around the Creative Ireland Project and he would like to



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see this developed in Meath over the coming years.

- Parking in Enfield is emerging as an issue again and asked that a letter be issued to the Gardai requesting them to enforce the bye law of 2 hours parking – It was agreed that a letter would issue.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach