



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***9:00 am, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Council Chamber, County Hall, Navan***

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

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

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Senior Executive Officer:** Dara McGowan

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Apologies:** Des Foley, Director of Service

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested an update on the meeting to be arranged with residents of Longwood regarding road safety – it was confirmed that residents had been contacted with a view to arranging a suitable date/time for the meeting and a response was awaited.

Councillor Noel French requested an update on the Ballivor playground – it was confirmed that two meetings had taken place with the GAA regarding the site with a meeting to be held this week with the community group and the Part VIII drawings will be prepared when everything is agreed.



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Councillor Noel French requested an update on the review of works in Eldergrove and a costing for same.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The families of the three people who had died recently in Dublin, Cork and Kildare whilst homeless.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The organisers of the 77<sup>th</sup> Royal Meath Show;
- The organisers of the Salmon of Knowledge Festival and Adventure Race;
- The organisers of the Race Around Ireland;
- The organisers of King John's Prom;
- The Tidy Towns on the national Pride of Place Awards;
- The Council on installing the new litter bins in the castle area.

### **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 matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the works at the junction on the Johnstown Road, Enfield and the need to review the timing of the lights – it was confirmed that this was being kept under review.
- The possible provision of solar lighting at the entrance to Eldergrove.



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- Update on the traffic calming measures at Newtown/Lackanash.
  - Locations where flood remediation works were being carried out – Councillors were requested to submit details of locations where works are required.
  - The availability of grant funding for residents to undertake flood prevention works – it was agreed to check this.
  - Traffic calming measures on the Lackanash Road.
  - The prevalence of Japanese knotweed in the Municipal District and its impact on road structures – it was confirmed that five locations had been identified on public lands and Councillors were requested to submit details of any other known locations.
  - The need for increased awareness around ragwort.
  - The possibility of erecting Stay Alive signage for cyclists in conjunction with anti-litter signs in the main towns and villages.
  - Welcomed works on manhole covers.
  - Request for speed bumps in Manorlands.
  - Concerns expressed regarding the road surface on the Longwood/Trim road, particularly around Brannockstown Cross – it was pointed out that, whilst this would be checked, the issue at this location was speeding.
  - The surface of the pedestrian bridge at the playground in Trim – it was agreed to check this.
- 4.1.2 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law statutory process.



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This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

### **4.2 Corporate Services**

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

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

## **5 Notice of Question**

### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“In view of current discussions about St. Kinnith’s church in Ballivor, can an update be provided as to when this building will be available for community use with particular reference to the community library?”

#### **Response:**

*Following a recent inspection of St. Kinnith’s Church in Ballivor, there will be a number of essential maintenance works carried out to the building in the near future. These works are intended to preserve some of the fabric of the building and would not be considered sufficient to bring the building to a state of occupancy. In relation to the long term use of the building, it is not feasible to identify a timeframe for bringing the property into use, as there are no definite plans to fund the fit out works or for the potential long term use of the property.*

The response was noted. Councillor Caroline Lynch sought clarification on whether the meeting to be arranged following the July meeting had taken place. It was agreed to seek an update.

## **6 Notice of Motion**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**



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“In view of the lack of emergency accommodation in the Trim area, that Trim Municipal District Councillors request that Meath County Council purchase a minimum of two houses under its acquisitions programme which can provide transitional accommodation for families and single occupancy units which are both needed in the area.”

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

*Meath County Council has entered into Service Level Agreements with Approved Housing Bodies (Simon Community & Drogheda Homeless Aid) in the delivery of supported emergency accommodation (shared house models) in recent weeks. It is the objective to replicate this model in the short term, and opportunities in the Trim area for same will be examined.*

*Presently, the Homeless Service utilises B & B's in the Trim area when the need arises for emergency accommodation. Of the households currently placed in emergency accommodation by Meath County Council, there are no households from the Trim Municipal District area. In terms of homeless presentations in 2017, 32 of the 280 presentations to date were from the Trim Municipal District.*

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

The motion was adopted.

## **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received from Tusla in response to the Notice of Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion as adopted at June meeting re concerns of anti social behaviour and the number of young people missing school.

The correspondence was noted and a brief discussion took place on its contents. It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of Councillors to the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs expressing their disappointment at the response and their lack of confidence in Tusla in dealing with school attendance issues.



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- 7.2 Correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to the Notice of Item 8.1 – Notice of Motion as adopted at May meeting re including Trim in the rent pressure zone.

The correspondence was noted.

### **8 Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:

8.1.1 The planned works in and future use of St. Kinneth's Church, Ballivor – the minor works planned were outlined and it was confirmed that the works planned would not result in a usable facility. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Lynch would liaise with the community group and outline the requirements of any submission they might make in relation to the facility.

- 8.2 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Requested an update on the theatre project in Trim and the need for a deadline for its completion – it was confirmed that the tender documents were being prepared and that it would be a number of months before the Part VIII would be ready with plans for the design team to be in place by the end of the year.

8.2.2 The need for the Diamond in Castlejordan to be upgraded – it was pointed out that community input was needed to determine the works to be undertaken.

8.2.3 The appointment of a Liaison Officer in relation to the housing development in Summerhill – it was agreed to check this.

8.2.4 The need for a pedestrian crossing on Loman Street, particularly now as the schools had reopened.

- 8.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

8.3.1 The traffic volumes using the slip road off the M3 at Dunboyne – it was confirmed that a traffic study had recently been undertaken for this area and



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had been submitted to the Department for review, following which it would be presented to Ratoath and Trim Municipal Districts.

8.3.2 The need to review the traffic flow around the Loman/Haggard Street areas in terms of the supermarket access/egress.

8.4 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

8.4.1 Update on the traffic management review on the Dublin Road – the works on the pedestrian crossings were outlined.

8.4.2 The traffic management review for Trim town – an update was provided with the report to be available within two months.

8.4.3 The need to prioritise the provision of public lighting in Amberwood, Ballivor and Belview Court, Kildalkey, which have recently been taken in charge.

8.4.4 Requested a regular update on economic development initiatives and the Creative Ireland initiative as they relate to the Trim Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**