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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4:00p.m., 11th September 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

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 10th July 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th July 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathies were extended to:

- Tom Stack on the death of his wife, Anne.

Congratulations were extended to:



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- The Royal Meath Show, on it's 75th Anniversary, which was covered by Sky TV.
- Gluais Trad Band who are travelling to Disneyland, Paris in October.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Services

- 5.1.1 To consider and, if thought fit, to recommend to Meath County Council the making of the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft and subject to such amendments as are considered necessary. The Scheme, if adopted, will come into operation on 15th February 2016.

A presentation was delivered by Olive Falsey, Administrative Officer and Sheila Sheridan, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

A discussion followed on the decision to move electors from Dunderry to Kilbride and it was agreed to consider this. Subject to this amendment, Councillors agreed to recommend to Meath County Council the making of the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft.

- 5.1.2 To receive a presentation on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

A presentation on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 was circulated in advance. Councillors were asked to submit any queries to Corporate Services.

5.2 Transportation

- 5.2.1 To receive a progress report on works completed/planned within Trim Municipal District.

It was agreed by Councillors that this item would be taken earlier at future meetings.



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Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The next steps following the completion of the traffic survey in Enfield – it was pointed out that the report contained a number of suggestions, some of which could be actioned immediately, but that others would need to be considered in a wider context and discussions would take place with the Transportation Section.
- The vandalism in Trim and Enfield playgrounds, the update on the installation of CCTV in the Trim playground, the role of the Gardaí and the effect of floodlights in deterring loitering/vandalism – it was confirmed that CCTV for the playground, the MCC yard and possibly the recycling bins had been put out to tender and the costs would then be available.
- The pedestrian crossing in Ballivor and the provision of additional measures – it was confirmed that lights are to be upgraded.
- The report on general road safety issues, including lighting, around the school and church in Kilbride.
- Concerns on road safety issues at Baconstown School – it was confirmed that the Senior Executive Engineer had issued a response to the school and that, whilst no funding was available in 2015, funding would be sought in 2016. It was agreed to check with the Planning Department as to whether planning permission had included a condition to provide a footpath at the school.
- The need to upgrade the rumble strips in Clonard – it was pointed out that road markings are also at this location. Councillors requested an update for the next meeting.
- That the flashing light at the pedestrian crossing in Ballivor be changed to a stop light – it was agreed that this would be referred to the Public Lighting Unit.
- Damage to footpaths and kerbs on Main Street, Ballivor.



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- The continuing problem of trucks being unable to pass under the Dry Dock Bridge, Longwood – it was confirmed that adequate warning signage was in place.
- The absence of a barrier on the Kinnegad side of the Hill of Down bridge.
- The need for road markings at Ribbontail Way, Longwood.
- Loose cobblelock on Emmet Street.
- Surface water in Summerhill and the need to clean gullies.
- The need to improve the road surface at the side of the green in Summerhill.
- Complimented the provision of the lights in Summerhill for the walkway.
- Submissions regarding the development contribution scheme to be made to Planning.
- The number of neon signs being used by businesses in Trim and whether this was appropriate for a Heritage Town – it was agreed to check with Planning if permission was required.
- The works ongoing to extend the path in the Porchfields – the works being undertaken were complimented.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna** to refer the issue of road safety measures at schools to the Transportation SPC and to ask that consideration be given to the implementation of a national or international standard at all schools with planning permissions reflecting the requirements to achieve this standard.



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5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To consider taking in charge the following estates and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estates shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015.

- Rochfort Manor

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Can the Housing Section provide information on the number of 3 bedroom houses vacant and awaiting allocation or repairs in the Trim Municipal District and the location of these properties? Also how many existing tenants of the council are on the transfer list from 2 bedroom to 3 bedroom properties and how many are seeking transfers from 3 bedroom to smaller accommodation in the Trim Municipal District?”

Response:

Excluding the pyrite affected units in Summerhill and Ballivor, there are five vacant three bed properties in the Trim Municipal District. Four of these units are currently subject to works. The five units are located as follows:

Towercourt, Ballivor x 2

Blackwater Close, Enfield x 2

Mornington Avenue x 1

Data in respect to transfer requests are not readily available per Municipal District. An analysis will be completed to ascertain the data requested.



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The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn

“That Trim Municipal District designate the loop around Enfield including the bypass as a Linear Park with a view to having safe footpaths, the sides of the road cleaned regularly, the margins mowed and suitably planted and the roundabouts maintained, in preparation for establishing a Slí na Sláinte route.”

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

The funding of these works can be considered in terms of the preparation of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for Trim Municipal District for 2016. In this context, a report on the proposal and its funding implications will be prepared for discussion purposes.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

Councillor Enda Flynn underlined the need to maintain the area and ensure responsibility for maintenance is clear.

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Sinn Féin would like to acknowledge the important work of Meath River Rescue in the County and ask that Trim Municipal District follows the example of Navan Municipal District and fund the repairs necessary to the launch ramp into the river - this work needs to be done to increase efficiency and safety and support more lives being saved in the county.”

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



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Information will be provided, if available, at the Municipal District meeting.

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch outlined the need for a launch ramp to support the work of Meath River Rescue and to facilitate the use of the river by other community and sporting organisations. The appropriate location would have to be agreed and it was suggested that Meath River Rescue meet with officials to discuss the options. Des Foley agreed that a meeting would be arranged.

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Office of Environment, Community and Local Government 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 Bus Éireann in response to notice of Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion as adopted at July monthly Meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

Councillor Caroline Lynch expressed her disappointment at the response received and requested that all Councillors liaise with the Oireachtas members to raise this matter in Dáil Éireann.

- 8.3 Correspondence received from Mary Murphy, Sports Co-ordinator, Meath Local Sports Partnership.

The correspondence was noted.



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9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Noel French requested that a report on economic and enterprise development in Trim Municipal District be brought to the October meeting – this was agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

The meeting was followed by a Civic Reception to recognise the achievements of:

- Andrew Bush at the World Skills Competition in Brazil;
- Liam Foley at the Special Olympics World Summer Games;
- Trim Musical Society at the Association of Irish Musical Societies Awards.