



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00p.m., 13<sup>th</sup> February 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:**

**Meetings Administrator:** Claire King

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Maurice Kelly

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Also in attendance:** John McGrath, Senior Engineer; David Jones, Senior Executive Officer; Tom Traynor, Senior Executive Engineer; Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner; Kathryn Hosey, Executive Planner; Aoife Kennedy, Assistant Planner.

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

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

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

2.1 Councillor Enda Flynn enquired as to the status of funding for Enfield and Trim St. Patrick's Day Parades – it was pointed out that this had been referred to the Community Department and that an update would be sought.

2.2 Councillor Ronan McKenna sought an update on Cherryvalley – the following update from the Planning Department had been circulated to Councillors by email on 6<sup>th</sup>



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*Further to your query in respect of Cherryvalley estate in Rathmolyon, the Council is aware that the receiver has appointed consultants as project managers to oversee and facilitate the completion of the development. The consultants carried out a survey of the site in September in order to draft the tender documentation for the contractors to price. It is the Council's understanding that a contractor has been appointed and we await commencement of works on site.*

Councillor McKenna requested that this update be added to the minutes to facilitate the monitoring of the situation and that an update be provided at the March meeting.

- 2.3 Councillor Ronan McKenna requested an update on the reinstatement of the green area at Avondale – Maura Daly confirmed that the bulk of the civil works were complete and that the ESB had some works remaining, after which the area would be reinstated. Councillor McKenna asked that the ESB be contacted for a completion date.
- 2.4 Councillor Ronan McKenna requested an update on the lighting in the Linear Park – it was agreed to check with the Transportation Department.
- 2.5 Councillor Noel French expressed his disappointment that only one housing estate in the Trim Municipal District had been included in the submission to the Department of Transport in respect of the 30km per hour speed limit and suggested that all estates should have a default 30km per hour speed limit.

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

Sympathy was extended to former Councillor Jimmy Fegan and his family on the death of his sister-in-law.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 To consider and adopt the 2015 Schedule of Municipal District Works.**

John McGrath provided the background to the Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW), including the legislative context, the process for adoption and the major



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service divisions, housing and transportation, to which it applies in terms of repair and maintenance.

David Jones, Housing Department outlined the categories for housing maintenance and repair and explained the background to and rationale for the allocations, including those managed centrally. John McGrath SE, Transportation Department provided an overview of the breakdown of funding relating to transportation, the sources of funding and how these can be spent, the rationale for the allocations to the Municipal District and explanation of the central budgets allocated over the six municipal districts.

Matters raised by the Councillors, and responses received, included:

- The possible transfer of allocations from one municipal district to another if underspending occurs – it was confirmed that the scheme does provide for reallocations.
- The allocation for maintenance in Castle Meadows and the issues with illegal dumping and burning of waste – it was confirmed that the allocation includes the role of caretaker who undertakes various duties including tenant liaison and maintenance of the green areas and that the issues of dumping and burning, much of which occurred outside of the caretaker hours, had been referred to the Environment Section.
- The need to plan for the provision of social housing following the launch of the government housing strategy – it was pointed out that the SMDW deals only with maintenance and repair and that Meath County Council was liaising with the department regarding planning and funding for future capital programmes.
- The need to maintain the N4 as traffic volumes were high due to the tolls being avoided – it was confirmed that the N4 was classified as a regional road and maintenance funded from that allocation.
- The consideration of traffic volumes in deciding allocations – the rationale for allocations was outlined.
- The availability of the Low Cost Safety Scheme in Ballivor – it was confirmed that applications would be made under this scheme towards the end of the summer and that not all applications submitted would receive funding and that whilst Ballivor had not received an allocation, options would be considered and costed.



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- The provision of NTA funding and how projects are prioritised and the possible completion of projects if money becomes available.

The 2015 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Trim Municipal District was adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked all those involved in preparing the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

### **4.2 Planning**

- 4.2.1 To receive the Planning Report on P814002 for the construction of a playground in Enfield and, if sought fit, to approve the Part VIII.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner referred to the report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Councillors agreed that the work undertaken by Meath County Council had gone a long way in addressing the concerns of residents and that the minor issues outstanding could be addressed.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden** to approve the Part VIII in respect of the construction of a playground in Enfield.

- 4.2.2 To consider the Chief Executive's Report prepared pursuant to Section 20 (C) (1) of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2014 on submissions and observations received with respect to the proposed revocation to the following Local Area Plans

- Ballivor LAP 2009-2015
- Clonard LAP 2009-2015
- Enfield LAP 2009-2015
- Kildalkey LAP 2009-2015
- Longwood LAP 2009-2015



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- Rathmolyon LAP 2009-2015
- Summerhill LAP 2009-2015

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report, to make a recommendation to Meath County Council to revoke or not revoke the stated Local Area Plans.

Aoife Kennedy, Assistant Planner delivered a verbal report to the meeting that outlined the background to the process to date and also the submissions received and recommendations made.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** to accept the recommendations made in the report.

### **4.3 Transportation**

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

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Councillors complimented the revised structure of the report and the additional information provided.

- 4.3.2 Report on notice to extinguishing of public rights of way.

Maurice Kelly referred to the reports circulated in advance of the meeting and outlined the key points contained therein. He confirmed that no objections had been received.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn** to approve the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way as detailed.

## **5 Notice of Question**

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



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“Can we have an update on the progress of the Aldi development in the town?”

**A response was provided by the Corporate Services Section, as follows:**

*It was confirmed that the contracts for the sale of the site had been signed this week, with the sale being subject to planning permission, and that Aldi intended to apply for planning permission very shortly.*

The response was noted and the progress welcomed by Councillors.

### **5.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

“When will insulation work on council houses commence in Ballivor and in particular when will it commence in Woodgrove?”

**A response was provided by the Housing Department, as follows:**

*We are currently formulating a programme of works to comply with Department Circular: Housing 8 of 2015 - Energy Efficiency Insulation Measure – Phase 1. This requires all Local Authority housing stock to have minimum standards of wall and attic insulation, and we are required to submit a schedule of our funding requirements for the year. It is proposed to progress properties in Woodgrove under this scheme in 2015.*

The response was noted.

## **6 Notice of Motion**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

“That Trim Municipal District Council calls on the OPW to consider the year round opening of Trim Castle.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.



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Councillor French highlighted examples of other sites that were open all year round but that attracted fewer tourist numbers and suggested that the letter to the OPW should request a skeleton service if a full guided tour option was not feasible.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“That Meath County Council erects a suitable signpost to mark the turn off to the grave of Thomas Allen. This grave is of great historical importance to the people of County Meath and needs to be signposted so residents and tourists alike can find it. It would be a very positive gesture to the people of Longwood in the preparation for 1916 celebrations.”

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

It was also suggested that Eamon Duggan be commemorated in 2016.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

## **7 Correspondence**

### **7.1 Launch of 2015 Anti Litter Initiative – Application Form.**

The correspondence was noted.

## **8 Any Other Business**

8.1 With regard to the proposed installation of lighting at the Wellington Monument, the meeting was informed that the cost had been estimated at €20,000 and that, whilst no budget allocation had been made, funding may be available from amenity levies. It was also confirmed that, due to the monument being a protected structure, a Part VIII would be required and that this process, followed by a tender process, would mean that the lighting would not be installed by the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Councillors agreed to consider this information and discuss this matter further at the March meeting.



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8.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

8.2.1 With regard to the development of a local business App, a meeting had taken place with staff from the Economic Development Department and that it was agreed that a meeting should take place between Councillors and the Chamber of Commerce to investigate how the council and chamber could work together. Councillor Lynch agreed to arrange the meeting and inform other Councillors of the details.

8.2.2 The possibility of introducing incentives for local business owners to park in out of town locations – it was agreed that this issue could be discussed with the Chamber of Commerce.

8.2.3 The need for a local Joint Policing Committee.

8.3 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

8.3.1 The clearance of trees by the OPW along the riverbank at Avondale and whether these trees were protected.

8.3.2 The status of derelict houses in Trim.

8.4 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issues:

8.4.1 He requested that, as director of Trim Leisure Centre Co. Ltd, he be facilitated to provide an update at the March meeting – it was agreed that this could be included under Any Other Business.

8.4.2 The responsibility of dog owners following the recent dog attacks on sheep in the area.

8.5 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

8.5.1 The absence of a Garda sergeant in Enfield.

8.5.2 Welcomed the postponement of the revised special needs model.



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- 8.5.3 The need for lighting and footpath on the Edenderry Road, Clonard.
- 8.5.4 The need for a review of traffic management in Enfield and specifically the confusion created at/by traffic lights on the bypass and in the town centre.
- 8.6 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issues:
  - 8.6.1 The possibility of raising the walls at Tower View, Ballivor as waste was being dumped onto adjacent land.
  - 8.6.2 The need to review road markings at rural junctions.
- 8.7 Councillor Trevor Golden highlighted the absence of verges on the Longwood to Trim Road and the possible installation of a crash barrier.
- 8.8 It was agreed to move the March meeting to 13<sup>th</sup> March.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**