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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 14th October 2022, Trim Civic Offices

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

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 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

Congratulations were extended to:



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- All involved in the Scurlogstown Olympiad Appreciation Evening, with funds distributed to support local groups and charities;
- Sergeant Tom Mahon, who has retired from An Garda Síochána;
- Gerry Dunne, who has retired as Overseer from Trim Municipal District;
- Trim GAA on winning the Senior Hurling Final;
- All involved in the launch and organisation of the Púca Festival, which is a high quality tourism product attracting national and international attention. Des Foley acknowledged the amount of work involved in organising and promoting the festival, which represents a significant opportunity for Trim and Athboy and urged all local businesses and groups to become involved.

4 Disposal of land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0012Ha of Land at Townparks, North Trim.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Planning

4.1.1 To receive an update on the outcomes of the first phase of public consultation for the Town Centre First Plan for Enfield.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner confirmed that the first public consultation event had been well attended. James Hennessy, the Paul Hogarth Company, delivered a presentation, which provided an overview of the plan objectives and Enfield town, environs and wider context, the current stage of the process which involves the analysis, connectivity and the historical context, town growth, transport infrastructure, amenities and streetscape, and the issues



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identified during the consultation. Laura Buschman confirmed that the public consultation took place from 13th July to 24th August and 397 responses had been received from the online survey and in person event. This represented a good demographic spread and included information on likes and dislikes, priorities, opportunities, threats and challenges. The next steps include the development of a vision, aims and objectives, the identification of projects, addressing the issues raised, and returning to the community.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked all involved, particularly for the significant amount of engagement undertaken and acknowledged the potential of Enfield and how this approach could be used as a template for elsewhere.

4.1.2 To seek a nomination from the Trim Municipal District to the Enfield Town Team.

Elaine Daly, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs & Governance delivered a presentation, which provided an overview of the scheme and how it will be implemented, the composition and functions of the multi-stakeholder town team and how members will be selected. Des Foley referred to the opportunity for this approach to be replicated elsewhere and the role of the town team in maximising public engagement. Nominations were sought for one member from Trim Municipal District, with the intention that regular reports would be brought back to the municipal district.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Expressed the view that more than one councillor should be on the town team and suggested that the team membership be expanded to include two or more councillors – it was agreed that two representatives would possibly be in line with national guidelines.
- Queried the expressions of interest received to date – these represent different types of groups and individuals.
- Referred to the importance of having representation from the commercial and business sectors – this was acknowledged and consideration will be given to how any gaps can be filled.



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Councillors Aisling Dempsey and Trevor Golden were proposed by Councillor Noel French.

Councillor Ronan Moore was proposed by Councillor Ronan Moore.

Councillor Niamh Souhan was proposed by Councillor Niamh Souhan.

It was agreed to circulate the policy and defer the nomination process to the November meeting.

4.2 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted and matters raised by councillors included:

- Referred to the footpath on Bridge Street where building works are being undertaken and asked if additional lighting and signage could be installed – it was confirmed that efforts had been made to liaise with the owner regarding the hoarding, for which there is no licence, with the hope that sightlines for pedestrians could be improved. However there has been no engagement with the last communications indicating that works would be finished by December. The concern relates to the pedestrian crossing and a vehicle activated sign is to be installed to increase awareness of pedestrians.
- Requested an update on the works on the Longwood Road – the road is to be overlaid with additional works to be carried out if funding is available.

4.3 Community

4.3.1 To receive an update on the preparation of the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan and the upcoming public consultation.



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Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community delivered a presentation which set out the process for preparing the plan, which it is intended to have complete by April/May 2023. The consultation approach was outlined and councillors were urged to assist in increasing awareness of the plan being prepared and encourage community involvement in the consultation phases. The draft plan will be brought to the municipal district for comment prior to being presented to the LCDC and full Council for approval.

5 Corporate Affairs and Governance

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

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

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 2nd September 2022.

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.



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10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Queried the protocol for reporting issues out of hours – a 24/7 monitored telephone service is available.

10.2 Councillor Joe Fox raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested that consideration be given to providing parking permits to residents that can be used in car parks as well as designated streets.

10.2.2 Requested that the issue of parking permits issued by the HSE to healthcare workers, such as Public Health Nurses, Home Carers, etc., which are not being recognised by traffic wardens, primarily in the town centre, be addressed to avoid fines being issued.

10.2.3 Referred to the Women in Agriculture Conference, sponsored by the Irish Farmer's Journal, taking place in Knightstbrook.

10.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Referred to parking permits issued by the former town councils which designated two possible parking areas.

10.3.2 Queried if the OPW had responded to the request for lighting at the Yellow Steeple – it was agreed to follow this up.

10.4 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

10.4.1 Requested that the traffic warden visit Enfield following receipt of complaints regarding parking.

10.4.2 Requested that consideration be given to providing a small playground in Castle Meadows, the Traveller site on the ring road.




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- 10.4.3 Requested an update on the progress of the community school in Enfield – Councillor Aisling Dempsey pointed out that more information might be available for the November meeting as the Board of Management hopes to contact the Department of Education & Skills with a view to meeting in early December.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach

