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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 18th February 2022, County Hall, Navan

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Fox, presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Ronan Moore and Niamh Souhan.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Assistant Engineer: Donna Pringle

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

Apologies: Des Foley, Director of Service and Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21st January 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st January 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Noel French and seconded by Councillor Trevor Golden.

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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- The Lotto winners from Summerhill.

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.

4.2 To consider and adopt the 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Corrina Elder, Senior Engineer, Housing Department outlined the schedule of works as they relate to housing, including the service categories, funding allocations per municipal district, the centralised budgets and updates on the previous year. Reference was made to a national programme of planned maintenance to be procured by mid-year, with a budget allocated from own resources to carry out an asset survey.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried what the pre-let repair costs were for 96 units – of the €2.44million expenditure, approximately €500,000 was for energy retrofit works.
- Queried the average length of time taken to return vacant units to use – the aim is 12 weeks but energy upgrade works can cause delays, particularly due to issues sourcing materials.

John McGrath, Senior Engineer introduced Caroline Corrigan, who is due to join the Transportation Department as Senior Engineer, and referred to some changes due to be implemented in the Transportation Department. Caroline Corrigan outlined the process and timelines for the Schedule of Municipal District Works, the funding amounts, where known, and sources, a road survey update and summary of PSCI ratings, the proposed programme of works, including the funding breakdown.



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Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the increased investment and the progress being made and congratulated all the staff involved.
- Requested an update on the proposed works at Friaryland from the castle roundabout to the Dublin Road – a section of this road is included in the schedule for surfacing in 2022.
- Queried if the condition rating for roads in Ballyboggin and Castlejordan was improving as a result of the investment being made – the presentation looked at the road condition of the county.
- Queried if the PSCI information was available at municipal district level – the data is only available at county level.
- Queried why were Tullaghanstown works not progressing – the issues relating to the road at Tullaghanstown were outlined. It had been originally categorised as a TII paving scheme scope of the works required and the landowner and environmental issues to be addressed may the required the scheme to be considered as a minor scheme in accordance with TII procedures. Preliminary discussions were held with TII to consider the scheme as pilot.
- Queried if the works at Tremblestown and if this could include removal of severe bends or how could such improvements works be funded. – The works proposed at Tremblestown was surface dressing. Generally, removal of bends would require a Specific Improvement Scheme Grant but would be require to an Economic Appraisal to justify the significant expenditure required for such works. For more lightly trafficked roads an application under the Road safety Improvement Grant Works scheme from the DoT should be considered.
- Referred to the traffic congestion on the Enfield Road into Longwood during school peak times.
- Referred to the poor road surface on the main road from Kinnegad to Trim, particularly on the Kinnegad side to Hill of Down.



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- Complimented the quality of work being carried out.

The 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works for Trim was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Noel French.

4.3 Corporate Services

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

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

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

The minutes were noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 20th December 2021.

The report was noted.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 2nd February 2022.



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The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from the Office of the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D in response to the notice of item 8.3.3 from the January meeting re Social Prescribing Programme.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 To agree arrangements for the March meeting of Trim Municipal District.

9.1.1 It was agreed that in-person meetings would continue to take place in County Hall, Navan until such time as hybrid meetings can be facilitated at Trim Civic Offices.

- 9.2 Councillor Aisling Dempsey raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Referred to a request received in relation to the Cannonball Event, due to take place in September. It is planned to start in Slane and possibly finish in Trim. The event organisers have sought the support of the council and councillors are also being asked to support elements of the event through the Festivals Budget. It was agreed that further information would be circulated to councillors.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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