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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00pm, 17th April 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

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13th March 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th March 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French referred to the discussion on the centralisation of loan repayments in 2016, following the centralisation of parking charges income. Des Foley confirmed that this had been agreed in principle and would be looked at in the context of 2016.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of Seán Cleary, Meadstown, Dunderry, Navan and his colleagues in Meath River Rescue;
- The family of the late Karen Buckley, Mourneabbey, County Cork.

4 To receive a presentation from Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership - Overview of the LSP.

Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership (MLSP) delivered a presentation to the meeting that provided an overview of MLSP, its structure, funding, activities and key events planned.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- The possibility of promoting Meath as a cycling hub in Ireland;
- The continued support of Meath County Council to MLSP through road improvements for the cycle race and funding;
- The need to incorporate free activities into infrastructural plans, e.g. walking and cycling;
- The increased use of facilities such as schools outside of school hours.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Mary for her presentation.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.



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Councillor Ronan McKenna requested a report on the progress made in the restoration of the green area at Avondale. It was agreed to provide this at the next meeting.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To receive an update on Trim Leisure Centre Co. Ltd.

Des Foley confirmed that a meeting of the board had taken place on 27th March and that the issues and concerns of directors had been discussed with the accountants. A further meeting was planned for mid-May and legal advice sought to address the issues raised. It was pointed out that an allocation under the capital investment programme would enable the repair and maintenance issues to be addressed.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Can the Housing section please give Councillors an update on the number of vacant housing units in Trim Municipal District and report on what stage these units are at in the allocation process?”

Response:

	No. of Units Vacant < 3 Months	No. of Units Vacant 3-6 Months	No. of Units Vacant > 6 Months		No. of Vacant Units Currently Subject to Works	No. of Outstanding Vacant Units
Trim	3	0	7		6	4

Outlined above is the number of vacant units in the Trim Municipal District. As noted above, there are 6 vacant units currently being progressed though pre let repairs or funding secured under the 2014 Void Scheme, and are subject to works. Therefore, there are 4 units that are outstanding as vacant, and are subject to funding requests at present to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government under the 2015 Void Scheme.



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In addition to the figures cited, there are a further 6 properties vacant in the Trim Municipal District area which are affected by pyrite.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That lower parking charges, similar to those introduced in Kells, be introduced in Trim.”

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

A Pilot Parking initiative is being proposed for Kells on a trial period of 3 months. At the end of the trial period the success of the pilot scheme will be assessed. The proposal for Trim can then be assessed in light of the results of same.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

It was pointed out that the three month trial period had commenced the previous day in Kells and that the impact for traders would form part of its review. This review would inform the action to be taken in Trim. It was also highlighted that a county parking committee was to be formed and that the countywide parking review report would be made available for the June Trim Municipal District meeting.

The motion was noted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In view of the meeting taking place between the engineer and Meath County Council’s road safety officer, that a plan of action be drawn up and presented to councillors to address road safety concerns for residents in Ballivor.”



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

A meeting is planned for April, with representatives from the Transportation Department in attendance, to discuss the road safety concerns in Ballivor. Recommendations from that meeting will be brought to Councillors at the next scheduled Municipal District meeting.

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

A report was requested for the May meeting of Trim Municipal District, to include costings for the recommendations and a commitment to apply to the NTA for funding.

The motion was adopted.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“That Trim Municipal District calls on the Protocol Committee of Meath County Council to consider the erection of plaques in all towns in the county to mark 1916 and the provision of appropriate monuments to commemorate 1916 in the following towns: Ballivor, Longwood, Summerhill, Enfield and Trim, and to provide costings for these monuments.”

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch acknowledged that the funding allocation to Meath County Council for the 1916 commemorative events may not enable this motion to be carried out and that additional fund raising may be needed. Grants are also available for local gardens of remembrance. It was pointed out that an additional allocation would be made later in the year but that a dignified approach to the event should be taken and the community involved in leading such plans. A comprehensive plan was to be presented to the council by the committee.

The motion was adopted.



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8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Chairman's Office, Office of Public Works in response to notice of Item 6.1 – Notice of Motion as adopted at the February monthly meeting.
- 8.2 Correspondence received from the Private Secretary to the Minister of State, Simon Harris, T.D., Office of Public Works in response notice of to Item 6.1 – Notice of Motion as adopted at the February monthly meeting.

In relation to Items 8.1 and 8.2, Councillor Noel French pointed out that Trim featured as a key attraction in Fáilte Ireland's recently launched touring region – Ireland's Ancient East and that Trim Castle should be open all year round. It was agreed that the OPW should be invited to attend a meeting of Trim Municipal District or meet with Councillors at the OPQ Headquarters to discuss the issue further.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from Community and Enterprise Department, Meath County Council with regard to 2015 Meath Pride of Place Competition.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.4 Correspondence received from An Bord Pleanála with regard to a planning application received for Maighne Wind Farm, North Kildare.

It was confirmed that Meath County Council would make a submission and that this would be presented at the June meeting of Meath County Council. Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the delay in introducing the new guidelines on wind farms.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:

9.1.1 An update on the funding allocation from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government for houses in Summerhill affected by pyrite. It was pointed out that whilst the funding was imminent, houses will continue to deteriorate until the issue is addressed and the cost therefore will increase. It was agreed to request an update from the Housing Department on the issue.



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- 9.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:
- 9.2.1 The continuing problem of speeding on the Dublin Road.
 - 9.2.2 Complaints received regarding public lighting on the laneway between Mornington Heights and the school car park.
 - 9.2.3 An update on derelict sites in Trim.
 - 9.2.4 An update on Rathmolyon crossroads – it was agreed to check this.
- 9.3 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issue:
- 9.3.1 Speeding on the Dublin and Athboy Roads and the possibility of moving the speed warning signs to these locations – it was pointed out that the success of these signs was to be reviewed and that it was difficult to move them once they were in place. It was agreed to contact the Garda Chief Superintendent to request that random speed checks be carried out within the town boundaries.
- 9.4 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:
- 9.4.1 The safety concerns expressed by traders in Enfield with regard to parking and the possibility of installing bollards on the path at the Kinnegad end of the village – it was agreed to check this.
 - 9.4.2 The procedure for erecting signs for the Text Alert System in Enfield.
 - 9.4.3 The deteriorating pothole approximately 1km from Rathmolyon on the Enfield road.
 - 9.4.4 An update on the traffic surveys in Enfield – it was confirmed that a quote had been received and this project would commence.
- 9.5 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:
- 9.5.1 The positioning of speed vans on the road marked from Boyne Community School to Scurlogstown and the need to further detection closer to the town – it



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was agreed to contact the Gardaí seeking this.

9.5.2 Speeding in the town centre, e.g. Loman Street, the need for additional signage at ramp, and the provision of a pedestrian crossing at school, where there is no designated crossing point.

9.6 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issues:

9.6.1 Parking at Clonard Community Hall – it was confirmed that line painting was to be undertaken at this location.

9.6.2 Potholes on Woodtown Lane.

9.6.3 Flooding at Wood Lane and Main Street, Kildalkey.

9.7 Des Foley raised the following issues:

9.7.1 The commencement of the roadworks programme and asked that Councillors submit requests directly to Trim Civic Offices.

9.7.2 Two playground developments in Enfield and Trim are to commence and it is intended to have these open by the end of June.

9.7.3 Trim has been selected to represent Ireland in the Entente Florale Competition with an inspection due to take place on 17th July. A lot of work is required in advance of this in conjunction with the Tidy Towns Association, businesses and residents. A number of public meetings have been arranged and public support is required.

9.7.4 It was agreed that the May monthly meeting of Trim Municipal District would commence at the earlier time of 1.30pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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