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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 16th September 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

Senior Executive Engineer: Fiona Beers

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 15th July 2022. (See below)

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Noel French and seconded by Councillor Niamh Souhan.

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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- Peter Higgins, former Councillor, on the death of his mother, Nancy.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath County Council for their assistance in hosting the AILG Conference in Trim, which attracted over 300 councillors and highlighted the local amenities and tourism offerings.
- The organisers, including Councillor Aisling Dempsey, of the Cannonball Run visit to Trim and those who provided assistance including the Gardaí, Civil Defence and Knightsbrook Hotel.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant of the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal 0.3172Ha of Land at Eamonn Duggan Industrial Estate, Trim.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0031Ha of land in Enfield Co. Meath.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Niamh Souhan** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by councillors included:



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- Queried the timeframe for the installation of the temporary bridge – the installation process will commence on Monday and is due to take 3-5 days. It is hoped to get the final approvals from the Defence Forces today. Plans are also proceeding in relation to the permanent new structure and updates will be provided, as appropriate.
- Requested an update on the tree maintenance programme – the appointment process is being undertaken.
- Requested an update on the pedestrian crossing at Newtown – the ESB contractor is to install the pole.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive details of the proposed grant allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2022 and, if deemed appropriate, forward to the Full Council of Meath County Council for approval.

Councillor Ronan Moore declared a conflict of interest due to his role as Chair of Trim Family Resource Centre and Councillor Joe Fox declared a conflict of interest due to his role as Vice-Chair of Summerhill Tidy Towns.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department outlined the assessment criteria, the number of applications received and eligible, and the requirement that the funding be drawn down by 31st December 2023. The recommended grant allocations, totalling the available €100,000 budget, and the rationale for these, were outlined. The recommended grant allocations, once agreed, will be brought to the October meeting of Meath County Council for approval.

Responses were provided to specific queries raised in relation to how groups might approach completion of projects in the event of a funding shortfall and why some groups were unsuccessful on this occasion.

The recommended grant allocations, below, were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trevor Golden and seconded by Councillor Niamh Souhan:



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- Ballinabrackey GAA - €20,000
- Sonas Sasta Meals on Wheels Summerhill - €10,000
- Summerhill Tidy Towns - €60,000
- Trim Family Resource Centre - €10,000

5.2.2 To update Members on progress on the National Broadband Plan and Telecommunications Developments within Trim Municipal District.

Cormac McCann, Broadband Officer, Community Department delivered a presentation, which provided an update on broadband in Ashbourne Municipal District including NBI works, commercial operators, WIFI4EU and hubs.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Queried the number of estates in the municipal district that have buried cables and, of these, how many were in charge so, for example, works could be planned to coincide with planned footpath works.
- Queried whether planning permission is required for masts – S254 of the Planning & Development Act allows for equipment under a certain size, such as these poles that are similar to street lights, to be erected without planning permission. The local authority evaluates these in terms of health and safety implications, such as road safety. At the moment, there are five applications in the county. Dublin City Council are currently looking at developing guidelines to provide capacity for multiple operations on such infrastructure.
- Queried whether there are plans to extend the WIFI4EU network – no additional government funding has been provided. However, if businesses wish to fund this and/or other sources of funding become available, the network can be extended. It costs approximately €2,500 per access point, extending to 80ms on each side.

5.3 Planning



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5.3.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2021:

- The Gallops Phase 2.

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

5.4 Corporate Affairs and Governance

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

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, were noted and councillors were reminded of the deadline for the receipt of completed application and deferral forms.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“What plans does Meath County Council have for speed control on the New Road/Rathmolyon road in Summerhill as requested by residents?”

Response:

The Transportation team is developing traffic calming measures for the R156 on the western approach to the village.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.



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

8.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC of 30th June 2022.

The report was noted.

8.2 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 4th July 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 13th July 2022.

The report was noted.

8.4 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 23rd August 2022.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Ronan Moore raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Referred to a tree planting project being undertaken by Trim Tidy Towns as part of a three-year biodiversity plan, with plans to plant native trees and shrubs for every resident in Trim town, in areas such as approach roads, along the river and in the Porch Fields. It was suggested that this might also be suitable for green areas within estates to reduce maintenance, that the OPW be consulted in relation to planting at the Sanctuary and that this should tie in with the biodiversity planting in the Porch Fields.



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10.1.2 Referred to ongoing flooding issues in Eldergrove, with the drains unable to cope with the amount of rainfall – it was agreed to refer this to Irish Water.

10.2 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:

10.2.1 Requested that Boardsmill N.S. and Kilbride N.S. be assessed in terms of road safety measures required.

10.2.2 Requested an update on the Part 8 and OPW plans for Trim Town Hall.

10.2.3 Requested an update on St. Kinneth's and the proposal for its future uses.

10.3 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issues:

10.3.1 Referred to flooding issues in Avondale, with the storm drain at over capacity, and also the issue where Irish Water infrastructure is located within private property.

10.3.2 Requested that a letter issue to the OPW requesting the installation of lighting at the Yellow Steeple to deter anti-social behaviour and to address the flooding which blocks the pathway at the Sanctuary along the river.

10.3.3 Referred to complaints by traders and residents regarding anti-social behaviour in the town, which have been raised with the JPC.

10.3.4 Requested that a quarterly update be provided on progress in relation to the new town centre – it was confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the various parties.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

