



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***19th September 2014, 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

**Administrative Officer:** Fiona Skehan

**Senior Executive Engineer:** Vincent Collins

**Senior Executive Planner:** Bernard Greene

**Assistant Planner:** Aoife Kennedy

**Clerical Officer:** Fiona Casserly

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 18th July, 2014.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

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

The following matters were raised:

- With regard to Linear Park, Vincent Collins confirmed that whilst there was no public lighting, underground ducting had been laid and that the project as contracted was complete. The provision of public lighting would require additional funding.
- No request has yet been received to take Moyrath View in charge.
- A list of all developers that have made an application to have estates taken in charge but which have not yet been processed was requested – it was agreed to request this from the Planning Department and circulate when available.
- The issue of speeding at Lackanash and the availability of the Road Safety Officer's report – it was agreed to contact the Road Safety Officer with regard to the report.



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- The feedback received from traders with regard to the possible amendment of parking charges – a proposal had been made that 2 hours free parking at 3 car parks (Emmet Street, Haggard Street and the old swimming pool). A costing for this is to be prepared in the next few weeks.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Suzanne Jamal, Ashbourne Municipal District, on the death of her father, Jim Leonard.
- The family of the late Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The new Educate Together school on its recent opening.
- Trim Tidy Towns Committee and the outdoor staff of Meath County Council on winning a gold medal in the Tidy Towns Competition.
- The committees in Trim town and Municipal District on the festivals held throughout the summer.

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

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Corporate Services**

- 5.1.1 To adopt the Standing Orders for the meetings of Trim Municipal District.

The Standing Orders for the meetings of Trim Municipal District were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

#### **5.2 Planning**

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation on the proposed revocation of relevant Local Area



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Plans, following the making of Variation No. 2 of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 in May 2014.

Aoife Kennedy, Assistant Planner, delivered a presentation on the following:

(i) Proposed revocation of the following Local Area Plans –

- Ballivor Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Clonard Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Enfield Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Kildalkey Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Longwood Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Rathmolyon Local Area Plan 2009-2015
- Summerhill Local Area Plan 2009-2015

The proposed revocations to the respective Local Area Plans are to give effect to the requirements of Core Strategy Objective CS OBJ 3 of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019.

Following the presentation, Councillors raised the following issues:

- The reasons for and the effects of the revocation process;
- The impact on the land use zoning objectives;
- The status of the County Development Plan.

Responses were provided by the Assistant Planner and Senior Executive Planner on the matters raised.

### **5.3 Transportation**

5.3.1 To receive and consider a report under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 & Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 on the preparation of a scheme to provide traffic calming measures along the L-4023-35 and L-4024-0 in the village of Dunderry, Co. Meath.

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



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

Vincent Collins outlined the works completed and planned for the Trim Municipal District. Following this, Councillors raised the following issues:

- The installation of a bus stop on the Dublin Road was welcomed;
- Work undertaken in August on the Enfield Relief Road was commended;
- Landowner responsibility for hedge cutting, the impact of the EU Habitats Directive and the seeking of a derogation for roadside hedges – the corner at the football field in Castlejordan was mentioned and Vincent Collins agreed to speak to the landowner concerned;
- The proliferation of ragwort on privately owned lands;
- The grass cutting programme in the town was commended but it was pointed out that no budget was available in 2014 for grass cutting in estates.



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### 6 Notice of Question

#### 6.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan McKenna

*“To ask the executive to give a full account to include a sequence of events and the reasons for the withdrawal of the Part 8 for the Enfield playground.”*

Des Foley presented a verbal report to the meeting including the context of identifying the site in the town centre, adjoining Supervalu and the old ESB site, and the partnership approach between Meath County Council, Supervalu and the OPW in terms of delivering the project. The Part 8 process had been delayed due to an error in the maps but this was now resolved and the new Part 8 could now proceed, having taken into account previous concerns raised. The procedure also allows for further public consultation.

#### 6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

*“Can Meath County Council provide an up to date list of available housing stock in the Trim Municipal District, when each unit will be ready for allocation and what percentage of that housing stock is ready to be allocated to people with disabilities on the housing list in the area”*

***A response was provided by Brian Murphy, Administrative Officer, Housing Section, as follows:***

*See below a list of vacant properties in The Trim Electoral Area with the status of each property, there is only one property that is suitable for an applicant with a disability and this is in Rathmolyon unfortunately none of the other properties are suitable in terms of design and layout for people with disabilities, however the Housing Department have made an application for funding to the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government for the adaption to one of the properties that is currently vacant and suitable for same.*

Address	Date Vacated	Bedrooms	Description of property e.g. 2 bed, 2 storey, Apartment / House
4 Haggard Street, Trim	16/06/2010	1bed	Long term Void
36 Blackwater Close, Enfield	11/07/2013	3b/r	Long Term Void requires substantial repairs, awaiting approval prior to going to tender.
45 Tower Court, Ballivor	26/08/2013	3 Bed	Approved for Tenant – ready for allocation
47 Tower Court Ballivor	28/08/2013	3 Bed	2 Refusals received for this



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Address	Date Vacated	Bedrooms	Description of property e.g. 2 bed, 2 storey, Apartment / House
2 Blackwater Close, Enfield	06/09/2013	3 Bed	Gone to Contract 6-8 weeks prior to being ready for allocation
17 Church View, Rathmolyon	23/09/2013	2 Bed	Approved for Tenant – ready for allocation
7 Mornington Green, Trim	24/09/2013	1 Bed	Works Submitted for Approval and Tender
26A Mornington Green, Trim	20/11/2013	2 Bed	Works Submitted for Approval and Tender
66 Manorlands, Trim	06/03/2014	2 Bed	Works Submitted for Approval and Tender
33 Cherry Court, Summerhill	03/04/2012	3bed	Not to be allocated until works carried out in relation to pyrite
53 Cherry Court Summerhill	14/03/2014	3 bed	keep vacant for pyrite works to be done
34 Cherry Court Summerhill	11/04/2014	3 Bed	keep vacant for pyrite works to be done
28 Cherry Court Summerhill	23/04/2014	3 Bed	keep vacant for pyrite works to be done
30 Poynton Place, Ballivor	06/05/2014	3 Bed	keep vacant for pyrite works to be done
31 Poynton Place, Ballivor	13/12/2012	3bed	keep vacant for pyrite works to be done
50 Mornington Heights,	02/05/2014	1 bed	Awaiting works schedule prior to going to tender
28 Towercourt, Ballivor	01/07/2014	3 Bed	Approved for Tenant – ready for allocation
18 Meadow View, Clonard	04/07/2014	2 bed	Awaiting works schedule prior to going to tender
18 Blackwater Close, Enfield	04/07/2014	3 Bed	Approved for Tenant – ready for allocation
29 Tower Court Ballivor	26/07/2014	3 bed	Awaiting works schedule prior to going to tender
15 Mornington Hgts Trim	10/04/2014	3 bed	Awaiting works schedule prior to going to tender
1 Mornington Drive Trim	06/08/2014	3 Bed house	Application to Dept for extension works
41 Woodgrove Ballivor	06/08/2014	3 bed	Awaiting works schedule prior to going to tender

Councillor Caroline Lynch thanked Meath County Council for the list provided and suggested that it would be useful to receive an updated list on a bi-monthly basis. She also asked if it is possible to ringfence the available and suitable units for those with a disability or severe medical condition.

## 7 Notice of Motion

### 7.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan McKenna



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*“That Trim Municipal District supports the call from the Restaurants Association of Ireland for the ongoing retention of the 9% VAT rate for the food, tourism and hospitality sector that has helped create and sustain employment and that Trim Municipal District asks the Minister for Finance to keep the VAT rate at 9% into 2015.”*

Councillor Ronan McKenna withdrew this Notice of Motion as it had been dealt with at the September meeting of Meath County Council.

### **8 Correspondence**

#### **8.1 Correspondence from An Garda Síochána- R154.**

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

The following matters were raised by Councillors:

- i. The importance of having a Joint Policing Sub-Committee in the Trim Municipal District when the new structures are established.
- ii. The limited funding available for the provision and maintenance of footpaths in rural areas.
- iii. The provision of footpath infrastructure by developers.
- iv. The junction in Rathmolyon – the Transportation Department is considering the provision of improved signage. The provision of a staggered junction was identified as a possible long-term solution and Councillor Ronan McKenna offered assistance if required in terms of a feasibility study involving possible land purchases.
- v. The delays in dealing with public lighting issues and failure to rectify issues within 10 days, e.g. Parkstown View, Ballivor – Vincent Collins to check with Transportation.
- vi. The health and safety issues at a derelict commercial unit in Ballivor.
- vii. The parking issues being experienced at Castlejordan church due to the narrow road and the grass verge on both sides of road.
- viii. The possible inclusion of Clongal Lane, Castlejordan in the surface dressing programme. Vincent Collins stated that the 2014 surface dressing programme was complete.
- ix. Speeding at Dublin Road and Kildalkey Road.
- x. Derelict sites on Emmet Street and Dublin Road – Vincent Collins to check if notices have been served.
- xi. Update required on the future of Trim Visitor Centre.
- xii. The Town Hall – update to be provided following a meeting with the OPW.
- xiii. Hedge cutting at the Porchfields and permission for group to do work and the need to retain visibility of the Yellow Steeple.



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- xiv. The absence of a Stop sign at the junction from Kildalkey in Ballivor.
- xv. The grass at the side of Colronan Bridge.
- xvi. Fiona Skehan delivered a report on the Trim Porchfields Historic and Nature Trails – 3 looped walks developed by Trim Town Council and Trim Tidy Towns Committee. The project cost €11,000, with 75% funding from the Public Enhancement Scheme and the balance from Trim Town Council. The project was welcomed and it was pointed out that a finished surface would facilitate people with disabilities to use the amenity. Councillors were asked to assist in publicising the amenity.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**