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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

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

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

Councillors Present: Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch, 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 4th September, 2017.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4th September, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

- The Tidy Town report for Longwood referred to speeding;
- Requested a progress report on Creative Ireland initiatives;
- The provision of speed bumps in Manorlands – it was pointed out that Kildare County Council was preparing a report on the most appropriate traffic control measures in estates;



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- The provision of a Liaison Officer in respect of the housing development in Summerhill;
- The provision of a pedestrian crossing on Loman Street;
- Thanked the Council for the progression of lighting works in estates.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The families of those who died as a result of Storm Ophelia;
- The family of former Taoiseach, the late Liam Cosgrave, to whom tributes were paid in respect of his exemplary public service and dedication and to the progressive government he led;
- Further homeless people who have lost their lives.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Council, ESB and all other agencies involved in dealing with the recent storm and the National Emergency Coordination Group on being decisive in terms of school closures, etc. – Councillors expressed their objections to those who had engaged in reckless behaviour during the bad weather, despite the warnings, and who had put their own lives and those of the emergency services at risk;
- All involved in the recent Pride of Place event.

4 To receive a presentation from Trim Tourism Network.

Representatives from Trim Tourism Network delivered a presentation to the meeting on the background and objectives of the group; achievements to date including Trim Visitor Centre, Salmon of Knowledge Festival, Boyne Adventure Race, Boyne Goddess Competition; and other plans, including ICT development.



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Matters raised by Councillors included the importance of linking with other groups, the role of Trim within the Boyne Valley initiative and plans for the walkway in the Porchfields.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked the group for their presentation and commended them on their work, achievements and enthusiasm.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 To consider the appointment of Councillors to Local Bodies & Committees

- 5.1.1 Appointment of one Councillor to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee following the resignation of Councillor Caroline Lynch.

Councillor Noel French was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Joe Fox and seconded by Councillor Enda Flynn.

- 5.1.2 Appointment of one Councillor to represent Trim Municipal District on the Corporate Policy Group.

Councillor Joe Fox was proposed by Councillor Enda Flynn and seconded by Councillor Ronan McKenna.

Councillor Caroline Lynch was proposed by Councillor Caroline Lynch.

Councillor Joe Fox was appointed.

- 5.1.3 Appointment of Councillor Joe Fox to the Association of Irish Local Government following resignation of Councillor Noel French.

The appointment of **Councillor Joe Fox** was unanimously agreed.

5.2 Transportation

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



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The report had been circulated in advance and a further update provided. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed works in St. Patrick's Park – it was pointed out that Irish Water were due to undertake watermain rehabilitation works in April/May 2018 and that all roads would be fully reinstated following these works.
- Welcomed progress made on accessibility works throughout the town.
- The need for water cuts on the Ballinabrackey Road following resurfacing works.
- Update on works at the junction of the Enfield Bypass and Johnstown Road – it was confirmed that a plan had been developed with preliminary works to commence.
- The possibility of installing solar lighting at the entrance to Eldergrove.
- Requested that Kilbride NS be invited to deliver a presentation to the Municipal District on the importance of the footpath to be provided from the school to the church – this was agreed.
- Concerns in Summerhill that the green area would be reinstated following completion of works.
- The availability of a traffic management plan in advance of Aldi opening - it was confirmed that this had commenced with traffic counts underway and a report due by the end of the year, which would take into account the longer term view. It was also confirmed that a proposal would be brought to the November meeting in respect of the Haggard Street junction at Supervalu and would include the pedestrian crossing at Loman Street.
- The reference to derelict sites in the Tidy Towns report, with particular reference to Steps pub.

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- The possibility of installing ramps on the Navan junction.
- The need for dog fouling signs in Manorlands.
- The possibility of providing a wooden fence along the front boundary at Eldergrove – it was agreed to cost this.
- The provision of a signpost regarding Philip Grey at Kilglass Cemetery – it was agreed to check this.
- The need to inform the public of the dangers of Japanese Knotweed.

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017

- Annville, Clonard

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

- New Inn housing estate, Enfield.

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

- Moyfenrath housing estate Enfield.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

- Newtown Abbey housing estate, Trim.



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

- Hamilton Place housing estate, Trim.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

- Moyrath View, Kildalkey

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

5.4 Corporate Services

5.4.1 To receive an update on proposed Trim Christmas Market.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services confirmed that contact had been made with a number of businesses who had raised concerns and discussed how these might be dealt with. It was acknowledged that every effort had been made to address concerns raised and it was unanimously agreed to proceed.

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

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

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“Could Meath County Council ascertain what progress has been made by the OPW with regard to the development of visitor facilities at the old Town Hall, Castle Street, Trim?”

Response:



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It was confirmed that the Council was working with the OPW on this and that a funding submission was due to be made in November to Fáilte Ireland's Investment Committee , following which it was hoped that an indication would be given in terms of the available funding.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Trim Municipal District requests that Meath County Council consider the purchase of the NEC site in Ballivor to change its usage from industrial to residential and community use to address some of the shortage of housing units and youth and library facilities in this part of the county.”

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

Meath County Council will consider all opportunities to increase social housing supply within the Trim Municipal District area. However, considerations regarding location, social housing demand, sustainable communities criteria, planning matters and funding need to be examined carefully to determine the viability for any potential site acquisition.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caroline Lynch but as there was no seconder, the motion did not proceed.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Trim Municipal District ringfences local property tax paid by residents on roads in rural areas for work required to bring such roads up to a proper standard and also ringfences local property tax paid by residents in urban areas where adequate lighting is not provided to bring the lighting up to an adequate standard. This to apply whether or not the roads or lights are taken in charge.”



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

The allocation of the monies collected by Meath County Council from Property Tax (or other sources) are assigned on a county wide basis to various work items (including public lighting and roads) as part of the annual budgetary process. Any changes to the allocations to specific Municipal Districts can be discussed as part of this budgetary process.

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

Following a short discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the report from the Environment and Emergency SPC meeting of 27th September 2017.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 27th September 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in response to the Notice of Item 7.1 from September meeting re Tusla.

The correspondence was noted. Councillors indicated that they did not feel their concerns around school absenteeism and anti-social behaviour were being addressed.

10 Any Other Business



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There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach