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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 17th November 2017, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Joe Fox and 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 20th October, 2017.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20th October, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 3rd November, 2017.

The Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 3rd November, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes



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Councillor Caroline Lynch confirmed that Kilbride National School would be attending the December meeting and requested an update on the provision of pedestrian crossings at Loman Street and Haggard Streets – it was confirmed that an update would be provided at the December meeting and drawings relating to the pedestrian crossings on the Dublin Road were circulated.

Councillor Noel French referred to the NEC site in Ballivor and Councillor Caroline Lynch pointed out that she had approached officials following the October meeting and a site visit was being arranged with representatives from the Planning, Housing and Community departments. A short discussion followed on the purpose of such a visit and the appropriate uses of this site.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Former Councillor Michael Kenny on the death of his brother, Seán.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All involved in the Enterprise Awards that took place in Trim Castle Hotel, including businesses and St. Mary's School.
- The SMART project on winning an award in the county Pride of Place awards;
- All involved in Trim having reached the final five in the Friendliest Town in Ireland;

Best wishes were extended to Trim in the IPB Pride of Place Awards, taking place in December.

Councillors welcomed the opening of Aldi and acknowledged the efforts of all involved over the years in progressing this project to its current stage.

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

- 4.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.



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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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 possible provision of reflective bollards and a solar lighting sign at the entrance to Eldergrove – it was agreed to check this.
- The costings for the boundary wall or fence at Eldergrove, which were circulated separately and which were considered prohibitive. Reference was made to the planned new residential development and the need for a footpath connection once these houses were occupied.
- Acknowledged the high standard of works on R148 Enfield to Clonard and the need to undertake works on the 100m stretch coming from Enfield.
- The need to renew the markings on the R148.
- Update on the tendering for works on the Enfield bypass.
- The need to replace the bin at Streetside with a larger bin.
- Request for the provision of cycling space on the approach from Kinnegad – it was pointed out that the works associated with the petrol station would possibly allow for this.
- The need for margin/drain works on the hill towards Crinion's Cross.
- The impact of the AECOM Dunboyne & Environs Traffic Assessment Report on those travelling from Trim to Dublin – it was agreed that this would be provided at the December meeting.



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- Queried whether the holes on Market Street for Christmas lighting were permanent.
- The ongoing issues with lighting in Mornington Heights and an update on the possibility of using the estate as part of a pilot project.
- Requested an update on the progress with the cemetery in Trim.
- The need for an extension to Rataine cemetery, near Dunderry.
- Queried the capacity remaining at St. Loman's cemetery.
- Issues relating to lanes that were maintained historically by the local authority but were not formally taken in charge and now were no longer maintained – it was pointed out that the status of such roads were being checked.
- The possibility of amending the parking byelaws allowing 5-6 spaces at the entrance to Emmet Street car park to be available for parking up to two hours – it was agreed to check this.
- The need to repair the sound on the pedestrian lights on the ring road at Lidl and to provide a zebra crossing on Watergate Street at Aldi to assist those with visual impairments.
- The enforcement of traffic byelaws in Enfield – it was pointed out that there were no specific byelaws in Enfield but that the Roads Act allowed for a two hour parking limit, which is enforceable by both the local authority and the Gardaí. Whilst there are no traffic wardens available, the Gardaí did enforce this until recently on the request of businesses.

5.2 Library Services

- 5.2.1 To receive an update on the Creative Ireland initiatives.



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Ciarán Mangan, County Librarian attended the meeting and outlined the background to the initiative and the five pillars, the funding for 2017 and 2018 and the development of a five year cultural and creativity plan.

Councillors welcomed the focus on children and the community, commended the work undertaken, underlined the need for clear criteria with regard to eligibility and requested greater public engagement.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Ciarán for the update.

5.3 Corporate Services

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted. Councillors were reminded of the 30th November deadline to submit allocations and deferral forms.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of the poor water infrastructure in Longwood, Ballivor and Enfield areas, Trim Municipal District calls on Irish Water to provide a timeframe for the programme of upgrade works for these areas.”

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

Water Services will arrange to forward the Notice of Motion to Irish Water Asset Strategy and request them to provide a update for the Trim Municipal District.



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

During a short discussion, reference was made to recent water disruptions, the different issues affecting the different areas and the need for proper infrastructure to meet increasing demands.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of the large amount of funding coming from Meath County Council’s budget to finish estates in the Trim Municipal District in order for them to be taken in charge, we call on the Government to increase funding to cover these costs so that other vital works can be carried out.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 5th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 18th October, 2017.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 25th October, 2017.

The report was noted.



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9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Dara McGowan raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Referred to an email circulated to the local community group in Longwood and Councillors and outlined the issues and related responses/proposals, some of which are funding dependent and some of which would be carried out in 2018. Councillors acknowledged the work undertaken.

10.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested an update on the completion of the section of the Greenway at Fureys bridge.

10.2.2 Requested a site meeting with Transportation at Supervale on the eastern side of Enfield to discuss safety concerns – it was agreed to arrange this.

10.2.3 Requested that a letter issue to Irish Rail regarding the different fare structures that apply to Kilcock and Enfield, with fares more expensive for those travelling to/from Enfield, and request that Enfield be included in the commuter zone.

10.3 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Requested that private car park owners be contacted and requested to ensure vigilance regarding the enforcement of disabled parking spaces.

10.3.2 Requested that a letter issue to Bus Éireann requesting that action be taken with regard to ongoing issues on the 111 route.

10.3.3 Referred to the annual Municipal District civic event whereby cultural and sporting achievements are acknowledged – it was agreed to add this item to the March agenda with a view to holding an event in April 2018.



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10.4 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

10.4.1 The possibility of continuing the footpath on Jonathon Swift Street that ends at the playground and installing a pedestrian crossing at the playground.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach