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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:15p.m., 16th June 2017, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Noel French**, presided.

Councillors Present: Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch.

Apologies: Councillor Ronan McKenna

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 19th May, 2017.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th May, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested an update on the meeting to be arranged in Longwood – it was confirmed that this meeting was being arranged.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the following:



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- The victims, their families and all those affected by the recent tragic events in London – it was agreed that a letter of sympathy would issue to the Mayor of London on behalf of Trim Municipal District;
- The family of the late Paddy Pryle, whose contribution to the community in Meath, including his involvement in the Scurlogstown Olympiad, was acknowledged.

Congratulations were extended to the following:

- Leo Varadkar, T.D. on his appointment as Taoiseach – it was agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of Trim Municipal District wishing him well in the task ahead;
- Fiona Skehan on her move to Kildare County Council and whose work as Town Clerk/Area Administrator was acknowledged;
- Tidy Towns and Meath County Council staff for the flowers in the towns.

4 To receive a presentation from Ballivor Playground Committee.

Sue Davis and Danielle Whelan delivered a presentation on the background to the committee and Ballivor, the land donated by the GAA for the playground, fundraising initiatives, designs, communication and next steps.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked the members of the Committee for attending and for their presentation. They commended Ballivor GAA for providing the site and congratulated the committee for their persistent efforts on reaching this stage. The costs and funding sources were discussed and it was agreed that, in principle, Councillors would meet separately to see what support could be provided by them through the Municipal District Allocation either this year or next. The capital programme allocation and possible support under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme was also mentioned. The role of the Council in providing technical and practical assistance was highlighted. The committee were advised to engage with the Community Department in terms of the Play Policy review.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation



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5.1.1 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:

- The timeframe for works on the crossroads on the Main Street, Enfield – it was confirmed that these would commence in early July.
- The need for pothole repair at the entrance to Dunderry Lodge.
- The need to fix the manhole covers on the Dublin Road, Trim – it was confirmed that this was going out to tender.
- The timeframe for the roadworks programme – it was confirmed that this had commenced with works to start in Trim Municipal District in the coming weeks.
- Update on the review of Bagnalls Cross, Ballivor – it was agreed to check this with Transportation Planning & Design.
- The need for resurfacing works at the location of a recent fatal accident where signage had been erected to indicate a bumpy surface – it was pointed out that a Garda report was first due and that this would indicate what, if any, measures should be undertaken. It was confirmed that these signs had been re-erected and that hedges had been trimmed.
- Update on the review of the damaged wall at Eldergrove – it was confirmed that the wall had been removed.
- The maintenance of the extended walkway in the Porchfields.
- The guidance/criteria/procedure that applies to the provision of clearways at junctions – the procedure was outlined and Councillors were invited to submit suggested locations.



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- The traffic management plan for the Dublin Road/Trim town.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To receive an update on the Christmas Market 2017.

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

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

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2015.

- Johnstown Way, Enfield

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

- Ribbontail Way, Longwood

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

- The Coachyard, Enfield

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

- Victorine Abbey, Trim

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.



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6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In light of the upcoming opening of the new supermarket in the town, can the Transportation section of Meath County Council provide information on review of traffic management plan for Trim Town to facilitate this development?”

Response:

Following the detail provided at the May meeting on the planned works for the Dublin Road, works have now commenced on the footpath and an application for funding has been made to the NTA with an allocation made under the capital programme if no NTA funding is allocated. Funding is also allocated in the capital programme for an overall traffic management plan for Trim, with a focus on the Dublin Road and the Haggard Street/Loman Street junction. A proposal for this junction will be brought to the July Municipal District meeting. Following that, other traffic management issues will be reviewed. A traffic model is planned, analysing traffic movements, etc. and this will inform the changes required. Councillors are asked to submit any specific locations, e.g. junctions, pedestrian crossings, etc.

Councillor Caroline Lynch sought clarification on the traffic management plans relating to the opening of Aldi. It was confirmed that a traffic impact assessment had been undertaken as part of the planning application.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of increasing evidence of anti social behaviour and vandalism in Trim Town, can this Municipal District write to the Educational Welfare officer for the area and express concern at the number of young people missing school, and request additional resources and targeted interventions are developed as soon as possible to improve this situation. This motion is also to be forwarded to the JPC if passed for their attention.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.



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A discussion followed on the resources available to the Education Welfare services to deal with non-attendance at school, the impact of this on schools and other students, and the implications for the future prospects of these children. Councillor Trevor Golden expressed his view that the motion was too narrow in confining the impacts of this issue to anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the town of Trim and felt that the issue and prevalence was much wider.

An amended motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn** as follows:

“In view of increasing evidence of anti social behaviour and vandalism in Trim area, can this Municipal District write to the Educational Welfare officer for the area and express concern at the number of young people missing school, and request additional resources and targeted interventions are developed as soon as possible to improve this situation. This motion is also to be forwarded to the JPC if passed for their attention.”

The amended motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from An Garda Síochána in response to the Notice of Item 10.1.1 – AOB from May meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in response to the Notice of Item 10.1.2 – AOB from May meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from Office of the Taoiseach in response to the Notice of Item 3 – Congratulations from May meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.4 Correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in response to the Notice of Item 8.1 – Notice of Motion from May



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The correspondence was noted. Councillor Caroline Lynch requested that, if no further response is received by the July meeting, that a further letter issue.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Requested that a list of groups contacted in relation to the grants for CCTV be provided, indicating any that responded and that information on this be resent – it was agreed to refer this to Community.

9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Requested a list of projects selected for submission under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme – it was confirmed that Councillors would be notified.

9.3 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Update on the Greenway along the Royal Canal – it was confirmed that a funding allocation had been confirmed and works are due to be complete by the end of the year.

9.3.2 Update on the review of the school warden in Clonard.

9.4 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Requested that a letter issue to Bus Éireann requesting an update on the bus services to Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown.

9.4.2 Referred to correspondence received in relation to speeding in Clonard from the Kinnegad Road.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach