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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 20th November 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

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 October 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th October 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 5th November 2015.

The Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 5th November 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French enquired as to whether the list of recipient groups of community and environmental grants, requested at the Special Finance Meeting, had been received – it was



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confirmed that the request for this information had been referred to the Community Department but a response had not yet been received.

Councillor Noel French referred to the presentation on economic development – it was confirmed that it was agreed at the October meeting that a short quarterly update would be provided.

Councillor Noel French asked that the minutes of the deferred meeting of 21st September be amended to include his request that the removal of all future legal obligations and liabilities relating to the lands being disposed of would be included as part of the agreement – this was confirmed.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Former town engineer, Mark Farrell, on the death of his mother, Bernadette.
- The family of the late Frank O'Brien, former Trim Town Clerk and Meath County Manager.
- Former Councillor Tommy Grimes, on the death of his brother Pa Grimes.
- The victims of the Paris attacks.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All involved in organising the local Pride of Place Awards, the participants and winners – it was agreed that a letter should issue on behalf of Trim Municipal District Councillors to Peter Brady, Community Department thanking him for his efforts in ensuring the success of this event.
- All involved in establishing Trim Tourism Network – it was agreed that a letter should issue on behalf of Trim Municipal District Councillors to the group wishing them well.



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- All involved in organising events during the recent Enterprise Week - it was agreed that letters should issue on behalf of Trim Municipal District Councillors to Bank of Ireland Trim and Enfield congratulating them on their events.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report was circulated in advance and additional information was provided at the meeting.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The provision of a yellow box outside the First Responders on Patrick Street.
- The provision of a pedestrian crossing on Loman Street – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Design.
- The provision of a pedestrian crossing at the bridge (High Street side) to facilitate tourists and Prosper Meath’s service users – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Design.
- It was agreed that Prosper Meath would be invited to present the findings of their report on accessibility issues in Trim to a future meeting.
- Road markings required at the following locations: Blackwater Road, Longwood; Kildalkey/Trim Road; all rural crossroads.
- Issues with the traffic light sequence in Kildalkey.



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- Flooding at Delamere estate – it was suggested that a study on this issue was required due to issues with surface water drainage.
- The frequent water outages in Lackanash and on the Navan Road – it was agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of Trim Municipal District Councillors to Irish Water requesting that the pipe be replaced.
- The possibility of introducing a parking app in Trim as a pilot project, similar to that used by Dublin City Council, to facilitate users and reduce overheads – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation for consideration as part of the countywide parking review, due to be completed in early 2016.
- The positive feedback received regarding the altered traffic light sequence in Enfield and the possibility of preventing the lights from changing when traffic is approaching.
- Welcomed the path improvements in Enfield.
- The need for road markings and barriers outside the school in Enfield and the need for minimum safety standards outside all schools – it was confirmed that this had been raised at the Transportation SPC and that all existing road markings would be refreshed.
- The need for a barrier and road repairs after the turn at Cloncurry Cross along the canal.
- The need to clean the drains at New Inn.
- The vandalism at the playground – it was confirmed that work on installing CCTV would commence in 1-2 weeks and that Gardaí were checking the area.
- Speeding at Lackanash, Ballivor and Kinnegad Roads – it was confirmed that the speed limit review was to be undertaken.

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- Possible safety issues for pedestrians on Bective Bridge – it was agreed to check this.
- Welcomed the works at the junction in Rathmolyon but emphasised the continued need for a staggered junction.

Details on the Christmas 2015 Parking Initiative were circulated and it was confirmed that these would be advertised on the approach roads. It was also confirmed that the festive lighting allocation would be the same as 2014, i.e. contributions to Trim and Enfield, and this was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn

“In the light of the number of public signs damaged or absent in Enfield, what are the regulations and procedures used by Meath County Council to decide on the placement and maintenance of public signs?”

Response:

Meath County Council, as part of their maintenance programme, fixes or replaces damaged signs. If signs are absent, a technical investigation will be carried out to ascertain if a sign is required. All the above is subject to funding and resources available.

The response was noted. Councillor Enda Flynn sought confirmation that the signs in Enfield would be reviewed and this was confirmed. He referred specifically to signs on the Kinnegad road and on Main Street in addition to the need for a ‘Welcome to Meath’ sign coming off the motorway.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Enda Flynn



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“In the light of the large number of people from Enfield and surrounding areas who are using buses as a means to travel both east and west, and in the interest of encouraging a reduction in the number of car journeys by supporting those who choose to use buses, that Meath County Council provide adequate bus shelter facilities on both sides of the Main Street in Enfield.”

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

Meath County Council has pursued this objective in recent years by provision of bus bays in the middle of the village through planning permissions at Super Valu and Tesco.

Bus shelters have never been provided by Meath County Council. These are provided subject to agreement between the bus operator (usually Bus Éireann) and a shelter provider.

We have also sought funding for full standard bus bays near the Longwood road but, to date, have not received any.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

A short discussion followed on the need for bus shelters in Clonard and Enfield. It was pointed out that a bus shelter is being provided at the bus stop opposite Supervalu in the next month or so. Whilst it was suggested that the long-term solution is a park and ride facility in Enfield, it was agreed that Meath County Council would be asked to request bus shelters in Clonard and on the opposite side of the street in Enfield.

The motion was noted.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:



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- 8.1.1 Update on the damaged lighting at Castle Street, opposite the entrance to the church – it was agreed to refer this to the Public Lighting Unit.
- 8.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:
- 8.2.1 Requested that a letter issue to all secondary schools in Trim Municipal District encouraging them to apply to participate in the pilot project being run by the Department of Education & Skills (Leaving Certificate Politics) – this was agreed.
- 8.2.2 That an update on anti-social behaviour and tenancies had been presented to the Housing SPC and was to be circulated to all Councillors.
- 8.2.3 That a Housing SPC motion is to be submitted to the full Council requesting that all vacant lands owned by Meath County Council and suitable for housing be identified.
- 8.2.4 That the housing stock be appropriately allocated, e.g. that families not be allocated units that are designed for single occupancy and/or for older people/those with mobility issues.
- 8.2.5 Queried as to who is responsible for any remediation works required on the units being acquired in Cherryvalley estate – it was confirmed that this estate was being taken in charge and that the query would be referred to Housing.
- 8.3 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issue:
- 8.3.1 Welcomed the announcement of the planned investment in schools, particularly the plans for Enfield.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach