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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 11th March 2022, County Hall, Navan

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

Assistant Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Maura Daly, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 18th February 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th February 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Noel French and seconded by Councillor Aisling Dempsey.

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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- Councillor Ronan Moore on the death of his aunt.

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:

- Referred to deteriorating road markings on the Trim to Athboy Road.
- Referred to pooling on the edge of the Trim to Kilcock road, where grass/vegetation is blocking the drainage system.

- 4.1.2 To inform the Members of the commencement of a Review of Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County of Meath Bye Laws and seek representations in relation to any roads or locations which the members feel should be included for review.

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the key points included in the letter, circulated in advance. Submissions are to be made by 29th April. All roads submitted will be subject to engineering, speed and traffic volume surveys, following the national guidelines. It is expected to be the end of the year before the initial draft revised bye-law will be available for discussion in advance of commencing the statutory process. It was also confirmed that the housing estate speed limit would come into effect on 4th April.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the review and suggested that additional engineering measures and enforcement would be required to tackle speeding.



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- Requested an update on the traffic survey requested for Kildalkey.
- Queried whether regional roads within town limits can be included in the review – every road not located in a housing estate can be included.
- Suggested that promotion of speed limits, in addition to signage, is considered, e.g. painting the limit on the road – the review will consider the appropriate speed limit for the road and, whilst the signage is standard, road painting and/or other engineering measures can be recommended.
- Queried whether a minimum speed limit can be applied, e.g. on straight stretches, where slower vehicles can disrupt the flow of traffic and lead to dangerous overtaking – there is no minimum speed limit. Default speed limits apply, e.g. 80kmph on regional roads. The speed limit review will result in a byelaw that will either increase or decrease the speed limit that applies to a particular road. Driver behaviour remains an important factor however.
- Queried if sections of road can be reviewed if the current speed limit is inappropriate.
- Queried if the speed limit in urban areas can be reduced to 30kmph – the default speed limit in urban areas is 50kmph but if particular streets/areas have a high number of pedestrians/vulnerable users, these can be reviewed.

4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

4.2.1 To discuss the 2022 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget (Christmas Lighting Fund - €7,500)

Reference was made to the Community Grants Scheme, which includes a category for festivals and events, details of which were circulated by email.



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The allocations made in 2021 were outlined and it was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Noel French, that the following allocations would be made for festive lighting in 2022:

MD	2022 Allocations
Trim	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kildalkey Calendar Team - €1,000• Ballivor Tidy Towns - €1,000• Trim Tidy Towns - €1,750• Enfield Development Group (Lights) - €1,750• Summerhill Tidy Village - €1,000• Longwood Tidy Towns - €1,000 Total - €7,500

- 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.

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 4th February 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence



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- 8.1** Correspondence received from the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D re Social Prescribing Programme in Ireland.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1** Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Referred to recent water supply disruptions in Trim and requested that a letter issue to Irish Water expressing the concerns of councillors and requesting that they expedite works to ensure capacity.

- 9.2** Councillor Aisling Dempsey raised the following issue:

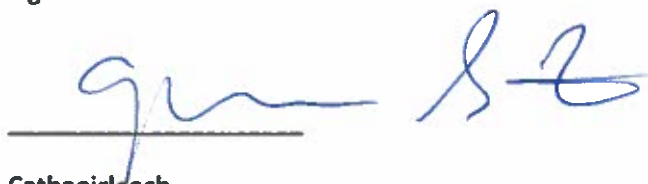
9.2.1 Requested that a letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills and the LMETB requesting that they expedite the provision of a permanent location for Enfield Community School as they are running out of space and facilities in their current, temporary location.

- 9.3** Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Requested an update on the new burial ground for Trim, to include access from the town such as footpaths, parking, etc.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach

