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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:30p.m., 21st July, 2017, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Enda Flynn

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Rory Gilbride

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 16th June, 2017.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th July, 2017.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th June, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch sought an update on the meeting to be arranged with Longwood residents in relation to traffic calming – it was confirmed that this meeting would be arranged when the relevant staff were available and that Councillors would be notified in advance.



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Councillor Noel French referred to the works in Eldergrove and Councillor Caroline Lynch pointed out that she had met residents, who were pleased with the wall, and that she had also been in contact with the Public Lighting Unit with suggestions to be made by residents with regard to public lighting.

Councillor Noel French referred to the Ballivor Playground and it was confirmed that the Part 8 planning application was being prepared and that funding can be considered. It was suggested that Councillors meet separately to discuss possible projects that they may wish to support jointly under the Municipal District Allocation Scheme.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Eugene (Owen) Smyth, Dunderry, Navan, known as Our Lord Mayor, and who was involved in Pieta House.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Thomas Winters on playing in the International Powerchair Soccer World Championship;
- Henry Purcell on being selected for the Irish Team in the European Athletics;
- Áine French on representing Ireland in the Tag Rugby game against Australia;
- Carney School of Dance on their twinning initiative with Etrepagny;
- The organisers and all involved with the Vintage Car Rally, Scurlogstown Hay Making, King John's Summer Prom, the Royal Meath Show and the Salmon of Knowledge Festival.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation



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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted and further updates were provided on various works taking place.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The condition of the surface of the footpath from Manorlands to the graveyard.
- The possibility of extending the footpath from Eldergrove.
- The possibility of a Liaison Officer being appointed by the contractor as part of the housing development in Summerhill to liaise with the two estates.
- The possibility of reviewing the diamond/centre in Castlejordan to improve its appearance.
- The rattling manhole covers and uneven footpath surface on the Dublin Road following broadband works.
- The issues of odour and pollution in the Leper Stream, St. Patrick's Park – it was confirmed that this was cleaned last week and was being regularly monitored.
- The possibility of extending the barriers at Ballivor school and installing barriers at the junction of the cul de sac and ring road at Lackanash.
- Representations received regarding dust and waste in the Council yards at Ballivor and Longwood.
- The need to review the junctions and provision of clearways in the town – it was agreed that this would form part of the traffic review but could be undertaken in advance.



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- 4.1.2 To consider and, if thought fit, to approve for public display the “Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.2) 2017, subject to there being no objection from An Garda Síochána on or before the 27th July 2017.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

4.1 Corporate Services

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

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

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

- 5.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 15th June 2017.

The report was noted.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“That Trim Municipal District write to the clerk of Trim Courthouse and request a no smoking policy be introduced outside the courthouse due to the long standing litter problem which is impacting on the image of the Trim Castle area of the town.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.



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The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In light of the current difficulties facing Ballivor Community Library Trim Municipal District requests that Meath Library service and the Community section of Meath County Council meet as soon as possible with the library committee to formulate a response in order that this vital service in the Ballivor area is not disrupted.”

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

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Educational Welfare Officer, Tusla in response to the Notice of Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion from June meeting re concern of the number of young people missing school in Trim Area.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform in response to the Notice of Item 10.1.2 from May meeting re Garda resources in Trim.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from Taoiseach Leo Varadkar T.D.in response to the Notice of Item 3 – Congratulations from June meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.4 Correspondence received from Trim Community First Responders re Public Access Defibrillator (AED) for Trim.



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The correspondence was noted. A short discussion followed on the number of AEDs publicly available, the funding available for the provision of same and the need to improve the capacity for community groups to access available grant schemes.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issue:

9.1.1 Update on the Part 8 process for the theatre project – it was confirmed that technical staff were in the process of being appointed to advance projects such as this and that the plan details had been agreed.

9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Acknowledged the role of Trim Tourism Network in the securing of a festival grant for the Salmon of Knowledge Festival and the need for Councillors to support it.

9.3 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Acknowledged the number of visitors to the town for the start of the Race Around Ireland.

9.4 It was agreed that the September meeting would take place at 9.00am on Monday 4th September in County Hall, Navan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach