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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 12th November 2021, County Hall Chamber, Navan

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Niamh Souhan.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th October 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15^h October 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

Congratulations were extended to:



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- Trim Tidy Towns, who won a gold medal in the recent Tidy Towns competition, having achieved their best marks to date, with congratulations also expressed to all the volunteers, the community and the council staff for their contribution.
- Meath County Council on hosting the recent Pride of Place event, all the groups who participated and won awards, including Betty Dickson, Longwood on winning Volunteer of the Year.
- All the clubs in the municipal district on their recent successes, including Trim GAA on winning the Intermediate Football Championship.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Planning

- 4.1.1 To receive an update on the development of a draft Masterplan for the area to the rear of Emmet Street, Trim.

Councillor Aisling Dempsey declared a family connection with one of those attending the meeting on behalf of the developers, Mr. Loman Dempsey. It was confirmed that, as no decision is to be taken today, there is no declarable interest.

Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner provided a background to the masterplans in the context of the County Development Plan. The process to agree a masterplan is an executive function, with today's informal presentation for information purposes only.

Joe Corr, Stephen Peppard and Fran Whelan, CWPA attended, as did Loman Dempsey, on behalf of the developers.

Joe Corr and Fran Whelan delivered a presentation, with a high level overview of the Manorlands Masterplan provided, including the different aspects considered, the opportunities within the study area and the potential benefits for the surrounding areas.



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Matters raised by councillors included:

- Acknowledged that the masterplan was in the early stages of development but expressed the hope that it could provide a model of best practice in the context of public and private sectors working together and meeting sustainable development goals.
- Expressed the hope that the public and councillors would have a voice in the masterplan, given its significance to the town and that local businesses and interests would be consulted.
- Underlined the need to complement the existing town centre and facilitate linkages between the old and new centres, respect the heritage of Trim and achieve a balance between commercial viability and the greater good.
- Referred to the decline in town centre living and the need to attract families back to live in town centres.
- The need to ensure appropriate traffic management to avoid traffic congestion.
- The need to achieve appropriate density and a balance between commercial and residential.

In response, it was pointed out that statutory local area plans are to be prepared, with Navan, Kells and Trim to be undertaken in the first tranche, and with opportunities for councillors to have significant input in 2022. The masterplan will provide a coordinated framework for the development of the lands and subsequent planning applications will involve statutory public consultation.

4.2 Transportation

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

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The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

- 4.2.2 To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws statutory process.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the documentation circulated in advance and sought approval to present the bye-laws to the December full council meeting. If ratified, the signage will be erected and the bye-laws will take effect in early 2022.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried whether a default lower speed limit can be applied when planning permission is granted for new estates, with traffic calming measures to be provided in advance where needed – the local authority has no jurisdiction on a private road and, only when an estate is taken in charge, can the byelaws be introduced. Strict guidelines now apply for estate design, which aim to be self-enforcing in terms of appropriate speed. A speed survey is carried out in estates where speeding is of concern. The survey is repeated, following the introduction of the lower speed limit, and if speed is still found to be excessive, appropriate engineering measures can be considered.
- Suggested that notices be placed on social media, etc. to reinforce the message when the lower speed limits come into effect.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore** to proceed as outlined.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion



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6.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“In light of the increased construction of residential houses, particularly in the Trim and Enfield areas, to ask Meath County Council to ring-fence a portion of Development Contributions derived from new builds in both these urban areas for the purposes of carrying out a comprehensive cycling strategy and plan for both Trim and Enfield.”

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

The Meath County Development Contribution Scheme is a county wide scheme where levies collected are used to fund capital projects identified within the scheme. It is not possible to ring fence contributions to specific areas it is a county wide scheme.

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

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st October 2021.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the report from the Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 8th October 2021.

The report was noted.

7.3 To note the report from Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services SPC of 18th October 2021.

The report was noted.

7.4 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 19th October 2021.

The report was noted.



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- 7.5 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC of 20th October 2021.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Mr Michael Hughes, Trim Tourism Network in response to the notice of item 9.1.1 from the October meeting.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested an update on Maudlin Vale – it was pointed out that good progress has been made with the interested parties and it was agreed to follow up in relation to the recent illegal dumping.

9.1.2 Requested that remote participation at meetings be made available to facilitate those that cannot attend in person – the meeting arrangements are reviewed monthly to take account of public health guidance. It was also pointed out that the technology available at meeting venues may not be facilitate remote participation.

- 9.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Requested that a follow up letter issue to the OPW regarding the request to light up the Yellow Steeple.

- 9.3 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Referred to the need for creative solutions to tackle anti-social behaviour and littering in Longwood.



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9.3.2 Referred to fears in Enfield regarding water outages over Christmas and before the planned water storage facility is in place. Reference was also made to planning permissions which include the provision of water storage facilities.

9.4 Des Foley raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Confirmed that a budget of €6,000 remains to be allocated for festive lighting in 2021 and the following was agreed:

- Trim - €1,500
- Enfield - €1,500
- Ballivor - €750
- Longwood - €750
- Summerhill - €750
- Kildalkey - €750

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach