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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 16th September 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

Senior Executive Engineer: Maurice Kelly

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

- The Meath U21 hurling team, who won the recent All Ireland Final and particularly the players from Trim Municipal District;



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- The Junior Cert students on their exam achievements and for their behaviour;
- The organisers of this year's Royal Meath Show;
- Peter Kierans on his retirement as CEO of the LMETB – it was agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of Trim Municipal District Councillors acknowledging Mr. Kieran's work in the Municipal District and wishing him well in his retirement.

4 To receive a presentation on proposals regarding Trim Town Hall.

Ciaran O'Connor, State Architect, Frank Shalvey, Heritage Services and Derek Fortune, architect – all with the OPW- attended the meeting and delivered a presentation outlining the history of and background to the Market House, or Town Hall, the key considerations in terms of its future development and use, and the proposal for its next stage, which would involve a collaborative initiative between Meath County Council and the OPW. This proposed initiative, subject to funding, would involve removing the later extension, restoring the original building, improving the setting for the castle and creating a hub that could provide for a number of uses related to the town and the Boyne Valley, including a tourist information centre. This would involve the loss of a number of car parking spaces, which may be provided elsewhere, and would impact on the types of activities that could be facilitated. The potential for the town and castle, in terms of increased visitor numbers, was highlighted, as were the possible funding sources.

A lengthy discussion took place, in which Councillors broadly welcomed the proposal and raised a number of issues including the need to accommodate community groups in an alternative venue, the need to review the opening times for the castle and the means by which tours are delivered, the facilities that would be provided, and the need to communicate with the community in relation to this initiative.

Des Foley, in response to the issues raised around the provision of alternative performance space for relevant community groups, outlined the plans to extend the library facility into the adjacent school building on High Street, which would also provide increased community and performance space. Previous plans drafted for such a development indicated that the space to be provided would be sufficient to meet the needs of groups. Councillors warmly welcomed this plan and urged that it be progressed as quickly as possible in conjunction with the relevant groups. It was confirmed that architects would be procured immediately to examine the feasibility of the available space, reviewing the existing plans and determining the best possible options in terms of capacity and requirements, that consultation would take



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place with the relevant groups and that Councillors would be kept informed of developments. It was also confirmed that this development would be subject to a Part VIII process.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna** to proceed with the proposal as outlined by the OPW.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Services

- 5.1.1 To receive a report on the proposed Protocol for Twinning Arrangements.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a presentation, which outlined the key elements of the proposed Protocol. It was suggested that school exchange programmes be included. Councillors agreed that accessibility should be considered for potential twinning arrangements.

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

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

Councillors were reminded of the deadlines that apply to applications for internal and external allocations and the relevant terms of the Protocol.

5.2 Transportation

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

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

- Highlighted the positive feedback to the barriers on Main Street, Enfield and outside the school but confirmed that views were mixed on the bollards installed.



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- Welcomed works in St. Patrick's Park and queried the timescale for the remainder of the works to be carried out – it was confirmed that it was hoped to complete the road and footpath works next year, subject to funding.
- Issue of dangerous parking on the roadside past Ballivor N.S. – it was confirmed that bollards had been ordered and the verge would be repaired.
- Welcomed the road markings on the Trim to Kilbride road.
- Complemented staff on the quality of roadworks carried out.
- The need to cut the hedges at the Porchfields, prune the trees on the ring road and clear the scrub on the riverside to ensure the visibility of the castle and road signs.
- The need for surfacing at Castlejordan church – it was agreed to review this.

5.2.2 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law statutory process.

Paul Phelan, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department, confirmed that the draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No. 1) 2016 had been on public display from 05th July to 05th August and no objections had been received in relation to the proposed document. It was now proposed that the draft Bye-Law be submitted to the full council meeting in October for formal ratification.

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

Councillors raised the issue of speeding at various locations and it was agreed that detection was key to changing driver behaviour.



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5.3 Community

5.3.1 To consider applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department attended the meeting and outlined the key elements of the scheme, including the funding available, the timeframe that applies and the projects being proposed for Trim Municipal District.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** to apply for funding in 2016 for the Loop Walk in Enfield.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“At the Trim Municipal District meeting held on the 21st September 2015, the following was agreed:

“Following consideration of the issues, it was agreed that signage, indicating ‘Residents Only Parking’, would be erected at Sarsfield Avenue.”

It is now a year later, why have these works not been completed?”

Response:

The sign ‘Residents Only Parking’ is currently being produced, as part of a larger signage order, and will be erected at Sarsfield Avenue as a matter of priority.

The response was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Can the Council provide an update on the funds from the proceeds of the sale of the Aldi site and the process for allocation of funding for projects in the Trim Municipal District?”



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Response:

The monies received by Meath County Council from the sale of any asset throughout the county are allocated following consideration during the Capital and Revenue Budgetary Process.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“That Meath County Council urgently addresses the issues relating to speeding and pedestrian safety on St. Loman’s Street – these issues were raised at meetings of Trim Municipal District in April and November 2015 and February and July 2016, in addition to being raised in correspondence submitted to Meath County Council from June 2015 to July 2016.”

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

With regards to the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Loman Street, a speed survey is required to be undertaken. The Council is currently reviewing approximately 200 locations throughout the county, which have been highlighted regarding potential speed limit or speeding issues. It is confirmed that Loman Street (L-4022) in Trim is included on the schedule of areas for review and, as part of this review, traffic speed surveys are due to be carried out in the coming weeks. Any decision in relation to a pedestrian crossing at this location will be based on the results of these surveys and other relevant data gathered during the review while also taking into account available resources and funding.

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

The motion was adopted.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch



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“I call on Trim Municipal District to task a senior OPW architect with the redesign and reconstruction of the Town Hall site in Trim to facilitate an improved view of the castle and a community space that can be used as a visitors information centre and a theatre space by the community organisations.”

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

Please see item 4 on Agenda for September meeting in relation to this matter.

The motion was withdrawn by Councillor Caroline Lynch following the discussion and decisions taken under Item 4.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“I call on the Executive to organise a meeting with the chairperson of Ballivor Community Forum and Ballivor Community Library to explore the possibilities for the St. Kinneth’s site going forward.”

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

Councillor Caroline Lynch pointed out that a community library space was being sought and that, as the development of St. Kinneth’s was unlikely to proceed in the immediate future, that alternative arrangements should be discussed, for example the model in Athboy. Councillor Ronan McKenna urged that efforts continue to fund the development of St. Kinneth’s.

The motion was adopted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Ambassador of France to Ireland in response to the Notice of Item 3 - Sympathy Letter from July meeting.

The correspondence was noted.



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- 8.2 Correspondence received from An Garda Síochána in response of the Notice of Item 8.1.1 from the June meeting re an increase in Garda presence in Trim.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

- 9.1.1 That Meath County Council did not have an online facility for the purchase of dog licences.
- 9.1.2 Queried the timeframe for the works to be undertaken when an estate is taken in charge.
- 9.1.3 Update on the taking in charge of Newtown Abbey – it was agreed to refer this to Planning.
- 9.1.4 Update on the provision of a bus shelter opposite Friar's Park and the provision of services accessing Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown.
- 9.1.5 Issues regarding school traffic at Boyne Community School and on Patrick Street.

- 9.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issue:

- 9.2.1 The need to improve the appearance of Scurlogstown Business Park.

- 9.3 Councillor Ronan McKenna raised the following issue:

- 9.3.1 Acknowledged the dangers faced by members of An Garda Síochána during the course of their duties, for example during a recent incident in Kiltale – it was agreed to write to the local Garda station on behalf of Trim Municipal District Councillors thanking them Gardaí for their efforts.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach