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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 8th April 2022, County Hall, Navan

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Fox, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Senior Executive Officer: Ger Murphy

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Executive Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 11th March 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th March 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Ronan Moore 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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- The family of the late Thomas Winters, Manorlands Crescent, Trim.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 4.1.1 To agree a date for the Trim Municipal District Awards Night and list of recipients.

It was agreed that councillors would submit eligible nominees and the event would take place in Trim, following the May monthly meeting.

4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1 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:

- Requested that the condition of the King and Queen statues be assessed, including their visibility due to the number of trees around them, and queried if they could be lit up.
- Welcomed surfacing works on Bridge Street.
- Queried whether there were concerns regarding the structure of the bridge due to the vegetation growing – it is planned to do works including the removal of overgrowth and vegetation and assess its condition.
- Queried whether the level of Japanese Knotweed was increasing or decreasing – no new locations have been submitted and the treatment programme continues at known locations, with this to be eradicated in 3-4 years.
- Referred to flooding on footpaths following heavy rain – location details were requested.



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- A discussion took place on the suitability of providing a bin in the Porchfields, with the majority expressing opposition to a permanent bin being provided.
- Referred to the need for a tree survey, where trees are blocking the view of the castle, and the possibility of planting trees at alternative locations to replace any removed. This was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Joe Fox and seconded by Councillor Noel French.

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 March 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from Carmel McEvoy, LMETB in response to the Notice of Item 9.2.1 from the March meeting in relation to Enfield Community School.

The correspondence was noted. It was acknowledged that this was not a devolved project and it was requested that a reminder letter issue to the Department of Education & Skills.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:



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- 9.1.1 Requested that a letter of thanks issue to Oliver Carey, following his recent retirement.
 - 9.1.2 Requested that a letter issue to the Department of Education and Skills requesting an update on the former school buildings on Patrick Street, Trim and in Kildalkey.
 - 9.1.3 Invited councillors to attend a book launch by Councillor Seán Drew, Cathaoirleach on 16th April on the 850th Anniversary of the grant of Meath to Hugh De Lacey, which is being sponsored by Trim Tourism Network.
 - 9.1.4 Requested that correspondence from Trim Tourism Network regarding a Christmas event be included on the May agenda – it was requested that the correspondence be forwarded to the meeting administration team.
- 9.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:
- 9.2.1 Proposed that the council engage with the OPW with regard to their plans for the Town Hall and the joint delivery of public toilet facilities – this was seconded by Councillor Joe Fox.
 - 9.2.2 Suggested that the gate entrance to the Porchfields, opposite the King and Queen statues, be widened to improve access – it was agreed to check this.
 - 9.2.3 Queried if railings can be provided on the other side of the river under the bridge from the town to prevent access to the river.
- 9.3 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:
- 9.3.1 Queried the period of time in which the contractor must return to address any issues that arise following works in the Porchfields, e.g. at Watergate Bridge, the grit has worn away.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Signed:

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Cathaoirleach

