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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 15th October 2021, County Hall, Navan

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

Councillors Present: Noel French, Trevor Golden, Ronan Moore and Niamh Souhan

Apologies: Councillor Aisling Dempsey

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

Apologies: Claire King, Meetings Administrator

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th September 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17^h September 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Claire King on the death of her mother, Bernie King.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Maura Daly on her recent wedding to Tom Blake.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To note the three-year Roadworks Programme 2022-2024.

The three-year Roadworks Programme 2020-2024 was circulated in advance of the meeting. Councillors were invited to discuss this with Maura Daly, Executive Engineer over the next couple of weeks before it is finalised.

Matters raised by Councillors included: -

- Asked if NH 13 Moneymore road could be taken from 2024 and prioritised.

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

The report was circulated in advance with further updates provided.

Matters raised by councillors included: -

- Asked what the remediation works will be carried out where trees were felled and materials left over from the building of the new estate beside Griffin Park and at the end of the lane at Tower View. There are fencing issues and the ground was never reinstated.



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- Referred to the pedestrian crossing in Ballivor which cannot be seen and asked if anything can be done to make it more visible.
- Referred to muck on the road and asked if anything can be done about it – It was confirmed that they cannot react until the muck is on the road and then they issue a muck notice.

4.2 Corporate Services

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

The list of allocations circulated in advance was noted.

4.3 Planning

- 4.3.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2021.

- Glebe Wood, Ballivor

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

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



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- 7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3rd September 2021.

The minutes were noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 29th September 2021.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Irish Water in response to the notice of item 4.3 from the September meeting re water storage in Enfield.

The correspondence was noted.

- 8.2 Correspondence received from Mr Loman Dempsey in response to the notice of item 6.1 from September meeting re an update on the development of the Masterplan for the area to the rear of Emmet Street.

The correspondence was noted.

Des Foley, Area Manager referred to the correspondence which came up at the previous meeting with a view to bringing councillors up to date and getting their feedback on what is a very important Master Plan for Trim. The developers have suggested that they come to the next Municipal District meeting to update the councillors. It is hoped to bring Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner to the meeting also if available.

Matters raised by councillors included: -

- Agreed it would be welcome to have a say at an early stage.
- There are a number of stakeholders involved, Meath County Council, the OPW and landowners. It is positive that the landowners are willing to engage.
- Expressed concerns that the County Development Plan will be adopted

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followed by Local Area Plans. When it comes to Trim, there is a potential gap that this application could fall between the adoption of the County Development Plan and before the Local Area Plan. All stakeholders need to be included.

- Asked about the likelihood, if there are no strategic objectives clearly defined in a local plan, to deliver connectivity between the new and old town centre.
- It was agreed that it has to be part of the Local Area Plan, otherwise it is premature. Two iconic buildings Trim Castle and OPW building. Aura and GAA are also out on their own, connectivity is needed between them all and marry the old with the new.

It was agreed to invite the developers to the November meeting.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Des Foley, Area Manager raised the following issue:-

9.1.1 Referred to correspondence received from Trim Tourism Network regarding a bespoke Christmas Market in Trim.

Members were broadly supportive of the proposal in principle, subject to consultation taking place with other business interests in the town. It was also agreed to invite Trim Tourism Network to the November meeting to outline their proposals, requesting that they liaise with the principal traders and other stakeholders of the town in advance of the meeting.

9.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues: -

9.2.1 Referred to the raised pedestrian crossing on Market Street and asked, if possible, to continue the dotted line to denote what the main route is. – It was advised that the basic concept of that is not to denote it because it slows everyone down.

Asked if the stop sign could be lighted to draw attention to it.

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- 9.2.2 Confirmed he has written to the OPW some time ago to ask them if they would consider lighting the inside of the Yellow Steeples for safety and to prevent anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to write to the OPW with this request.
- 9.2.3 Referred to the last Christmas Market in Trim where money was given to it which resulted in no parking incentives in Trim over the Christmas period and asked if this would be the case again. – It was advised that this would be clarified at the next meeting.
- 9.3 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue: -
- 9.3.1 Requested an update on the ramp on the Dublin Road.
- 9.3.2 The need to prepare for parking difficulties in Enfield as Flattery's is going to be renovated which will remove 30 – 40 car parking spaces.
- It was agreed to write to Iarnród Éireann again and ask that they remove the charges on their car park which would alleviate parking issues.
- 9.4 Councillor Niamh Souhan raised the following issues: -
- 9.4.1 The need for additional lighting if cars are going to park at the Iarnród Éireann car park.
- 9.4.2 Referred to Sandyhill in Longwood and the rear of Spar where there are recycling bins belonging to Meath County Council. There are two lights on either side and it was asked as to who owns them – It was pointed out that this is private property and there is no other location in Longwood to put the recycling bins. The query will be raised with public lighting as to who owns the lights.
- 9.5 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues: -
- 9.5.1 Referred to the housing development in Royal Oaks, Enfield. He indicated An Bord Pleanála specified that boreholes may be constructed by Irish Water or the applicant under the strict supervision of Irish Water and the works must be completed in advance of any houses being occupied. Councillor Ronan Moore



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had referred this to the Planning Department who confirmed that the developer and Irish Water agreed to work collaboratively to provide this infrastructure and asked if a formal decision can be obtained from the Planning Department as to whether enforcement action is necessary.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach