



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Trim Municipal District***

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***2:00 p.m., 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Joe Fox**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Aisling Dempsey, Noel French and Trevor Golden.

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Councillor Niamh Souhan.

**Apologies:** Councillor Ronan Moore.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Technician:** Mick 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Trevor Golden requested an update on the provision of the barrier on the town side on the pass under the bridge at the Porch Fields.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**



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Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Joe Fox on the death of his father-in-law, former councillor Sib Rooney;
- The family of the late Bertie Cunningham, Derryconnor, Ballivor, former employee of Meath County Council.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Transportation**

- 4.1.1 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 commending the staff on their work on the winter gritting programme and highlighting the high standard of the reinstatement works on the Dublin Road carried out on behalf of Irish Water.

- 4.1.2 To receive an update on Summerhill Traffic Calming Scheme.

Caroline Corrigan, Senior Engineer, Transportation Department provided an update, confirming that funding is available for the proposed works to include ramps and public lighting as well as a gateway into the village on the Rathmoyon Road. It was pointed out that appropriate traffic calming solutions are selected based on data and evidence.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Welcomed the proposed ramps at Sona Sásta.
- Requested that ramps be provided on the three approach roads with raised crossings elsewhere in the village to reduced speed – the objective is to improve safety and reduce speeding, with the initial focus being to address these issues on the two regional roads.



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- Referred to traffic speeds leaving the village on the Rathmolyon Road – it was agreed to consider a gateway leaving the village.
- Welcomed the consideration of speed activated pedestrian crossings.
- Referred to the level of HGV traffic through Summerhill and requested that consideration be given to identifying alternative HGV routes.
- Referred to the preference of the local community group to have the overall solution presented to them rather than approaching the issues on a piecemeal basis and to include all approach roads – the immediate concerns are being addressed with the available funding and this is the initial preferred approach rather than delaying these works to undertake a wider study.

### 5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

### 6 Notice of Motion

#### 6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“We call on Meath County Council to update the register of derelict sites in the Trim Municipal District and present a report on derelict properties to the Municipal District members.”

**Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:**

*The Trim Municipal District derelict sites are identified on the Derelict Register that is available to view on <https://www.meath.ie/system/files/media/file-uploads/2022-12/Derelict%20Sites%20Register%20%28December%202022%29%20v2.pdf>.*



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*A status update report on all derelict sites under investigation in Trim Municipal District will be provided at the March meeting of Trim Municipal District.*

Councillor Trevor Golden introduced the motion by referring to the number of boarded up properties in towns and villages that are not included on the register but yet have been abandoned for years. He requested that the report in March include a plan and timeframe for dealing with these properties, using all available powers. He also asked that the available schemes to assist in bringing these properties back into use be widely promoted. Councillor Noel French spoke in support of the motion and requested that CPO powers be fully used, to include abandoned houses in estates. Councillor Joe Fox also spoke in support, stating the local authorities should have stronger powers to deal with such properties.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, was agreed.

### **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received from Trim Traders in response to correspondence issued, as per Item 2 on the December minutes.

The correspondence was noted.

- 7.2 Correspondence received from Minister Stephen Donnelly in response to correspondence issued, as per Item 9.2.1 on the December minutes re GP Services.

The correspondence was noted.

- 7.3 Correspondence received from the HSE in response to correspondence issued, as per Item 9.2.1 on the December minutes re GP Services.

The correspondence was noted.

### **8 Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Councillor Noel French raised the following issues:



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- 8.1.1 Requested that consideration be given to providing a playground on the lands to be used for housing in Rathmolyon.
- 8.1.2 Welcomed the progress on and completion of St. Kinneth's, Ballivor so it can serve as a community facility.
- 8.2 Councillor Trevor Golden raised the following issue:
  - 8.2.1 Requested that consideration be given to providing a pedestrian crossing on Loman Street near the entrance to the new theatre and also on High Street to facilitate theatre users in accessing the car parks.

On Councillor Trevor Golden's request, councillors agree to meet 'in committee' for the remainder of the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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