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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00p.m., 16th December 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

Assistant Engineer: Jim McElhinney

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th November, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th November 2016 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French enquired as to when the 2016 Festive Lighting allocations, as agreed at the November meeting, would be paid and it was agreed to refer this to Corporate Services.

Councillor Trevor Golden referred to Item 8.2.1 in the October meeting minutes and asked that they be amended to indicate that Griffin Park could be used as a means of exiting the supermarket car park.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

4 To meet with Adrian O'Loughlin, Bus Éireann to discuss the new timetables which are coming into effect.

Adrian O'Loughlin, Services Manager, Bus Éireann attended the meeting and outlined the revised timetables as they affect services in Trim Municipal District, including the 190, 111, 111X and 109B.

Matters raised by Councillors, and responses received, included:

- Welcomed the 109B and the Wilton Terrace services and those that cater for third level students.
- The possibility of reinstating the 6.30am service to Dublin – it was confirmed that correspondence on this had been received, that the 111X service had been introduced leaving Lidl at 6.55am and that this would be reviewed.
- The number of breakdowns, non operation of services, services not running to schedule and the need to improve communication and customer service – it was confirmed that some service issues did apply to the 111 route due to the age of the fleet but that this will be addressed and that fines and penalties are in place as part of the NTA contract.
- Arrangements in place with private bus operators – it was confirmed that local arrangements are in place but that, if a breakdown occurs, requests are usually made at short notice and this can be an issue.
- Capacity issues at peak times and the possibility of providing double decker – it was confirmed that double deckers could be provided on the 111 route but that the road was not suitable on the 109B route.
- The adequacy/safety of the bus stop at Blanchardstown – it was pointed out that bus stops were the responsibility of the local authority.



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- The possibility of moving the start of the 111 service at 6.11am from Knightsbrook to Lidl – the rationale for this route was outlined.
- The cutting of services to the south side of the city – the impact on services caused by the traffic issues in the city centre were referred to, e.g. the Luas works, and it was confirmed that the services would be reviewed once these works were completed.
- The possibility of greater collaboration between Bus Éireann and Irish Rail in relation to services to and from the train station at Pace and the provision of a rapid train service from Pace to the city centre – it was pointed out that the NTA is the overall authority for deciding on transport options and that the Trim service through Pace is under utilised.
- The provision of bus stops and bus shelters and the need for greater collaboration to provide these – it was confirmed that local authorities are responsible for the provision of bus stops, with recommendations made by Bus Éireann, and the NTA is responsible for the provision of non-commercial bus shelters and that submissions can be made to the NTA in respect of these.
- The accuracy of information boards in relation to service schedules.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked Adrian for attending and for the information provided.

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

- 5.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Enda Flynn** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

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



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

- Follow up on hedge cutting notices issued – it was confirmed that progress had been made and it was intended to issue another tranche in January.
- The possibility of raising the pedestrian lights in Ballivor opposite Centra as delivery vans are blocking the lights when parked there and also the possibility of sequencing the lights so they go red when speeding traffic is approaching – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation Planning and Design.
- Complaints received regarding the lighting in Mornington Heights due to the new bulbs and trees blocking the lights.
- The need to cut the hedges along the ring road at the junction where the signs are being obstructed – it was agreed to check this.
- The possibility of refurbishing the toilets at the tourist centre, the type of damage caused and the cost of addressing it and the possibility of other groups becoming involved in managing the facility – it was pointed out that significant refurbishment works had been undertaken, that the facilities are checked and cleaned daily. It was agreed that a report on the facility should be provided, including the issues and expenditure.
- The need for more cycle lanes in the town and linking to surrounding heritage sites to promote tourism.
- The reason for the two 50km signs on the Longwood Road – it was agreed to check this.
- The proximity of the lamppost to the road on the Longwood Road, where works were recently carried out – it was agreed to check this.



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- The need to provide a gully outside St. Patrick's Hall, Trim – it was confirmed gully cleaning was currently underway but that locations for new gullies should be submitted.
- The recent erection of overground cables in Trim – it was confirmed that recent works were replacing like for like infrastructure.
- The need to take in charge the lighting in estates such as Belview Court, Kildalkey, where the taking in charge process is to commence, but where there is no lighting – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.
- The possibility of adding Kildalkey to the winter gritting route five days per week to facilitate the Flexibus morning service.
- The need to resolve the flooding issues in Glenidan.
- Responsibility for clearing damage following traffic accidents, e.g. damaged wall – it was confirmed that the local authority will make it safe on public property but that it is the matter for landowner on private property.
- Recent incidents at the entrance to Delmere with regard to the pedestrian island - it was agreed to check this.
- Unfinished works at the entrance to Supervalu, Enfield – it was agreed to check this.
- The need for water cuts on the Rossan Road – it was agreed to check this.

6.2 Housing

- 6.2.1 To receive and consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2016 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2015 on proposed housing development of 19 houses at Cherry Court, Summerhill and if thought fit to approve the report.

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Padraig Maguire, Senior Executive Planner, attended the meeting and outlined the key points in the report that had been circulated in advance. It was pointed out that this matter would be brought again to the January meeting for decision. David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department also outlined the progress being made in terms of increasing the social housing stock in the county and municipal district.

Councillors welcomed the proposal and the progress being made generally.

6.3 Library Service

6.3.1 To receive a presentation on My Open Library – Trim Library.

Ciarán Mangan, County Librarian, delivered a presentation, which included the concept, the pilot projects and recommendations, benefits and frequently asked questions.

A discussion followed with Councillors welcoming the initiative. A number of queries were raised in relation to the status of the pilot projects, maintenance contracts, cost to the local authority in terms of CCTV and other equipment, possible impacts on staff, insurance and security implications. In response, it was confirmed that Meath was included in the extended pilot scheme, that CCTV was now a basic element in any new library developments and therefore did not represent an additional cost, that the cost of service contracts were minimal, that commitments with regard to no impact on staff had been given in the Dáil, that there was no significant additional cost with regard to insurance or security.

Councillors once again expressed their support for the project.

6.4 Corporate Services

6.4.1 To receive a report on the Trim Christmas Market.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services delivered a verbal report to the meeting, which included the promotional video and feedback from the organisers and issues raised in correspondence received from local traders. The possible solutions to the issues raised were outlined. It was



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conceded that some of the issues raised were a direct result of the short timeframe available.

Councillors acknowledged the efforts of Councillor Trevor Golden and Dara McGowan in organising the event. Councillor Golden thanked his Councillor colleagues and the executive for their support.

A short discussion followed, with the following issues being raised:

- The possibility of establishing a local committee in advance;
- Improved advertising and communication;
- Greater use of the performance space with more local involvement;
- Improved signage to facilities and more visible stewards;
- Possibility of heating being provided in the seating area.

The Cathaoirleach and Councillors expressed their support for the event to continue in future years. It was agreed to discuss this further early in the new year.

6.4.2 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

There were no Notices of Question.

8 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.



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9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Merlyn Mahon, Harvest Home Bakery re Trim Christmas Market.

The correspondence was noted and was referred to under Item 6.4.1.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Dara McGowan raised the following issue:

10.1.1 The request by the Kilbride graveyard committee to undertake further trial holes following those undertaken in February, which indicated a high water table. The committee had been informed that the further tests still indicated a high water table.

- 10.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested that a letter issue to the OPW requesting that Trim Castle be opened from 1st February 2017, as in 2016 when visitor numbers were significant.

10.2.2 Thanked Meath County Council for the assistance with regard to the Christmas tree in Trim.

- 10.3 Councillor Enda Flynn raised the following issue:

10.3.1 The need for a box to allow cars to turn right at the bridge in Enfield – it was confirmed that this would be provided.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Councillors, staff and the media for their work and support throughout the year and wished everyone a happy Christmas.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach