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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 20th May 2016, 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

Assistant Engineer: Jim McElhinney

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer and Maura Daly, Executive Engineer.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th April, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th April 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:



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- The Under 16 Enfield Celtic team on their premier league and cup wins and their development of the grounds and clubhouse;
- Trim Celtic on winning the Challenge Cup.

4 To receive a presentation on Meath Laterlife Network.

Jim Matthews, Chair and Ita Healy, Meath Laterlife Network delivered a presentation on the Age Friendly Alliance and Strategy, the background to the Meath Laterlife Network, it's aims, actions and achievements, and future plans.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Meath's performance in meeting the needs of this group – it was pointed out progress was being made and, that through policy, planning and infrastructure, Councillors had an important role to play.
- Linkages with groups such as Prosper Meath, the benefits of infrastructural improvements to many groups and sectors and the need experienced by those living alone, particularly women, for basic household repairs and maintenance – it was confirmed that a Mend & Friend Scheme, planned by Meath Partnership with the Volunteer Centre, had run into difficulties but these were being resolved.
- The important role played by older citizens in society and the community.
- The issues experienced by this group – it was pointed out that transport and broadband are two key issues, as is dog fouling for wheelchair users and the location of pedestrian crossings.
- The importance of providing supports to allow people remain in their home for as long as possible – a UK study, which promoted house design that met the standard requirements of older people, was referenced.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Jim and Ita for their presentation.



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5 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

Councillor Enda Flynn requested that the design of the entrance be reviewed.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

6.1.1 To receive an update on the current Speed Limit Review.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation attended the meeting and outlined the report that had been circulated in advance, which dealt with both the countywide speed limit review and the proposed speed limit bye-laws for housing estates. The bye-laws could only apply to Council estates or appropriate estates that are taken in charge. It was confirmed that the draft bye-laws would come to the June Municipal District meetings, following which it would go on public display, with submissions to be considered by the Municipal Districts in September and presentation to Meath County Council for adoption in October. The speed limit bye-law would then, if accepted by the councillors, become effective from November 2016.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The preference for a default 30kmph speed limit in all estates;
- The need for a 30kmph speed limit outside schools;
- The need for drivers to alter their behaviour to reflect the dangers in particular areas.

6.1.2 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:

- Welcomed the dropped footpaths to facilitate disability access.
- The need for a developer to address any damage caused by works prior to an estate being taken in charge – it was confirmed that a snag list is prepared and these works must be completed before an estate is taken in charge.
- The need to address water pooling outside a residence in the Glen Abhainn estate – it was confirmed that these works would be undertaken when a crew is in the area.
- The need to urgently address issues in Delamere estate.
- The bollards at St. Patrick's Park – it was confirmed that this was being reviewed.
- The possibility of providing a walkway from Autopoint to Scurlogstown.
- An update on the provision of an adult area in the playground – it was confirmed that this formed part of the next phase of the playground development subject to funding being available.
- The possibility of providing road markings in Kilbride – it was agreed to check the road width at this location.

Councillors' views were sought on the proposed ALMC rally event scheduled for 3rd July – it was agreed to circulate details to Councillors. A short discussion followed where Councillors expressed their support for the event once any issues of concern were addressed.

The list of works circulated to Councillors in relation to the additional allocation of €140,000 was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.



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The list of works circulated to Councillors in relation to the additional allocation for public lighting schemes was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

6.2 Economic Development

6.2.1 To receive an update on the Local Enterprise Office – Services and Supports.

Joe English, Head of Enterprise, Meath County Council delivered a presentation to the meeting, which included an overview of the Local Enterprise Officer, the services provided and key contacts.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The importance of small businesses for a sustainable economy.
- The possibility of the LEO working with Youthreach centres and apprenticeship centres – it was confirmed that this would be considered.
- The possibility of providing a hub in the Trim area that would enable small businesses to network – it was pointed out that this was being done in the Kells Enterprise & Technology Centre, with technology companies, and the other networks were highlighted, including food services and women in business. It was agreed to refer this to Gary O'Meara, Navan Enterprise Centre.
- The need to encourage competition and the restrictions on funding in relation to this area.
- The difficulties facing small businesses in terms of compliance with regulations and the language used to communicate these requirements – it was confirmed that this would be raised with the Department.

6.3 Corporate Services



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

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

7 Notice of Question

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“What progress has been made by Meath County Council with regard to the provision of slipways for emergency services on the River Boyne?”

Response:

Following a meeting between the Council and Statutory Agencies with responsibilities for the Rivers Boyne and Blackwater and completion of a tender process, specialist Environmental Consultants have been appointed to carry out an appraisal of the locations of the existing 6 No. temporary boat slipways currently in place along the River Boyne to determine their suitability for a permanent structure. The consultants have also been asked to propose the most appropriate locations for 1 No. additional boat slipway on both the Boyne and the Blackwater noting that both of which are designated Special Areas of Conservation (SAC). The consultants have commenced the consultation process with the data gathering exercise ongoing. It is anticipated that the appraisal report will be completed within the next 6-8 weeks. Following review of this report, the suitable locations for the boat slipways will be identified with detailed design and the Part VIII planning process commencing thereafter.

The response was noted.

8 Notice of Motion

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Trim Municipal District calls on the engineer to review traffic calming measures in Ballivor with particular reference to the road crossing at Centra in the middle of the



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village and the provision of additional speed limit signage on approach into the village from the Mullingar Road.”

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

Meath County Council has an agreed programme of works based on the level of funding available for 2016. The proposed items of works you raise (traffic calming in Ballivor Village) has been added to the list of new works and will be considered based on the relative priorities of other works and available funding. I can confirm that all speed limit signs on all approach roads into Ballivor are present.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

A short discussion followed on the benefits of signage, appropriate speed limits and the effects of other measures to reduce speed. It was pointed out that in the UK, local authorities can erect speed cameras. It was agreed that Councillor Trevor Golden would liaise with the Transportation Department with a view to submitting a motion to the full Council requesting the Minister for Transport to consider giving Irish local authorities similar powers. It was also agreed to ask the Road Safety Officer to follow up with the Gardaí in relation to articulated lorries parking at the NEC building in Ballivor, which is obstructing visibility at that location.

The motion was adopted.

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“In light of the recent presentation given by Prosper Meath, can Trim Municipal District provide some interventions in all towns and villages to address access issues using this organisation’s data to prioritise work so that a programme of work is established.”

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

Trim Municipal District continues to liaise with the Prosper Meath and Age Friendly Ireland organisations in order to use resources in a way that is of most benefit to all



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stakeholders. It is intended to use part of the additional funding received to complete projects in consultation with these organisations.

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

The motion was adopted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Des Foley raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Confirmed that planning permission had been granted for the Aldi development in Trim, that the sale will close 8 weeks following the grant of permission and that the development should be complete within 24 months.

10.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Requested an update on the proposal made in a recent motion asking that consultation be undertaken with key stakeholders and feasibility study be prepared in relation to the possibility of moving the Garda station to the Council offices.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach