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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 15th July 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 Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2022.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting Meeting held on 17th June 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th June 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Meeting held on 17th June 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Noel French requested that a copy of the report in relation to New Road, Summerhill be circulated to councillors when finalised.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Environment

4.1.1 To receive a presentation on the Trim Air Quality Scheme.

Alan Owens, Climate Action Section delivered a presentation which provided a background to the project, the locations selected in Trim, the community element and schools involvement. The goals of the project, which commenced in May for 20 months, include the comparison of sensors and increased awareness of air quality, whilst the results will inform the provision of sustainable solutions. Discussions have taken place with the EPA with regard to the type of sensors. The EPA did extend their Air Quality Monitoring Stations some years ago, with results available online. In time, the results from this project will also be available online.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the project and the location of the sensor in proximity to the schools.
- Queried whether traffic levels would be taken into account, e.g. during school holidays – consideration will be given to tracking traffic levels.
- Queried whether different results were expected in Summer and Winter, due to trees being in bloom – trees will affect the results.
- Queried what will happen when the project is completed in 20 months – a report will be prepared at the end of the project, using the various data sets to measure the effects. This will in turn inform a recommendations report and relevant policy.



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- Suggested that other data sources be reviewed, including HSE data indicating illnesses in an area.
- Queried why Market Street was selected, particularly as it is primarily a business area rather than a residential area and suggested that a more suitable location would be closer to the Athboy Road/Athboy Gate area, where there is a concentration of older housing units – it was pointed out that this is a pilot project and can be expanded at a later date.

4.1.2 To receive an update of the development of a replacement burial ground for Trim.

Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, and Declan Grimes, Executive Engineer, Environment attended the meeting and Declan provided an overview of progress and plans in relation to the site. Site investigations have confirmed that the site is suitable for a burial ground, with 13.5 acres in total and 7 acres being included in Phase I. The plans were outlined, included car parking, the caretaker's office, public toilets, drainage, public lighting and 2,400 plots in the first phase. The remaining lands will be used for agricultural purposes until they are needed and, when fully developed, a total of 4,000 plots will be available with 3 burials permitted in each. A burial garden and columbarium wall will also be provided. The gates will be closed at night. Engagement with residents on the road has indicated a positive response and they did indicate would like to see a footpath. The drawings and reports are complete and the project can progress to Part 8.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the progress made and commended all involved, particularly as it can be difficult to find a suitable site which is reasonably close to the town.
- Queried the planned footpath connection – the path at the junction will link in and extend to the town. As part of Active Travel, the Transportation Department are looking at enhancing the junction to Marcy's Pub, with a full linkage in time.



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- Queried whether water and bins will be made available to the public – water will be available but bins are generally not provided and people will be expected to bring any waste away.
- Queried how it will be administered – Meath County Council will undertake the administration and it will be non-denominational, with no pre-booking.
- Queried the lifetime of the ground – whilst it is hard to accurately predict, it is estimated to be in the region of 40-50 years.
- Queried whether hydrological assessments had taken place, given the proximity to the River Boyne and what, if any, impact there will be on private wells – specific hydrologists undertook an assessment on the site, which is in an elevated position relative to the Boyne. No burials will take place within 60 metres and the public water main will be extended out onto the road. The hydrologist did consider wells, groundwater, etc.
- Requested that consideration be given to providing a footpath linkage to the Dublin Road.
- Referred to traffic volumes on the Navan Road and the need for pedestrian crossings – the Transportation Department will be consulted in terms of appropriate crossings.
- Queried the timeframe for the project development – the Part 8 documentation is nearly complete, with the intention that the Part 8 would be in place early next year and the project can commence in early summer, taking approximately 6-9 months.
- Queried what the burial ground will be called – this has not yet been decided and, similar to Derrockstown, could be called after the townland, Loganstown. But this can be decided by councillors.

4.2 Transportation



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4.2.1 To receive an update on the Millennium bridge, Trim.

Martin Murray, Director of Service – Transportation, provided an update on the current status of the bridge, with plans to remove the temporary structure and start the process of a permanent replacement. Consideration will be given to a number of aspects, including cost, lifespan and causing the least disturbance to the abutment structure in the river. Discussions are also underway with a view to leasing an alternative bridge access. Contact is ongoing with the original bridge contractor in terms of assessing the bridge and the reasons for its failure as the bridge is only approximately 22 years old.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Commended all involved in identifying and addressing the issue quickly.
- Queried the expected lifespan of the original structure – the specifications would suggest a 30 year lifespan.
- Queried if insurance cover is in place to cover the structure – all options are being explored.
- Queried the estimated cost of replacement – it is estimated to be in the region of €500,000 - €600,000.

4.2.2 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 a request by traders that the plastic planters be replaced with wooden ones.

4.3 Corporate Affairs and Governance

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



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The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed applications.

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 report from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 13th May 2022.

The report was noted.

7.2 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 10th June 2022.

The minutes were noted.

7.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 28th June 2022.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Des Foley raised the following issues:



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- 9.1.1 Confirmed that the department has announced that the Street Enhancement Scheme will shortly open for applications, with a deadline of 9th September, with more information to follow. It is intended to propose Market Street, where a lot of work has been done. The scheme can commence from September until the end of August 2023.
- 9.1.2 Referred to the information circulated on the public consultation in relation to the Enfield Town Centre First Plan which runs until 10th August with a drop-in event taking place on 28th July.
- 9.2 Martin Murray raised the following issues:
- 9.2.1 Works on the Trim Library & Cultural Centre are on schedule to be completed in February/March 2023.
- 9.2.2 The Council is liaising with the OPW regarding the application for the old Town Hall. As councillors were briefed previously, it is hoped to proceed to Part 8 in early August, as the Council owns the building. It was agreed to deliver a presentation on the Part 8 at the September meeting. As the OPW owns the area around the building, a joint URDF application will be made. It is intended to transfer ownership of the building to the OPW, who will manage the facility. In response to queries raised regarding the inclusion of public toilets and changing facilities, it was pointed out that managed facilities will be included for visitors to the centre.
- 9.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:
- 9.3.1 Requested that the yellow lines in the town be reviewed to address illegal parking, much of which takes place in areas outside of that covered by the traffic wardens.
- 9.3.2 Requested that the pedestrian courtesy crossings in the town be reviewed, with a number of examples provided where it can be difficult to cross.
- 9.3.3 Referred to the former school on Patrick Street and expressed disappointment at the responses received from the Department of Education and Skills, particularly as the building is now derelict. He requested that a letter issue to the



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department, outlining the intention to issue a derelict site notice if no satisfactory response is received – it was agreed to seek an update from the Environment Section initially.

9.3.4 Referred to the closure of the footpath on the bridge at Bridge Street – a meeting of the relevant parties is taking place next week.

9.4 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Referred to the HSE lands on the ring road approaching Trim, where nothing has been done – it was agreed to check with Environment.

9.4.2 Referred to the different road surfaces on the Athboy Road, with differing noise levels and asked that this be checked.

9.4.3 Queried whether the Active Transport Unit engages with cyclists, pedestrians, focus groups, schools, etc., citing an example of the need for a dropped kerb at Hampton Court on the Navan Road and a segregated cycle lane on the ring road.

9.4.4 Requested an update on the replacement of the dashed line on the Navan Road with a continuous white line, with dashed sections to facilitate access to estates, and to prevent overtaking.

9.4.5 Referred to the overgrowth on the footpaths in the Porch Fields, which makes it difficult for runners, but noted that it may not be possible to cut this at this time of year due to the nesting habitats.

9.4.6 Requested that tankers be deployed to areas experiencing water disruptions due to the costs of buying bottled water.

9.5 Councillor Noel French raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Thanked Meath County Council for hosting the group from Etrepagny.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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