



## **Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes**

### **Trim Municipal District**

### **Ordinary Meeting**

**11.30 a.m., 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Trim Civic Offices**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Fox, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Noel French, Trevor Golden, Ronan Moore.

**Apologies:** Councillors Aisling Dempsey and Niamh Souhan.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Executive Engineer:** Donna Pringle

**Technician:** Michael Jordan

**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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 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**

Sympathy was extended to:



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- Councillor Niamh Souhan on the death of her father, Garry Souhan;
- Trim Municipal District GO and Summerhill Traffic Warden, Jim Tallon, on the death of his mother, Annie Tallon;
- The family of the late former County Engineer, Oliver Perkins;
- The family of the late former councillor Patsy O'Neill;
- The family of the late former councillor John Fanning.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

- 4.1.1 To receive a presentation on a proposed Park and Ride Facility for Enfield, with a view to receiving permission to proceed to Part 8 display for same.

Pat Shore, Executive Engineer provided a background to the site acquisition and outlined the plans for the park & ride facility, which is subject to a Part 8, with separate plans for the building. The proposed layout in terms of car parking spaces, recycling facilities and EV charging points was outlined. The area to the front of the building will be opened up to create a new entrance and plaza. Approval is being sought to proceed to Part 8 for the facility, which can be progressed when the building is vacated by the school, with this being year 1 of a 3 year agreement. If agreed, the Part 8 will go on public display in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Supported the proposed increase in car parking spaces, the location of the bring banks, which are convenient and not in close proximity to local residences, the EV charging points and the entrance to the playground.



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- Queried whether it would be preferable to wait for the outcome of the Town Centre First Plan for Enfield before proceeding – consultants have been appointed, with extensive consultation with businesses, residents and the community planned. This is the first such plan in Meath and will go beyond the scope of other public realm plans. It will involve a detailed assessment of Enfield and consider all issues raised. Work on the community facility is also well advanced and will be open by the summer.
- Referred to the existing parking available, at Supervalu and the pay and display car park operated by Irish Rail, which is underused.
- Referred to two potential busy entry and exit points and queried whether consideration had been given to a shared entry point with Supervalu to avoid confusion over rights of way – it was agreed to approach Supervalu to discuss the options.
- Welcomed the plan to have the Part 8 ready in order to be able to access funding and queried if it would be possible to make any amendments at a later date – the scheme can be tweaked or a new Part 8 prepared.

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

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Thanked Donna for all her work and congratulated her on her recent promotion.
- Welcomed the improved road surface on the main streets in Trim, including Market and Castle Streets.



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- Welcomed the community boards and the issues rectified in the sensory garden.
- Referred to the need to consider the options to address flooding issues, the incidences of which have recently increased due to climate change and soil saturation and are likely to increase further.
- Queried whether a reply had been received from the ESB regarding the traffic lights at Newtown.
- Queried the markings on the approach to the pedestrian crossing on Market Street – these are to indicate that parking is not permitted within these limits to improve visibility.
- Suggested that consideration be given to providing disabled parking or a cycle rack within the limits approaching the pedestrian crossing on Market Street.
- Queried whether this is being enforced by the Traffic Wardens and requested that people be made aware that parking is not permitted before tickets are issued, e.g. no parking signs - it was agreed to check whether this is being enforced by the Traffic Wardens.
- Queried the expected lifespan of road markings, particularly those on raised pedestrian crossings, e.g. Dublin Road and Clonard, which seem to fade quickly – it is hard to accurately predict how long these last as it will depend on traffic volumes and conditions when they are put down. Councillors were requested to submit locations where these require renewal.
- Requested that raised platform at Ulster Bank on High Street be designated as a pedestrian crossing – this is a courtesy crossing but it was agreed to check it.
- Referred to the change in fines that can be imposed for parking on footpaths and queried if the Traffic Wardens can issue fines as it is an



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ongoing problem, even if bollards have been installed, and obstructs pedestrian access on footpaths – Gardaí can issue fines.

- Requested that consideration be given to extending the boundary within which Traffic Wardens can patrol, e.g. within the town speed limit.
- Requested that signs in Trim be reviewed to determine if any can be removed.
- Queried the policy on providing and reviewing parklets as traders on streets where they are not currently provided are enquiring as to whether they can be installed – the parklets were installed last year and their performance will be reviewed this year. Requests for additional parklets and the removal of unused parklets have been received but no funding is available this year. The situation will be considered next year.
- Acknowledged the overall benefits of the parklets in increasing footfall for existing and new businesses.

### **4.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance**

- 4.2.1 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.



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

- 7.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The minutes were noted.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Ms Fiona Murphy, Head of Health & Wellbeing, HSE in response to the notice of item 8.3.3 from the January meeting re the Social Prescribing Programme in Ireland.

The correspondence was noted.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested that the road markings on the Navan Road be amended to a single white line with dashed lines to facilitate entrances to estates and to deter overtaking.

9.1.2 Commended the improvements in the Porch Fields, particularly those relating to biodiversity.

9.1.3 Queried whether the area in Newtown towards the river which was planted with



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wildflower seed is as expected.

9.1.4 Queried whether the OPW plans for the Town Hall would be brought to the municipal district for discussion and expressed the view that any public building where people spend time should provide changing facilities – the plans, as part of the Part 8 application, will be brought to the municipal district shortly, allowing for councillors to comment. Whilst toilet facilities will be provided, these will be available for users of the visitor centre and not the wider public. The existing public toilets will be improved.

9.1.5 Queried whether it would be possible to review the collection schedules of private waste operators into estates, with the number of operators and collections having an impact on carbon emissions, fuel usage, safety, etc.

9.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried the timeframe for the preparation of the Trim Public Realm Plan – whilst resources and priorities must be balanced, it is hoped to commence this as part of the 2022 programme.

9.3 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Commended the council for securing the funding for the work in the Porch Fields and for the improved facilities and increased usage.

9.3.2 Requested that the Gardaí be asked to deploy a speed van on the Summerhill to Kilcock Road.

9.3.3 Welcomed the signing of the contract for the Trim Air Quality Project as there are significant traffic volumes in the town, including traffic avoiding the motorway tolls. Reference was also made to the traffic volumes in Enfield and the impact on air quality. A presentation on the project was requested.

9.4 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Commended the works in the Porch Fields.



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- 9.4.2 Referred to previous plans to improve safety in towns and villages, such as Longwood and Ballivor, by diverting all HGVs onto motorways and requested that surveys be undertaken, e.g. in Longwood, to determine where HGVs are coming from and going to.
- 9.4.3 Queried whether it would be possible, as part of a cycling strategy, to provide cycle lanes on regional roads if only cars, and not HGVs, were allowed.
- 9.4.4 Queried if would be possible to continue the footpath past the playground to Boyne Valley Activities.
- 9.4.5 Requested an update on the footpath extension to Oaktree Business Park on the Drumree Road.
- 9.4.6 Requested an update on the timeframe for the provision of the burial ground in Trim – the site has been acquired and is in the conveyancing process. The next steps are the design and planning processes. It is hoped that the project will take 12 – 24 months.
- 9.5 Des Foley raised the following issues:
  - 9.5.1 Confirmed that the official opening of the Porch Fields would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> June.
  - 9.5.2 Confirmed that an event would take place on 14<sup>th</sup> June to recognise the local committee involved in the Blueway.
  - 9.5.3 Confirmed that a shopfront scheme would be launched in the coming weeks for a designated area in Trim.
  - 9.5.4 Queried the preference for the format of the June annual and monthly meetings – it was agreed that these would in hybrid format.


This concluded the business of the meeting.





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