



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00p.m., 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Enda Flynn**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Joe Fox, 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 Annual Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

#### **1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

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

There were no matters arising.

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



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Sympathy was extended to:

- The victims of the tragedy in Nice and their families – it was agreed that the flags in front of Trim Civic Offices would be lowered as a mark of respect.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The organisers of the ALMC rally, which received extensive TV coverage, and Council staff for their assistance.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

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

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

- The provision of a road between Aldi and Kavanaghs – it was confirmed that the Right of Way to be provided was a condition of the sale and would be gated, allowing for restricted access, but could be opened up to provide a pedestrian walkway, which formed part of an objective in Trim Development Plan.
- The odour emanating from the Leper Stream – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.
- Complaints received regarding the noise from the manhole cover from High Street to the Dublin Road – it was pointed out that one of these belongs to Eir.
- The provision of a list of works planned for footpath works in estates.



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- The provision of a pedestrian crossing on Loman Street, which was raised at a meeting of Meath County Council in November 2015 in the context of school safety – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.
- Welcomed the resurfacing works on the Dunderry to Navan road.
- The possibility of installing a dropped kerb on the footpath in Griffin Park and at the first entrance to Avondale to facilitate wheelchair access.
- The poor road surface on the Rathmolyon to Summerhill Road.
- The possibility of adding continuous white lines on the Trim to Summerhill Road at junction locations to prevent overtaking – it was agreed that these type of works would be considered when road markings were being undertaken.
- Welcomed the works outside the school in Enfield – it was confirmed that the contractor would complete the works before the school reopens.
- The recommendation that a barrier be installed outside the school in Enfield – it was agreed to check this as the location may be on private property.
- Thanked Meath County Council for work undertaken on the route for the An Post cycle tour.

### **4.2 Planning**

- 4.2.1 To receive an update on the preparation of Variation No. 1 of the Trim Development Plan 2014-2020. This variation will align the Trim Development Plan with the key tenets of the Meath Economic Strategy.

Fergal O’Bric, Executive Planner, delivered a presentation that included the context and reasons for and objectives of the amendment, the overview of the amendment and the next steps, including the detailed text and maps to be available in September/October.

Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- The capacity of available water and wastewater services to meet any employment/industrial demand – it was confirmed that discussions with Irish Water had indicated sufficient capacity.
- The need for more residential units if the 2016 Census data indicated a population increase – it was confirmed that existing residential zoned lands provided adequate headroom for any likely population increase.
- The flexibility arising for employment zoned lands – it was pointed out that this referred to a broader scope for the types of development proposed, including tourism.
- The need for the economic strategy to allow for Brexit and the opportunities for Meath and Trim to benefit.
- The recent court case that supported Ireland's potential as a base for data centres within Europe.
- The need to provide improved access to Trim from the M3 – it was pointed out that this would need to be discussed within a different context.
- The need to ensure that industrial development in Trim supported its image as a heritage and tourist centre.

### **4.3 Housing**

#### **4.3.1 To receive a Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2016.**

The report was noted.

A short discussion followed, welcoming the review and noting the small number of voids in the Trim Municipal District. Following a query, it was confirmed that every effort was made to ensure that vacant units are secured. A query was raised as to the nature of the liaison with the Department of Social Protection in relation to the needs assessment and it was agreed to refer this to Housing for response.



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### **4.4 Corporate Services**

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

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

- 4.4.2 Appointment of one Councillor to Trim Sports and Leisure Centre Company Ltd. to fill the vacancy created following the resignation of James O'Shea.

**Councillor Joe Fox** was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Ronan McKenna and seconded by Councillor Trevor Golden.

Councillor Ronan McKenna, Chair of Trim Sports and Leisure Company Ltd. thanked James O'Shea for his time and effort on the board and confirmed that a letter had issued to that effect. He welcomed Councillor Joe Fox to the board, noting his knowledge of the company arising from his previous involvement.

## **5 Notice of Question**

### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

"In view of local community petitions, can Meath County Council update Councillors on possible future plans for the Town Hall and the possibility of it being returned to community usage."

**Response:**

*The future plans of the Trim Town Hall are currently being reviewed. Following the completion of this review, details will be brought before the Trim Municipal District for consideration.*

The response was noted.

In response to a query from Councillor Caroline Lynch regarding the timeframe for the review, it was confirmed that a report would be brought to the September meeting.



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### 6 Notice of Motion

#### 6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Sinn Féin calls on Trim Municipal District to support the continued operation of Ballivor Community Library by providing short term funding for the lease of a shop unit until capital funding is available through the library service.”

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

*Meath County Council Library Service has supported Ballivor Community Library since its inception through advice and guidance on set up, on services, on programmes and on lay-out and design. Some library furniture and shelving units were also provided. The Library Headquarters in Navan and Trim library organise a range of activities for all members of the community and Ballivor Community Library are very welcome to participate. The support given to the 1916 Centenary project run by Ballivor library: Irish Destinies - fifty years of trust in the Irish Nation - wedding photographs from the period 1916-1966-donated by people resident in the County of Meath is a noteworthy example of this. A grant of €1,800 was awarded to the group.*

*Capital funding for libraries is a national decision and the announcement of funding for capital projects for 2016-2021 made by Minister Alan Kelly in January 2016 did not include funding for Meath library building.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor Caroline Lynch but was not supported.

#### 6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Sinn Féin calls on Trim Municipal district to provide a workshop in September for Ballivor and other playground committees to clarify funding possibilities and how to develop projects using models of best practice in the county.”

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

*Playgrounds are a valuable resource for children and young people and in this regard, it is proposed to commence the review of the existing Meath County Council Play Policy later in 2016. It is the intention that extensive consultation will take place involving as many stakeholders as possible to capture all information and opinions on the*



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*development of play areas for County Meath. When finalised, this document will provide guidance and assistance for all groups in the development of playgrounds in suitable locations in County Meath. Funding sources for playgrounds include local fund raising, grants from the Department of Youth and Children Affairs and through the LEADER programme, which is scheduled to commence this month. Through LEADER, projects that can be grant aided will be determined in accordance with the approved Local Development Strategy and will run until 2020.*

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch referred to the donation of lands by Ballivor GAA but also the concerns of the community regarding the funding available to develop the playground. It was requested that a workshop be arranged as soon as possible, that funding providers be available to explain the relevant application processes and that Councillors be notified of same.

The motion was adopted.

### **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received from Superintendent Commissioner's Office in response to agenda item 8.1.1 from the June meeting requesting an increase in Garda presence in Trim.

The correspondence was noted.

### **8 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**



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