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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 15th January 2015, 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

Assistant Engineer: Jim McElhinney

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th December, 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th December 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French referred to housing estates, not taken in charge, where the lighting was in need of repair and the response received in relation to a number of named estates. It was confirmed that efforts were ongoing in relation to bringing certain estates to an acceptable standard to take these in charge and that no formal request had been received in relation to others. It was also confirmed that the relevant departments were assessing ways of how the issues, particularly with regard to lighting, could be overcome. It was agreed that a motion would be brought from the Planning and Economic Development SPC to the full Council regarding this issue and its impact on the health and safety of residents. Reference



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was also made to the adequacy of lighting installed that meets the new standards but was considered to be too dark and the need for lighting on the Enfield Bypass to facilitate pedestrians, in addition to the completion of footpaths at both ends of the village.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- Martin Finucane of The Able Table, a new company, who was interviewed by Bobby Kerr on Newstalk.

4 To receive a presentation from Prosper Meath on accessibility in Trim.

Janet Daly, Service Manager and Niamh Clavin, Programme Facilitator, Prosper Meath delivered a presentation to the meeting, which included a background to the organisation, accessibility standards and issues, proposed actions to make Trim more accessible and the associated benefits.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Requested that the Accessibility Audit be circulated to Councillors;
- The approach taken in Cary, South Carolina, which is twinned with Meath;
- The recent establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee;
- The possibility of making a presentation to the Trim Tourism Network;
- Blackspots identified, including the footpaths on Castle Street and on the Dublin Road;
- The support of the Age Friendly Committee.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Janet and Niamh for their presentation, commended them on the work undertaken to date and committed their full support for their future plans and projects. They were invited to come back in 6 to 12 months with a progress update.



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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 was circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- The inclusion of Navangate in the winter gritting programme and the need for a consistent approach – it was confirmed that it was included on an ad hoc basis as the approach was based on stress points identified.
- The gritting of footpaths and the previous use of a spreader– it was confirmed that these had not been gritted and that the use of a spreader would be reviewed.
- The need for gritting approaching Baconstown school, Laracor, Enfield and the Kildalkey Road – it was suggested that these should be raised when the gritting programme was being discussed at the full Council meeting.
- The provision of grit to volunteers, farmers, etc. – it was confirmed that an initial load is provided and then they can refill.
- The importance of gritting at junctions.
- The use of private contractors on a pilot basis to grit additional routes and the possibility of using Baconstown and Kildalkey roads as the pilot routes.
- The confusion caused by different road markings on the Summerhill to Trim and the Summerhill to Kilcock Roads.



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- The need to refresh the road markings on the Kinnegad to Ballivor Road and the Kildalkey to Trim Road.
- The signage to be erected regarding restricted parking in Sarsfield Avenue – it was confirmed that a commitment had been given.
- The erection of the Thomas Allen sign in Longwood – it was confirmed that signage had arrived and staff would be allocated to erect it.
- The need to move the flashing lights due to the new entrance at Kilbride School.
- Update on the application to Irish Water for watermain replacement on the Navan and old Lackanash roads in Trim – it was agreed to refer this to Water Services.
- The impact on visibility from shrubbery on the roundabout approaching Enfield from Johnstownbridge – it was agreed to check this.
- The need to replace/repair signage around Enfield including the main sign from Clonard and also the signs after Baconstown NS and at Coffey's Corner.
- The suitability of the ESB staywire outside the school in Enfield – it was agreed to check this.
- The need for water cuts to assist drainage on the Harristown Road, Ballinabrackey and on the Rossan Road, Kinnegad.
- The width of the footpath on the Rathmolyon Road, Enfield, which impinges on a garden entering Enfield from Clonard – it was agreed to refer this to Planning.
- Water collecting in potholes on the parking bays on Market Street.
- Update on works in Eamon Duggan Industrial Estate – it was confirmed that works were substantially complete.



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5.2 Economic Development

5.2.1 To receive an update on the implementation of the Meath Economic Strategy.

A report was circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the launch of the North East Action Plan for Jobs;
- Commended the work ongoing as part of the Meath Economic Strategy.
- Encouraged engagement with the proposed Variation No. 3, Meath County Development Plan;
- The positive developments regarding the rates incentive scheme and no rates increase.

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015.

- Kildalkey Wood, Kildalkey
- Glenidan Court, Enfield
- Beechcroft, Summerhill

These were approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch



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“Can the Housing Department provide information on the number of units in the Trim area suitable for the elderly and people with a disability, including figures on vacant and occupied units and location of same and the current composition of households in these units?”

Response:

There are 23 units within the Trim Municipal District area that are specific to meeting the accommodation needs of older persons. No vacancies currently exist within this cohort of units.

The provision of single storey units are often required to fulfil the accommodation needs of older persons or persons with a physical disability. There are approximately 147 single storey units in the Trim Municipal District Area, and are primarily 2 bed units in composition. Accordingly, these units are not exclusive to older persons/persons with a physical disability, as these units are also suitable for fulfilling the accommodation needs of small family units.

Where specific accommodation requirements are present and the provision of same is not possible through our existing housing stock, opportunities under our acquisition programme are pursued. Furthermore, works under the Local Authority Adaptation Works Scheme provides a further mechanism in ensuring that accommodation is appropriate and suitable for the tenant’s needs.

In respect to persons with a disability, Meath County Council is currently completing its Housing Strategy for People with a Disability. This strategy reviews the current and future housing need of people with a disability, and will assist in future planning of housing supply to address the identified need.

The response was noted. Councillor Lynch sought clarification on the figures requested and also information on the composition of households. It was agreed to refer this back to Housing.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch



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“That Trim Municipal District supports the development of Trim Tourism Network by providing Tourist Contact Point stickers for any businesses in the town willing to provide information outside of existing opening times of the Tourist Office and that Meath Tourism would support the development of a short training course for any participating businesses who would like this opportunity.”

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

Further to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch for the January meeting of Trim Municipal District, Meath / Boyne Valley Tourism would support the creation of Tourist Contact Points by Trim Municipal District for approved tourism providers who are members of Boyne Valley Tourism and would support the delivery of an information session.

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

Councillor Lynch welcomed the response and invited Councillors and officials to the launch of Trim Tourism Network, taking place on 4th February in Trim Castle Hotel.

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issues:

9.1.1 The date of the next AGM for Trim Sports & Leisure Company – it was confirmed that a date would be agreed in the near future.

9.1.2 The need for a meeting to progress the provision of a theatre in Trim.



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9.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.2.1 The availability of the county parking review – it was agreed to get an update from Transportation.

9.3 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:

9.3.1 The need to consider the ringfencing of appropriate housing units for people with a disability/mobility issue as part of the review of the Council's Allocation Policy by the Housing SPC.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach