



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00p.m., 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Trim Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch.

**Apologies:** Councillor Ronan McKenna.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Staff Officer:** Triona Keating

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Claire King, Meetings Administrator and Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer.

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

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

Councillor Noel French asked what the prospects were of receiving additional funding for the Schedule of Municipal District Works - Des Foley confirmed that, following the excellent result of the 2015 AFS, additional funding has been allocated to the Revenue Budget specifically for the Schedule of Municipal District Works. €140,000 has been allocated to each Municipal District for footpaths and an additional €35,000 towards public lighting, giving a total of €175,000 per Municipal District. Additional works will be carried out, following discussions to be held with the District Engineer to identify the priorities.



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Councillor Noel French asked if exceptional items could be included for Trim, for example, graveyards and stonework on historical sites - Des Foley advised that if additional funding becomes available these projects can be considered.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Brian Smith, former employee of Meath County Council.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The two winners of the 1916 Art Competition - Scoil Mhuire and Youthreach Centre.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Enfield and to Baconstown Pre-School, winners of the parade.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Trim and, in particular, the Canoe Club and the Special Olympics.
- All schools on the Proclamation Day which was a great celebration of 100 years.
- All involved in the Garden of Remembrance in Trim.

### **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 Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on works completed/ planned within Trim Municipal District.



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The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by Councillors included:

- The timeframe for the barriers outside the school in Enfield – it was confirmed that this has to go through procurement, for both the barriers and the contractor, if they cannot do the work in-house but that it is on the higher end of the priority list.
- On the Ballyboggan Road at Clonard, flooding had reoccurred despite works at this location and that there is a similar situation past Jordanstown Church in the way to Enfield – it was agreed to check these.
- The dates for the sweeper coming to the towns and villages – it was agreed that the Councillors submit their preferred dates and locations to the District Engineer and a schedule will be prepared for same.
- The work required to keep the Enfield Ring Road tidy – this was dealt with under Item 7.1 - Notice of Motion.
- Loose chippings on roads in the Enfield area following resurfacing works, for example at the turn at Jordanstown in Enfield – it was confirmed that nothing can be done until May; however some fogging would be carried out by the Contractor in the coming weeks .
- The need for potholes to be repaired at Hill of Down from Langan's Cross to Cowboy – it was agreed to check this.
- Thanked Michael Finnegan on behalf of Longwood School for meeting with them to discuss Road Safety issues.
- Pothole on the Kilbride Road at Currans Farm in need of repair – it was agreed to check this out.
- Speeding on the Summerhill to Trim Road and the need for speed vans – it was advised that the Garda Superintendent has written to the Department requesting Speed Vans for this area.

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- If lights in Summerhill Village could be set to turn red if a car is speeding when approaching them – it was agreed to check this out.
- Submission made by Prosper Meath on making Trim more accessible and the possibility of setting out a 3 to 4 year works plan to target areas to achieve this – it was agreed to look at this.
- Works carried out by Virgin Media in Mornington Heights, where some works were left uneven – it was confirmed that an inspection would be carried out once the contractor has confirmed that works are completed.
- The seating in the Porchfields, with no backs on the seats for older people.
- Difficulty for people living on the Dublin Road to walk into Trim – it was confirmed that a footpath has been placed on the list for new works.
- Pedestrian crossing at Supervalu – it was agreed to look at a two way traffic sign to be erected.
- An update was sought on Kilbride Graveyard – Dara McGowan confirmed that trial holes carried out showed a high water table and therefore the ground is not suitable for a graveyard.

### **5.2 Corporate Services**

#### **5.2.1 To receive a presentation on Event Management Guidelines.**

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation on the event management guidelines, which included information on procedures, event categories, pre-planning, risk management and requirements.

Councillors agreed that this is a very useful document for groups running events.



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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

- 5.2.3 Section 85 Agreement with Meath County Council, Westmeath County Council and Eirgrid PLC pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 for the administration of the Eirgrid Community Gain Fund for the Mullingar Reinforcement Project in the jurisdiction of Westmeath County Council and Meath County Council.

Des Foley advised that an Evaluation Committee was to be set up in respect of the Eirgrid Community Gain Fund, which would consist of one Councillor and one staff member from Meath County Council.

**Councillor Enda Flynn** was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Noel French and seconded by Councillor Joe Fox. As there were no other nominations, Councillor Enda Flynn was elected to the Committee.

## **6 Notice of Question**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“Can the Housing section confirm that applicants for the HAP programme will not be excluded from this scheme if they refuse to sign the declaration on the form which asks them to agree to being removed from the housing list if they go onto this programme?”

#### **Response:**

*The Regulations for the HAP Scheme are prescribed nationally, and an applicant must sign the declaration in order to qualify for HAP. If they fail to sign same, their HAP application will be deemed ineligible.*

*However, each HAP applicant has the opportunity to complete a Transfer application form when accepting HAP. This form is part of the HAP pack issued to every eligible applicant. If an applicant completes the Transfer form, they move to the Transfer list, maintaining the same length of time accumulated up to that point on the Housing List.*



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The response was noted.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

#### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan McKenna**

*"That Meath County Council erects three dog fouling bins on the Enfield Ring Road to encourage dog owners to keep Enfield dog foul free."*

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

It is not considered necessary to provide specialised dog fouling bins. Responsible dog owners should be using the existing litter bins provided - it makes better use of resources to continue emptying one type of litter bin.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

A short discussion followed and it was requested that two litter bins be placed on the Enfield Ring Road at the Jordanstown Road and the far end. It was agreed that this request would be referred to Transportation Section.

The motion was noted.

#### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

*"In view of the current complaints of residents in Mornington Heights regarding the quality of public lighting, that the Transportation Section conduct a short customer service survey to gather data before replacing the public lights in any other estates."*

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

*All public lighting installations, including that upgraded in Mornington Heights in 2014, are designed in accordance with the relevant and current design standards for public*



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*lighting in residential areas, which are BS5489 & BS EN 13201, British Standards for Public Lighting.*

*In relation to the public lighting in Mornington Heights, it was identified at design stage that 16 existing trees were blocking the output of the public lighting units and hence making the light useless. As part of the risk assessment process, and to ensure sufficient public lighting was provided within the estate, the removal of these trees was planned. The residents however refused permission for the removal of these trees and some tree pruning was carried out. These trees continue to impact on the level of public lighting in this estate and their removal is recommended.*

*Where resources have allowed, the public lighting section has in the past and will continue to liaise with the public with regard to planned works where possible. However resources are not available to give an absolute guarantee that every residents association or every resident in housing estates throughout the County is notified with regard to public lighting planned works within the public road. Where appropriate the public lighting section shall notify the relevant Municipal District members of proposed public lighting works within their Municipal District going forward.*

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

The motion was adopted.

### **7.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“That Trim Municipal District calls on the Executive to organise a short information session on the HAP programme for landlords and potential landlords in the Trim Municipal District to increase the engagement with this housing initiative.”

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

*It was agreed at the last meeting of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development Strategic Policy Committee that measures would be taken to increase awareness among landlords of the HAP scheme, in order to facilitate landlord interest and participation in same.*



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*The Housing Department intends to arrange, and publicise the holding of a number of information sessions to achieve the above, and details of same will be circulated to members in due course.*

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

A discussion followed on the lack of accommodation available in the Trim area and the need to promote initiatives and engage with landlords.

The motion was adopted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following:-

9.1.1 Update on progress of works in Glenidan Estate, Enfield - it was confirmed that contact was made with the Planning Department to see what works can commence and that Irish Water is also involved with their requirements.

9.1.2 Whether Brackinraney Estate, Longwood was taken in charge – it was confirmed that it is not in charge but that Planning is looking at alternative ways to provide lighting in the estate.

9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following:-

9.2.1 Update on the parking situation in Trim – it was confirmed that new parking arrangements were on target to commence in April. This arrangement will run for the remainder of the year.





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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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