



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2.00p.m., 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 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

**Executive Engineer:** Maura Daly

**Clerical Officer:** Edita Zolotuchina

**Apologies:** Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

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

Councillor Noel French referred to the congratulations extended at the June meeting to Trim Musical Society and related correspondence received – see Item 8.2.



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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The Carty and Harlin families on the death of Lorna Carty in Tunisia.

Congratulations were extended to:

- MCC staff, the community and the Tidy Towns group on their achievements as part of the preparation for the Entente Florale competition – the community was urged to continue their efforts in advance of the judging, which will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- All involved in the launch of the new playground.
- All involved in the ALMC Stages Rally.

### **4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

Des Foley requested that these two items be deferred for consideration at the September meeting with background information to be circulated in advance. This was agreed.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Corporate Services**

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on the Municipal District Members Discretionary Fund.



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It was noted that no formal applications had yet been received from Trim Municipal District and Councillors were reminded that applications should be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **5.2 Transportation**

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

The report had been circulated in advance.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The final finish to be applied to the car park at Newtown – it was confirmed that a wearing course was to be applied, giving a longer lasting finish, and that yellow hatching was also to be added.
- The traffic survey in Enfield – it was confirmed that the report had been received on 9<sup>th</sup> July and would be circulated to Councillors and also that the green light from the Johnstown Road was to be repaired immediately.
- The number of bends on the Trim to Kildalkey Road, the number of serious incidents on the road and the need to improve road safety – it was agreed to refer this to the Transportation Design Team.
- The need for road markings on the Trim to Kildalkey Road – it was confirmed that stop signs were being considered.

Councillors commended the works being undertaken.

## **6 Notice of Question**

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



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“Can the executive provide a list of all private housing estates who have applied to be taken in charge to the local authority in Trim Municipal District, and a brief report on where each development is in this process?”

### **Response:**

*Please find attached list of estates within Trim Municipal District currently under review and inspection as part of the Planning Authorities work programme under the 3 headings of 1. Compliance Inspections (Enforcement/ Bond) 2. Valid Developer Request and 3. Valid Resident Request.*

The response was noted.

It was suggested that information on whether estates are taken in charge be made available on meath.ie to allow interested parties to register to access this information for a nominal charge. It was agreed to refer this to the Planning Section.

## **7 Notice of Motion**

### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

“That Trim Municipal District writes to the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government to express its opposition to the proposed amendments to the Environment Bill which will penalise people for failing to register with Irish Water or pay charges.”

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

A short discussion followed, which highlighted the issues for those on low incomes and on social welfare, employers and landlords in respect of paying and collecting the water charges.

A show of hands on the motion resulted in two in favour and three against with one abstention.

The motion was defeated.



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

“That Trim Municipal District writes to Bus Éireann and requests the immediate introduction of a monthly payment option for the purchase of bus tickets. The current system of two payments is causing unnecessary hardship for many families in Trim Municipal District.”

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

It was pointed out that this motion specifically related to school buses and it was agreed that the motion should be amended to reflect this as follows:

“That Trim Municipal District writes to Bus Éireann and requests the immediate introduction of a monthly payment option for the purchase of school bus tickets. The current system of two payments is causing unnecessary hardship for many families in Trim Municipal District.”

A short discussion followed on the implications of a rule change in 2012 and the impact on medical card holders outside of a particular catchment area.

The motion was adopted.

## **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Office of the Taoiseach in response to notice of Item 8.2- Notice of Motion as adopted at the June monthly meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Attracta Doran, PRO Trim Musical Society.

It was suggested that a Chairman’s Award, similar to that presented by the former Town Council Chair, be awarded to Trim Musical Society in recognition of their national achievement at the September meeting. This was agreed. It was also suggested that consideration be given to the protocol that would apply to such an award for future years and as a possible model for other municipal districts.



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### **9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Queried what involvement Councillors would have during the Entente Florale adjudication – it was confirmed that details will be circulated but that it would be appreciated if Councillors could attend the flag raising at 8.40am and the gala dinner that evening.

9.1.2 Update on the workshop suggested for those involved in developing playgrounds – this had been referred to the Community Department and an update would be sought.

9.1.3 Update on the Low Cost Safety Scheme report in Ballivor.

9.1.4 Acknowledged the improvements arising from the new customer service model being implemented in Meath County Council and the need for induction for Councillors.

9.2 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

9.2.1 The need for Meath County Council to provide support for the Meath Cycle Tour taking place in July.

9.2.2 The derelict house in Glenidan Estate, Enfield – it was agreed to refer this to the Environment Section.

9.3 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issue:

9.3.1 That landowners be encouraged to cut grass on roadsides and margins, particularly at junctions and on bends during the summer months.

9.4 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.4.1 The need to consider what Trim Municipal District can do to progress enterprise and employment in the municipal district.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**