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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 17th September 2021, Via Zoom

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Joe Fox**, presided.

Councillors Present: Aisling Dempsey, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Ronan Moore.

Apologies: Councillor Niamh Souhan.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Donna Pringle

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th July 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th July 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French thanked the meeting administration staff for continuing to communicate with the Department of Education & Skills in order to get a response to the issues previously raised. He also requested an update on the drain blockage at Longwood and it was confirmed that the CCTV survey results have not yet been received.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Aisling Dempsey on the recent birth of her baby daughter;
- Meath County Council on the commencement of works on the Trim Library & Cultural Centre;
- Maura Daly, District Engineer, on her forthcoming wedding;
- All those involved in bringing the Fine Gael 'think-in' to Trim, which had highlighted the town in a positive way;
- The Meath Ladies and Minors teams on winning their respective All Ireland finals.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 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:

- Queried whether footpath works in Griffin Park will include works in Blackfriary – councillors were asked to submit estates requiring work and, once these are taken in charge, they will be inspected to see what works are required, subject to funding.
- Requested an update on the provision of a ramp on the Dublin Road.
- Queried whether an alternative means of storing and making available the keys for the accessible swing in Trim playground could be explored, with a view to increasing access, e.g. at weekends, such as a smart box with code – it was agreed this would be considered further.



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4.2 Corporate Services

- 4.2.1 To officially endorse the twinning arrangement between the Boyne Valley (Trim Municipal District) and Boyne City (Michigan).

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

Councillor Noel French thanked his councillor colleagues and the executive for their support in progressing this.

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed application and deferral forms.

4.3 Water Services

Gerry Boyle, Senior Engineer, Water Services, joined the meeting to discuss the recent water issues in Enfield and, specifically, the number of unplanned water shutdowns of supply. He outlined the background and possible reasons for the issues and the actions taken to address these. The issue of water storage remains problematic and it was confirmed that Irish Water had just recently agreed to advance water storage in Enfield as quickly as possible. The timeframe has yet to be finalised but works will take approximately 6 months, with the intention of commencing these early in 2022.

Reference was also made to Ballivor, with the actions taken to address the issues there outlined, i.e. linking the Athboy to Ballivor supply via Kildalkey.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the decision by Irish Water to provide water storage in Enfield.



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- Requested that a letter issue to Irish Water seeking clarification on steps that will be taken in the interim, i.e. prior to the proposed works being completed and also in the event that the proposed works are delayed.
- Referred to a Notice of Motion asking the Planning Department to consider the number and frequency of water outages when considering planning applications in the areas affected, with a further suggestion that this be amended to include the entire county and be submitted to the full council for consideration – it is already required that any further significant housing development proposed for Enfield is dependent on the new water treatment plan being operational. Smaller developments may not be subject to this requirement. All significant planning applications are referred to the Water Services Section and Irish Water, with their views taken into account.
- Requested that representatives from Meath County Council meet with the newly established Enfield Water Group to provide information on the current and proposed situation – this was agreed to in principle and can be discussed separately.
- Requested further information on the links between the reservoir and the Carnisle Group Water Scheme – this has been segregated from the Ballivor and linked to Athboy via Kildalkey. Most of Ballivor is served from the Kilmurray supply. Reservoirs are required for Longwood and Ballivor and a bundled package is to be re-tendered in 2022. Subject to funding, this could commence in late 2022/early 2023.
- Complimented the Water Services Section for the actions taken to deal with the issues arising.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“Could the Council please provide a list of estates currently going through the taking in charge process in the Trim Municipal District?”



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Response:

There is currently only one estate from the Trim Municipal District on display:

- Glebewood, Trim

The response was noted. Councillor Noel French sought a list of estates that have applied to be taken in charge.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Trim Municipal District council receive a presentation from the developers and the Planning Section, Meath County Council with regard to the development of a Master Plan for the area to the rear of Emmet Street as agreed in the forthcoming County Development Plan.”

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

This request is premature in the absence of a Master Plan being lodged or agreed by the Planning Department and until such a time as the County Development Plan is adopted.

A short discussion followed, with reference to the benefits of councillors having an input into the masterplan at this stage. It was agreed that, whilst a masterplan has not yet been submitted, representatives from the Planning Department would attend the October meeting to provide an update and that the developer would be invited to attend also.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**, was agreed.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French



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“That Meath County Council undertake a speed and traffic survey on all the roads into Kildlakey village in order to compile data as to what safety measures are required in the village.”

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

The Trim District Engineer has arranged with the relevant departments of Meath County Council to have a speed survey done at Kildalkey Village and on the approach roads into the village. Results of this speed survey will determine whether any traffic calming measures are appropriate at these locations – the councillors will be advised of the results of the survey when received.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**, was agreed.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 2nd July 2021.

The minutes were noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Joint Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC meeting of 2nd July 2021.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the Notice of Item 6.3 – Notice of Motion as adopted at the July Trim Municipal District meeting re information included in a recent publication of an Environmental Agency Report (EPA) relating to Water Treatment Plants in Enfield, Ballivor and Longwood.

The correspondence was noted.



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- 8.2 Correspondence received from [the School Capital Appraisal Section](#), Department of Education.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Referred to the ramp on the Dublin Road, which was to be delivered before the end of the year.

9.1.2 Requested an update on St. Kinneth's and queried whether funding was available for the additional works.

- 9.2 Des Foley raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Referred to concerns expressed regarding the fencing erected in the Porchfields and confirmed that the contractor had been given further instructions, which would hopefully resolve the issue – a short discussion followed and it was acknowledged that, whilst the fencing may look different to what was envisaged, it was being addressed in some respects. It was agreed that the views expressed by the public should be considered and that the issue would be reviewed following a period of time.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach



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