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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 21st October 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 16th September, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch requested that, under Item 5.3.1, the minutes reflect the discussion that took place on the process of how the proposals were presented and the dissatisfaction expressed by some Councillors at this process.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Áine Doran, former employee of Meath County Council and Trim Town Council, on the death of her sister, Sorocho O'Malley.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All the community groups involved in the Pride of Place competition.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

Item 7.1 - Correspondence received from Gallow Residents Association re Summerhill Road was discussed and points raised included:

- The Road Safety Officer is arranging for speed vans on the Trim/Kilcock Road.
- Meath County Council will review the location concerned.
- The information relating to the provision of salt bins would be issued to the group.
- A response will issue to the group and copied to Councillors for their information.

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

- Thanked the staff for the dropped kerbs in the town, the works undertaken at the toilets and for works planned.
- The contribution of poor public lighting to the recent attacks on cars in Avondale and whether the funding for lighting in the original contract was provided – it was agreed to refer this to the Public Lighting Unit.



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- Concerns expressed by the principal of Longwood N.S. regarding traffic management due to the opening of the new school.
- The need for a traffic management plan on Patrick Street arising from the Educate Together school.
- Limited visibility at the pedestrian crossing on Market Street as a result of parked cars.
- The need for traffic calming and road safety measures on the Dublin Road due to excessive speeding, an update on the review of this location and a request by residents to meet with the Road Safety Officer to discuss their concerns – it was agreed to refer these to Transportation.
- The need for a road link between the Dublin and Navan roads to reduce traffic volumes from Knightsbrook into the town centre.
- The need for a traffic management plan as part of the planning application granted for a residential development at Effernock and the nature of upgrade works required.
- The need for improved engagement with residents regarding road safety issues in areas such as Longwood and Lackanash.
- The need to consider the age-friendly initiative as part of the footpath programme and provide dedicated car parking spaces.
- The need to ensure a schedule of drain clearing to deal with leaves/wet weather.
- The possibility of erecting a gantry sign at the traffic lights on the Ring Road to indicate directions to Navan and Athboy.
- The hedge impacting on visibility on the R168 junction with the L4020.
- Tree cutting programme – Councillors were asked to submit requests.



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- The possibility of widening the footpath and erecting a barrier on the footpath from the schools to Longwood village.
- The need for road markings on the Blackwater bridge from Longwood to the N4.
- The need for road markings on the Kinnegad to Ballinabrackey road.
- The need to rectify outstanding works from Enfield to Jordanstown – it was agreed to check this.
- The possibility of marking a pedestrian way on Newtown Bridge as part of the Slí na Sláinte route.

4.2 Economic Development

4.2.1 To receive a report on EU Funding Opportunities.

Ciara OhAodha, Economic Development & Enterprise, delivered a presentation on a number of relevant EU funding programmes and the current status of applications made. The approach to be followed was outlined, as were the challenges and requirements.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The eligibility criteria to apply for funding – these were outlined.
- The possible impacts of Brexit on funding allocations to Ireland.
- The advice and support available to community groups.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Ciara for her presentation.

4.3 Corporate Services

4.3.1 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of



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

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Can the Councillors receive an update on proposals to deal with the derelict house in Glenidan Estate as part of the work programme for this estate now that it has been taken in charge by Meath County Council in January 2016?”

Response:

The Council are looking at a number of options in respect of this property and with a view to having it brought back into a habitable condition as quickly as possible. One option being examined is the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the property and legal advice is currently being obtained with regard to how title/ownership issues associated with the property can be addressed in going this route.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“That Meath Library Service be invited to the next Municipal District meeting to make a presentation on the open library project being developed in Trim so that members are aware of how this project will change the current library service in the Trim area.”

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

A discussion followed on whether a presentation was required at Municipal District level and around the likely and perceived impacts of the Open Library initiative. Most Councillors welcomed the initiative.



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The motion was adopted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“That Trim Municipal District once again write to the Minister for State at OPW and Flood Relief, Sean Canney, to ask that his Department agree to lease the empty building in Enfield village to Enfield Tidy Towns and Meath Youth Work Ireland in order that this building can support local community development. A short term lease with anchor tenants with a proven track record in supporting the community is the desired outcome of the people of Enfield, this building needs to be opened and used without any further delay.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

The issues involved were outlined.

The motion was adopted.

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence received from Gallow Residents Association re Summerhill Road.

The correspondence was dealt with under Item 4.1.1.

7.2 Correspondence received from Eirgrid Community Fund re grant support scheme.

The correspondence was noted.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

8.1.1 The concerns expressed by traders regarding Christmas traffic management and parking arrangements – it was agreed to consider this at the November meeting.



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- 8.1.2 Requested that the Trim Youth Club Choir be invited to the switching on of the Christmas lights.
 - 8.1.3 The possibility of re-erecting the plaque at the Town Hall, which was originally erected about 10 years ago but was removed approximately 5 years ago.
 - 8.1.4 The possibility of holding a reception to recognise the contribution of all Council staff and local groups involved in organising 1916 commemorative events within Trim Municipal District to coincide with the December monthly meeting.
- 8.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:
- 8.2.1 The possibility of using Griffin Park as the means of accessing the supermarket car park, thereby preventing traffic build-up on Haggard Street – it was agreed to check this.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach