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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 18th November 2016, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Enda Flynn**, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Caroline Lynch.

Apologies: Councillor 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 21st October, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st October 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 4th November, 2016.

The Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 4th November 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Caroline Lynch wished to make an amendment under Item 6.1 – Notice of Motion confirming that all Councillors welcomed the Open Library Initiative but that there were a number of queries.



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Councillor Caroline Lynch referred to correspondence issued by the Road Safety Officer to Councillors and residents on the Dublin Road and asked that the planned traffic review include assessment of traffic at peak school times.

Councillor Noel French requested an update on the lighting in Avondale – it was confirmed that ducting had been installed and that funding for the lighting would be considered in 2017.

Councillor Noel French requested an update on the traffic management plan for the new school on Patrick Street – it was confirmed that a broader traffic management review would take place early in 2017 to take account of all new developments and would include the review of all existing and requested pedestrian crossing locations.

Councillor Noel French requested an update on the provision of designated pedestrian markings on the bridge at Newtown – it was pointed out that, whilst the width of the bridge prevented safe pedestrian segregation, other options would be reviewed.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Joe Horan, former County Manager, Meath County Council.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All those involved in organising the Pride of Place awards events, all participants and winners, including the Smart Project and Rathmolyon;
- Ribbontail Paddlers on their work on the Longwood Canal.

4 To receive an update from Prosper Meath on Accessibility in Trim.

Niamh Clavin, Services Manager and Clara Moloney, Programme Facilitator delivered a presentation to the meeting that covered the services provided by Prosper Meath, events and initiatives, and accessibility improvements made during the year.

Matters raised by Councillors included:



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- The benefits for many groups as a result of improvements made, including the elderly.
- The important role played by Prosper Meath in increasing awareness.
- Welcomed the budgetary provision made for infrastructural improvements.
- The need to consider improvements in other locations, such as Enfield, Rathmolyon, etc.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Niamh and Ciara for their presentation, acknowledged the work of Prosper Meath and the progress achieved, and congratulated them on their new premises. They also acknowledged the work of Council staff in implementing many of the recommendations and for the progress achieved.

5 To receive a presentation on Solstice Arts Centre activities.

Belinda Quirke, Artistic Director/CEO, and Erin Kenny, Programme Manager, Solstice Arts Centre attended the meeting and delivered a presentation which covered the background to Solstice Arts Centre, objectives, culture and the arts, activities, artists, productions, collaboration and linkages to Ratoath Municipal District.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- Welcomed the events and initiatives that encourage children and parents to become involved.
- The possible role of Solstice in advising the development of the Trim theatre space.
- Welcomed the diverse range of offerings and the inclusive approach adopted.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Belinda and Erin for their presentation Statutory Business

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation



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

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

- Update on the footpath in Enfield – it was confirmed that the works would likely be undertaken early in 2017.
- The need to clear gullies at the side of St. Patrick’s Hall – it was confirmed that general gully clearing was ongoing with the Jetvac machine to be deployed soon for 3-4 weeks.
- The bollards outside the Marigold restaurant on Emmet Street – it was pointed out that these did not belong to the Council.
- Water pooling on the Rossan Road following works – it was confirmed that a snag list had issued to the contractor.
- Concerns regarding trees in Glen Abhainn, Enfield – it was agreed to check the report as one tree had been removed and another pruned.
- The legal process that applies to trees overhanging from private land into a housing estate – it was pointed out that trees overhanging a property can be cut to the boundary line but that it was better to consult with the land owner and, where high trees are blocking light, this is a civil matter.
- The need for landowners to cut hedges and overhanging trees on roadsides during the cutting season.
- Concerns regarding flooding in Glenidan estate and the need to address drainage issues urgently.
- The possibility of erecting signs on approaches to towns and villages promoting the Staying Alive initiative for cyclists.



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6.1.2 To consider traffic management and parking arrangements for Christmas 2016.

The proposed traffic management and parking arrangements for Christmas 2016 were outlined and these were unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

Councillors requested that adequate signage promoting these arrangements be erected on approach roads and parking meters.

6.2 Corporate Services

6.2.1 Festive Lighting Allocation 2016.

It was confirmed that an allocation of €1,000 was available for festive lighting, in addition to the contribution being made for Trim Christmas Market. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the following allocations would be made for 2016:

- Trim: €500
- Enfield: €250
- Ballivor: €250
- Summerhill: €250
- Longwood: €250

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

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

7 Notice of Question

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Can I request a report please for the Radar Speed Signs located in the Trim Municipal District? The data sought is the install date, number of vehicles and compliance/non-compliance. For best analysis can as great a time period be used?”



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Response:

Our sign supplier (Rennicks) is currently overseeing a report on the Driver Feedback Signs located on the Longwood Road and on the Newtown Road. This will take some weeks to complete as the sign on the Newtown Road will be switched off for two weeks and then back on again for a further two weeks before the data is downloaded and reviewed. It is expected to get a report from Rennicks by mid December.

The response was noted.

8 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District re Appointment of Minister for Brexit.

The correspondence was noted.

- 9.2 Correspondence received from OPW in response to the notice of item 6.2 Notice of Motion as adopted at October monthly meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

10.1.1 The Trim Christmas lights are due to be switched on on Saturday 3rd December at 4pm.

- 10.2 Councillor Caroline Lynch raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Update on the funding application for the Town Hall – it was confirmed that an



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application for funding under Ireland's Ancient East initiative was being prepared jointly with the OPW and that discussions had taken place with Fáilte Ireland; it was also confirmed that a brief to procure architects for the civic community space at the library was also being prepared.

10.2.2 The timeframe for the allocation of the houses in Ballivor as the remedial works were nearing completion – it was agreed to refer this to Housing.

10.3 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issues:

10.3.1 The need to acquire land in Enfield for social housing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach