



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

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

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00pm, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Joe Fox**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Enda Flynn, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch, Ronan McKenna.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Engineer:** John McGrath

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Maurice Kelly

**Administrative Officer:** Alan Rogers

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

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

In relation to Item 6.3, Councillor Caroline Lynch requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the recommendation that the Protocol Committee be requested to review all monuments in the context of plans for the 1916 commemorative events.



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In relation to Item 5.1, Councillor Enda Flynn noted his disappointment at the response provided. Des Foley pointed out that the Schedule of Municipal District Works will include issues in Enfield.

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

Councillor Joe Fox proposed that a letter be issued on behalf of Trim Municipal District to the French Ambassador expressing condolences with regard to the recent events in Paris. This was seconded by Councillor Noel French.

### **4 Presentation on Road Safety concerns at St. Columbanus's National School.**

Ms Tracy McElhinney, Chairperson of the Parents Association, St. Columbanus's National School, Ballivor attended the meeting and outlined the road safety concerns in the vicinity of the school. Issues highlighted included the need for a footpath, the pedestrian crossing to be moved closer to the school, signage and parking. A petition, containing 450 signatures, was submitted to the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Chairperson for her presentation and all agreed that the issues outlined required attention. A short discussion followed, with issues raised such as the need for the provision of basic infrastructure as part of all developments, the number of other facilities in the area, the responsibilities of all the parties involved and the need for a standardised policy to be developed and implemented across the county for the provision of road safety measures at schools. It was agreed that a response would be provided in the coming weeks.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Disposal of land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.**

- 5.1.1 Disposal of land as circulated in accordance to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 in respect of the sale of land at Site No's. 1, 2/3 – Eamon Duggan Industrial Estate, Corporation Land (3<sup>rd</sup> Division).

Des Foley pointed out that this matter had been dealt with previously but that it was required to be brought before the Council again, the reasons for which were contained in the report circulated.



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This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

### **5.2 To discuss the 2015 Schedule of Municipal District Works.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Transportation Operations staff to the meeting. John McGrath, Senior Engineer outlined the responsibility of both Transportation Operations and Transportation Design & Strategic Issues. He outlined the new structure being established across the six Municipal Districts, with Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer for Trim and Ratoath Municipal Districts and Maura Daly, Executive Engineer being the contact for operational issues within the Trim Municipal District. Alan Rogers, Administrative Officer has also been assigned to Transportation Operations.

He referred to Circular LG 27/2014 / FIN 21/2014, which was circulated to Councillors at the January meeting of Meath County Council. The Schedule of Municipal District Works will outline the works to be undertaken in the Municipal District during 2015 and will include the activities that were included in the former roadworks programme in addition to other operational activities, such as street cleaning, and other departmental activities, such as housing maintenance and repair. He outlined the process to be taken in preparing the Schedule of Municipal District Works and confirmed that Maura would meet with Councillors in the coming two weeks to discuss the programme of works and any issues with a view to adopting the Schedule of Municipal District Works at the February meeting.

Reference was also made to the new customer service model being developed and further information will be circulated to Councillors regarding points of contact. The different funding streams were also referenced, including government grants and the General Municipal Districts Allocation.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The boundary changes arising from the Municipal District structures;
- The logging of contacts made to the customer service points;
- The impact of the road condition survey on funding allocations – this survey is available on [www.meath.ie](http://www.meath.ie);
- The timeframe for the completion of the review of parking in the county.

It was agreed to provide Councillors with a copy of the current 5 year roadworks programme.



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### **5.3 Transportation**

5.3.1 To receive an update on works completed and planned within Trim Municipal District.

A report was circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Commended the works commenced in St. John's and Dunderry;
- Request that the investigation into the Leper Stream commence;
- That reports include information specific to towns and villages in the Municipal District and, where possible, advance notification of works planned;
- The trees blocking a light on the Lackanash Road – it was confirmed that conversations had taken place with the landowner and that a hedge cutting notice had been served.

### **6 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“I call on Meath County Council to support the development of a mobile phone app for a points scheme to be implemented in participating retail outlets in Trim Municipal District, similar to a scheme that operated successfully in Waterford as part of their Christmas Shop Local campaign, but which could operate all year round and would provide a boost to the local economy.”

**Supporting information was provided by the Economic Development Unit, as follows:**

*The Economic Development Unit includes Meath Tourism and in relation to Apps for Meath, there are two Apps which have been/will be developed and feature a selection of Trim businesses:*

#### **1. Boyne Valley Experience APP:**



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- *Currently being developed by Boyne Valley Tourism*
- *Tender will be advertised in the coming weeks*
- *Funding acquired through East Border Region (EBR)*
- *Once developed App will feature all Boyne Valley members, including Trim tourism business members, at no cost to Boyne Valley members*

### **2. Meath APP**

- *Developed by Meath Chronicle through TownApps Ltd*
- *Launched in November 2013*
- *There is a subscription fee to business' to feature on this*
- *From a quick review, there are some Trim businesses currently featured on this*
- *For further details, please see*  
<http://www.meathchronicle.ie/news/roundup/articles/2013/12/02/4018636-the-meathapp-is-free-to-download-now->

*The App used as part of the Waterford Christmas Shop Local Campaign was not developed by Waterford City Council, Waterford County Council or Waterford Chamber of Commerce.*

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch outlined the events that took place in Waterford over Christmas and suggested that Councillors visit Waterford to meet with those involved and learn more about the initiative with a view to doing something similar in Trim for Christmas 2015.

A discussion followed that included the role of the local authority in such an initiative and its wider role in encouraging economic development, the potential of the existing Apps available in Meath and the funding of festive lighting. Reference was also made to the economic development strategy and the plans to adopt a consistent approach across the county to supporting festive campaigns. It was suggested that this should be discussed further with Kevin Stewart, Director of Services for Economic Development and that any initiative would be more appropriate on a county basis.

The motion was adopted.



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### **8 Correspondence**

#### **8.1 Correspondence received from Pat Farrelly.**

The correspondence was noted. It was acknowledged that different views were held on historic events but that the connection between Wellington and Trim was there and contributed towards tourism in the town.

#### **8.2 Correspondence received Deputy Ray Butler, TD Re St. Patricks Day Parade and Celtic Festival.**

The correspondence was noted. The importance of the festivals was acknowledged and it was pointed out that the Community Department administers a central fund for particular festivals, including those outlined in the correspondence. With regard to the additional Municipal District festivals allocation, an application process would be developed with recommendations brought to Municipal Districts for approval. It was agreed that the protocol for festivals would be made available for the February meeting.

### **9 Any Other Business**

#### **9.1 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issues:**

- 9.1.1 The absence of white lines on certain roads, including the Kildalkey to Trim road and the Kinnegad to Ballivor road;
- 9.1.2 The absence of road markings at junctions in rural area;
- 9.1.3 The need to ensure road signs are clean and visible;
- 9.1.4 The possible of use of private gritters on a pilot basis and the need to grit the approach roads at Coole NS and the approach roads, junctions & corners around Baconstown NS – a discussion followed on the winter gritting programme and the issues that impact on its delivery and the willingness of Councillors to allocate additional resources.



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### **9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:**

- 9.2.1 The junction at Rathmolyon – it was confirmed that works under the Low Cost Safety Scheme would be undertaken;
- 9.2.2 The need for enforcement around illegal parking on Market Street;
- 9.2.3 An update on the car park opposite the church – it was confirmed that discussions were ongoing but that the existing car park would be retained and parking charges would be a matter for the church.

### **9.3 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:**

- 9.3.1 Speeding at Boardsmill NS;
- 9.3.2 Lighting at Kilbride NS;
- 9.3.3 Flooding at Newtown on the Dublin Road arising from the storm drain;
- 9.3.4 The damage being caused to drains and dirt on roads from hedge cutting activities;
- 9.3.5 Disappointment that only one housing estate in Trim Municipal District was included on the submission made regarding to speed limits;
- 9.3.6 Welcomed additional funding for local authorities for 1916 commemoration events and the need to seek ideas;
- 9.3.7 Proposed that a letter be sent to the HSE to support the retention of funding for Special Needs Assistants for children with special needs – this was supported by Councillors and it was pointed out that such a letter should also be sent to the relevant Minister and local deputies.

### **9.4 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issues:**

- 9.4.1 Sought an update on works in Cherry Valley, Rathmolyon – it was agreed to refer this to Planning Enforcement;



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- 9.4.2 An update on the theatre in Trim – it was pointed out that this would be considered as part of a meeting with the OPW regarding the Town Hall;
  
- 9.4.3 Some local groups who maintain rural graveyards had sought support from Meath County Council in the form of lawnmower grants last June/July but had received no response – it was agreed to refer this to the Environment Section.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**