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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 21st January 2022, Via Zoom

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

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Assistant Engineer: Donna Pringle

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 10th December 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th December 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

- Councillor Ronan Moore** referred to research being undertaken in relation to the provision of toilet facilities, whether publicly or privately managed.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Ashling Murphy, Tullamore;
- The family of the late Hazel Reilly (nee Pratt), Kilmurray, Trim;
- The family of the late Joan Pratt (nee McGuinness), The Maudlins, Trim.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Noel French, Deborah Curran and the Gluais members for organising the recent vigil in memory of Ashling Murphy and to all groups and individuals who organised similar events throughout the municipal district;
- Trim Intermediate team on winning the Leinster Championship and wished them well in the semi-final.

Councillor Ronan Moore suggested that the Meath Local Sports Partnership and/or Public Participation Network be requested to express gratitude to all sporting groups in the county for their role during the Covid pandemic and supporting the community throughout – this was agreed.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted. It was also confirmed that work on the ramps in Rathmolyon had commenced this week, with the public lighting to be provided next week as part of a Low Cost Safety Scheme, and that work had also commenced in relation to the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road, with the topographical survey being prepared.

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Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the works in Rathmolyon, the progress being made in relation to the pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road, the painting in Trim playground, the provision of signs/information boards in the playgrounds and the provision of compacting litter bins in villages.
- Thanked staff for their assistance in providing the Christmas trees and lighting and for their work over the Christmas period.
- Requested an update on the provision of a footpath from Marcy's to the Navan Road – this is actively being reviewed by the Transportation Department, with hope that funding will become available.
- Requested an update on the provision of a footpath on the Dunderry Road.
- Requested that consideration be given to providing a keybox with PIN to facilitate disability groups in accessing the wheelchair swing in the playground – this will be considered.
- Requested an update on plans for the road surface on the old bridge onto Market Street – it was agreed to check this.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Correspondence



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There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

8.1.1 Referred to recent incidences of illegal dumping at Maudlin.

8.1.2 Referred to recent issues around the water supply in Trim and underlined the need for an urgent upgrade of the water treatment plant, which is over 25 years old – the recent issues have now been resolved and the reduced water supply introduced earlier this week, to conserve water, no longer applies. The age of the plant is acknowledged and consultants have been appointed to look at the capacity and upgrade of the plant. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Water to see if elements of the programme can be brought forward.

8.2 Councillor Aisling Dempsey raised the following issue:

8.2.1 Requested that, following the tragic death of Ashling Murphy in Tullamore, that all amenities, such as the Porchfields and the Ribbontail Lane, be assessed to see what measures can be introduced to improve safety, e.g. improved lighting, CCTV at access points, etc. – whilst the works in the Porchfields are largely completed, councillors were asked to submit any suggestions for related improvements that could be made.

8.3 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

8.3.1 Underlined the need to take public safety into account when preparing public realm plans.

8.3.2 Congratulated all involved in the works nearing completion in the Porchfields and commended the standard of works completed.

8.3.3 Requested that a letter issue to the HSE and Minister for Health welcoming the roll-out of the Social Prescribing Programme in Ireland and requesting that the roll-out of the programme be continued and expedited and, also, that a specific



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request be made that Meath be included in the next phase of the Social Prescribing Programme roll-out as a matter of urgency – this was agreed.

- 8.3.4 Referred to the increased number of dogs in the Porchfields, reports of recent incidents of dogs being off the leash and suggested that this be monitored and/or consideration be given to providing a dog park.

8.4 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

- 8.4.1 Requested that Irish Water be asked to provide more detail when issuing notices and/or updates relating to water services, e.g. how works are progressing, and to provide earlier notification, e.g. when tankers are being deployed.

- 8.4.2 Congratulated the council for coordinating the project in the Porchfields and thanked all those involved.

- 8.4.3 Suggested that one of the fenced off paddocks in the Porchfields, when not being used for livestock, could be designated as a dog park.

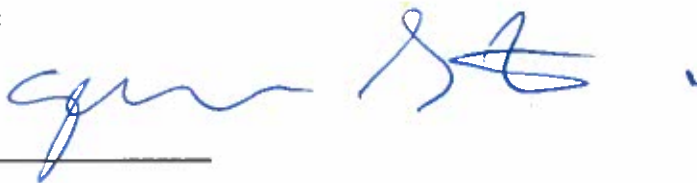
8.5 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issue:

- 8.5.1 Welcomed the completion of works in the Porchfields and acknowledged the increased numbers of people using the facility.

- 8.5.2 Referred to the need for dog owners to control their dogs, especially as the lambing season commences, and the legal requirements for dogs to be chipped.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach



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