



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00 pm, 13<sup>th</sup> March 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 Executive Engineer:** Maurice Kelly

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

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

2.1 In relation to Item 6.1, Councillor Noel French enquired as to whether a letter had issued to both the Chairman of the OPW and the Minister of State. It was confirmed that a letter had issued to Minister of State with Special Responsibility for the OPW, Simon Harris, T.D. Councillor French requested that the letter also issue to the Office of the Chairman of the OPW.

2.2 In relation to Item 4.1, Councillor Noel French pointed out that, as the parking charges introduced to fund the loan repayments for infrastructural improvements in Trim had been centralised, that the related loan repayments should also be centralised. Des



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Foley confirmed that the income from parking charges does not fully cover the loan charges and that a footpath improvement loan had already been centralised but that the treatment of this other loan could be reviewed for 2016.

- 2.3 In relation to Item 8.1, Councillor Noel French pointed out that he could not currently support the expenditure of approximately €20,000 on the installation of lighting at the Wellington Monument but requested costings for temporary lighting to be installed for three months in 2015 to commemorate the period from Wellington's birthday to the Battle of Waterloo. He also requested that the Part VIII process be commenced so that, if funding were to become available, the lighting could be installed at this monument without delay. This was agreed.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Noel French and his family on the death of his mother, Mary French. Councillor French thanked Councillors and staff for their sympathies.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Trim Musical Society on their recent production of the 'The Addams Family'. Councillor Ronan McKenna pointed out that their success emphasised the need for a visual arts centre in Trim.

It was agreed that a letter of support be issued to Mr. Ray Butler, T.D. and his family following the recent protest at his home, as this treatment of public representatives could not be condoned. Councillor Caroline Lynch pointed out that the Right 2 Water Campaign did not participate in this protest and did not support the targeting of people's homes.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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



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A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Councillors complimented the comprehensive nature of the information provided.

Councillor Ronan McKenna enquired as to a timeframe for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Clonard. Maura Daly confirmed that the Transportation Department was looking after the design and Part VIII process could include public consultation but that a location had not yet been decided. It was agreed to check its status with the Transportation Department.

Councillor Caroline Lynch enquired as to the outcome of the meeting with the Ballivor group and the Road Safety Officer. Maura Daly confirmed that she is to meet with the Road Safety Officer.

### **4.2 Planning**

4.2.1 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 2000-2014:

- Edgeworth Court, Longwood.

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

Councillor Ronan McKenna complimented Planning Enforcement on the manner in which the issues had been dealt with and the amount of work undertaken by the Receivers.

## **5 Notice of Question**

### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn**

“Will the council be in a position to sweep the Main Street and approach roads in Enfield on one of the 4 days preceding the St. Patrick's Day Parade?”

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



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*MCC Operations Dept (Trim MD) is in the process of finalising a rota for the road sweeper throughout the Municipal District – this rota will be distributed in the coming weeks. This request will be considered in this rota and except for any unforeseen circumstances the sweeper will be sent to Enfield on one of the days requested.*

The response was noted.

Maura Daly confirmed that the road sweeper would be in Enfield on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Councillors welcomed the introduction of the rota system.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn**

“That Trim Municipal District recognise the value of the Enfield Loop including the road linking the two ends of the village through the main street and the by-pass as a local amenity, and agree to examine the safety of pedestrians, athletes, cyclists and motorists who use this facility and report to this body with the findings.”

**Supporting information was provided by the Transportation Department, as follows:**

*Trim Municipal District has an approved schedule of works with an associated approved budget for 2015 which includes various studies/surveys to be carried out as part of these works. Meath County Council will consider this motion in next year’s priority list of studies/works to be carried out.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

Councillor Enda Flynn highlighted the increased use of the Loop by pedestrians but that there were a number of dangerous points on the route, due to the absence of footpaths and/or lighting.

The motion was adopted.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn**



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“That Trim Municipal District provide information as regards the cost of the installation of a number of street lighting options for the Enfield Loop including the road linking the two ends of the village through the main street and the bypass.”

**Supporting information was provided by the Transportation Department, as follows:**

*Option A – The estimated cost to install a public lighting scheme from the roundabout on the Dublin side of Enfield to the Roundabout on the Kinnegad side of Enfield on the R148 by-pass is €230,000 & VAT. This is subject to detailed design and competitive tendering process.*

*Option B – The estimated cost to install a public lighting scheme from the roundabout on the Dublin side of Enfield to the Johnstown Rd junction on the R148 by-pass is €150,000 & VAT. This is subject to detailed design and competitive tendering process.*

*Option C – The estimated cost to install a public lighting scheme from the roundabout on the Kinnegad side of Enfield to the Johnstown Rd junction on the R148 by-pass is €80,000 & VAT. This is subject to detailed design and competitive tendering process.*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

Councillor Enda Flynn welcomed the information provided. Des Foley suggested that Councillors consider drafting a list of schemes such as this for 2016, which can then be prioritised and progressed.

The motion was adopted.

### **7 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **8 Any Other Business**

8.1 Update on Trim Leisure Centre Company Ltd.



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- 8.1.1 Des Foley confirmed that a meeting has been provisionally arranged for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am in Trim Civic Offices to discuss issues arising and that a report can be made available for the April meeting.
  
- 8.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:
  - 8.2.1 The use of the national flag in advance of St. Patrick's Day and the need to ensure it is presented in a suitable condition. It was agreed to issue a letter to the Courts Service regarding the flag in use at Trim Courthouse and to make the guidelines regarding the use of the flag available on meath.ie.
  
- 8.3 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issue:
  - 8.3.1 Requested a review of all traffic management issues in Enfield, including signage, junctions, traffic lights, etc. with a view to developing a plan to improve issues being experienced. Maurice Kelly confirmed that a view of individual junctions can be undertaken but that a wider review would involve the appointment of specialist consultants. It was agreed that a local review would be undertaken initially.
  
- 8.4 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:
  - 8.4.1 An update on the taking in charge of Oakleigh estate – it was confirmed that a tender had been accepted and that works should commence in the coming weeks.
  - 8.4.2 The threat to speech and language services at St. Mary's School, Trim as a result of HSE cuts. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Caroline Lynch and seconded by Councillor Noel French to issue a letter to the HSE urging that these services be maintained.
  
- 8.5 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:
  - 8.5.1 An update on the countywide parking report – it was confirmed that this would be presented to Councillors when finalised.
  - 8.5.2 The absence of lighting at the benches at Trim Castle and the possibility of undertaking an audit of street lighting in Trim to identify deficiencies – it was



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agreed to develop a list of key locations requiring new lights.

8.6 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issues:

- 8.6.1 An update on the plans to work with and support Enfield Tidy Towns Committee – it was confirmed that a list of works was to be provided and that this would determine what could be done.
- 8.6.2 Requested that the documentation for the Part VIII, with amendments, for the provision of a playground in Enfield as had been agreed at the February meeting be circulated to Councillors.
- 8.6.3 An update on the progress of the provision of the school in Longwood – it was confirmed that a tender had been accepted and that works should commence soon.
- 8.6.4 The provision of lighting and the litter problem at the access to the Blackfriary site off the Kells road – Maura Daly confirmed that this will be checked.

8.7 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issues:

- 8.7.1 An update on the NTA funding application for the Royal Canal Cycleway – it was agreed to check this with the Transportation Department.
- 8.7.2 An update on the review of signage and the sat nav directions being used on the approach to the bridge at Longwood – it was agreed to check this with the Transportation Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**