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Municipal District of Trim

Ordinary Meeting

18th July 2014, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Joe Fox**, presided.

Councillors Present: Enda Flynn, Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch, Ronan McKenna

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Tadhg McDonnell

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Administrative Officer: Fiona Skehan

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Clerical Officer: Fiona Casserly

Apologies: Des Foley, Director of Service and Vincent Collins, Senior Executive Engineer

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 12th June 2014.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th June 2014 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Ronan McKenna referred to the works being undertaken in Linear Park and requested that the Engineer check the area where the grass was sown and also pointed out that further works were required in the Eldergrove area. Councillor Noel French enquired as to the timeframe for the completion of the installation of the handrails in the park. Maura Daly agreed to raise these issues with the Transportation Department and confirmed that Pat Shore was overseeing the project.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Kieran Flynn, brother of Councillor Enda Flynn, Trim Municipal District.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.



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Congratulations were extended to:

- The town of Trim for being included on the list of top 15 tourist towns.
- Damien English, T.D, on his recent appointment as Minister of State at the Departments of Education and Skills and Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation with Special Responsibility for Skills, Research and Innovation.
- Gluais, a traditional music and dance group based in Scoil Mhuire in Trim, who have been selected as Irish representatives for Festival Interceltique de Lorient in France from the 2nd - 6th August.
- The musicians who recently participated in the Leinster Fleadh in Moate.
- To those who assisted with the recent ALMC Rally in Trim and surrounding areas.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Services

4.1.1 To consider the Standing Orders for the meetings of Trim Municipal District.

Councillor Noel French requested that Item 30 be amended to allow speaking time to be doubled to allow for translation of Irish when used. A similar proposal has been suggested for the County Council Standing Orders and no objections were noted.

It was agreed that the Standing Orders would be adopted at the September Municipal District meetings, incorporating feedback received.

4.1.2 To nominate James O'Shea as member for Trim Sports and Leisure Centre Ltd.

The appointment was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

4.2 Community

4.2.1 To discuss the proposed new playground for Trim.

A written report had been provided by Fiona Skehan, Administrative Officer, Trim Municipal District, an overview of which was provided at the meeting. It was highlighted that a decision was required in respect of the three sites selected.

A discussion followed on the potential impacts of future development on the Porchfields, the future plans for the existing playground and the need for public consultation prior to a site being selected. It was confirmed that the existing playground would not be affected by these plans.

It was agreed that submissions and observations from the public would be sought between now and September, that the Phoenix Park model would



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be looked at in the context of development and protection of the Porchfields, that grazing rights in the Porchfields would be reviewed and this matter will be revisited in September.

4.3 Planning

4.3.1 To receive Planner's report on the Part VIII planning application for the playground at Enfield, County Meath.

Fiona Skehan confirmed that the Planner's report was not available due to legal issues arising around land transfers and that the report would be made available as soon as possible.

5.0 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6.0 Notices of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"That Trim Municipal District calls on Meath County Council to carry out the necessary remediation works to the slipway entering the Boyne at Trim Castle used by Meath River Rescue. The condition of this slipway is hampering the work of this voluntary organisation which is providing an excellent service to the people of Meath."

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

A written report had been provided by Tadhg McDonnell, Director of Services for Environment, Water Services & Emergency Services.

It was agreed that this issue should be considered in the context of the 2015 budgetary process as no funding provision had been made in 2014. The Motion was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

"That Trim Municipal District introduces 2 hour free parking in Trim, given the changes to local government funding and the forthcoming equalisation of rates, with all other existing parking measures to remain in place."



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The Motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

A written report had been provided by Fiona Skehan, Administrative Officer, Trim Municipal District.

A lengthy discussion followed on the rationale for introducing the parking charges in Trim, the budgetary implications of implementing this Motion and the impact of parking charges on the retail and tourism sectors in the town. A number of alternative options were discussed. It was agreed that this Motion was useful in opening up the debate on the future of parking charges in Trim and elsewhere and the budgetary decisions that will be required for 2015. It was agreed that the business organisations in the town should be consulted.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“That Meath County Council write to the Department of Education to obtain information on guidelines/policies and procedures in reference to the renting of school space in out of school hours to Youth and Community groups in view of the shortage of space and funding for stand alone spaces in County Meath, with specific reference to the Trim Municipal District.”

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

A discussion followed on whether the Department or individual Boards of Management made decisions on accessing facilities outside of school hours. It was agreed to submit this request to the Department of Education and Skills, copy it to the Louth Meath Education & Training Board (formerly VEC) and request that it be forwarded to the relevant Boards of Management.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Residents of Lackanash/Newtown District Group (supported by Lackanash and Steeple Manor Residents Association) – Road safety concerns.

It was outlined how the portable speed cameras installed were funded through cost savings achieved elsewhere; the approximate cost being €10,000 including VAT. Fiona Skehan agreed to follow up the report and recommendations from the Road Safety Officer. It was also agreed to add a regular Agenda item to include a report from the Area Engineer on works completed and planned.



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- 7.2** St. Finian's National School, Killyon – Clarification on lands for possible new primary school.

Fiona Skehan provided the background to this correspondence and requested that a S183 be included on the Agenda for the next Municipal District meeting subject to funding approval from the Department of Education and Skills and planning permission being granted. It is estimated that the project will take 18 months to 3 years.

- 7.3** Killyon Community Development Association – Proposal to acquire leased occupancy of the cowplots at Killyon.

Fiona Skehan provided the background to this correspondence whereby the Killyon Community Development Association had originally sought to lease 6 acres but were now seeking to purchase the land. It was agreed that this be included on the Agenda for the next Municipal District meeting.

8.0 Any Other Business

- 8.1** iPad Training: Staff from the IT Section of Meath County Council were in attendance to provide training on the use of the iPads provided. It was agreed to deal with any other business arising before the training commenced.
- 8.2** Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:
- The taking in charge of Moyrath View, Kildalkey and requested a report from the Area Engineer at the next meeting.
 - Welcomed the weight restriction on Patrick Street, Trim.
- 8.3** Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issues:
- The installation of a yellow box in front of the old medical centre; Fiona Skehan confirmed that this request had been passed on to the Area Engineer who was currently on leave.
 - The need for restoration works on roads and footpaths in St. John's Estate, Trim.
 - Speeding on the Athboy Road, Trim.
 - Fly tipping on the Athboy Road, Trim and the need for the Litter Warden to address same.
- 8.4** Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:
- The receipt of inaccurate invoices regarding payment of the NPPR and the anxiety being caused as a result, particularly due to the tone used.



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- The need to maintain the ring road around Enfield; Maura Daly agreed to contact the Transportation Department to confirm the contact for same.
- The concerns in Enfield arising from school and provincial bus parking.

- 8.5** Councillor Trevor Golden pointed out that Meath County Council's Protocol Committee, at its July meeting, had approved the recommendation from Trim Municipal District regarding the erection of a World War I Memorial in Trim and that the text and size (3ft x 2 ft) had been agreed. It was suggested that the entire text should be translated into Irish.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The iPad training followed the ordinary business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cllr. Joe Fox
Cathaoirleach