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Trim Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

2:00 p.m., 10th March 2023, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Aisling Dempsey

Apologies/Absent: Councillor Niamh Souhan

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Des Foley, Director of Service

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th February 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **CLr Ronan Moore** and seconded by **CLr Noel French**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

CLr Golden welcomed the response under item 10.1.3 regarding erecting signage to showcase the Tidy Towns national win. He requested under item 10.1.4 that a letter issue to Oaktree Business Park owners requesting that the pedestrian gates between Eamon Duggan Industrial Park and Oaktree Park be opened to allow for safe pedestrian access.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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There were no expressions of sympathy.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Trim Athletic Club on their recent road race event
- The volunteers who travelled to the Ukraine with supplies

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance was noted.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- Enquired when sodium lights on Newtown Bridge be replaced with new lights to assist pedestrians walking across bridge – will be replaced with new ones
- Requested a timeframe for contractors to repair bridge Newtown – contractor appointed and await on dates to commence.
- Referred to cuts on side of roads at Killyon, Hill of Down areas need to be levelled.

4.2 Environment

4.1.2 To receive a status update report on all derelict sites under investigation in Trim Municipal District.

Pat Shore, Town Regeneration Officer gave a presentation on Derelict Sites in the Trim MD. The members were advised that eighteen derelict sites have been resolved. It is important that landowners are identified and engaged with, at an early stage to avoid taking the legal action. There are several government funding streams now available to address derelict sites.



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The Councillors welcomed the work completed and raised the following.

- The timeframe to acquire sites
- Is a site bought at market value under CPO
- Definition of a derelict site.
- Why sell on a property once it is acquired by the Council
- How long does it take a derelict site to go onto the register.
- Some properties are owned by entities outside the state, are there any in the area and how do we deal with them.
- Have any fines been issued.
- Are there any sites classed under the dangerous structures act and have any fines been paid under this act.
- Is their resistance or positive engagement with owners of derelict sites
- Derelict building in a field, does this come under the act or has it to be on the street

The members were advised that there are prescribed areas under the act that fall under dereliction which are mainly in urban and town areas. There are other acts that deal with dangerous structures. Members were advised that the presentation and responses to queries raised will be circulated in due course.

4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

4.3.1 To discuss the 2023 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget.

Audrey Norris, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services advised the members that the allocation for 2023 is €7,500. The members agreed to allocate the allocations as per 2022 as follows:

MD	2023 Allocations
Trim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kildalkey Calendar Team - €1,000 • Ballivor Tidy Towns - €1,000 • Trim Tidy Towns - €1,750 • Enfield Development Group (Lights) - €1,750 • Summerhill Tidy Village - €1,000 • Longwood Tidy Towns - €1,000 <p>Total - €7,500</p>



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

The list of allocations circulated in advance was noted.

4.4 Planning

- 4.4.1 To receive a brief update on the Streetscape Enhancement Measures

Ciara Drummond, Assistant Planner and Majella Farrell, AO, Economic gave an update on the department 's Streetscape scheme in which Market Street, Trim has been approved €96k in funding. The enhancement works that are eligible include façade painting, repair of shopfronts, signage replacement, murals, canopies, and awnings to commercial, residential, and unoccupied buildings that are adjacent to each other on Market Street. She stated that 15 EOI's had been received originally. As the closing date for applications is 27th March 2023, she asked that the councillors encourage businesses and property owners to submit their applications prior to this date. She said all works must be completed by 1st August 2023 to draw down the funding.

The members requested details of the scheme to be circulated to them.

5 Notice of Question

There were no notices of questions

6 Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motions

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

- 7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 27th January 2023.

The minutes were noted.



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- 7.2 To note the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting minutes of the 7th of February 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Municipal District Awards Night – Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Buvinda House

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services advised that one awards night will be held for all 6 Municipal Districts. She said it's a celebration and acknowledgment of achievements by groups and/or individuals. She requested that the members submit their suggestions to her and will revert to them in April with the agreed nominations.

- **Cllr Moore** enquired about the population ceilings set out in the county development plan/core strategy and what mechanism is used dealing with new planning applications when a population cap is reached - advised as a town draws near to its allocation under the core strategy many factors need to be considered including extant permissions infrastructure assessment and census growth and possible re-distribute population figures depending on factors impacting on the perceived growth.
- **Cllr Dempsey** requested to write to the Department of Education as the Enfield Community College project has been stalled until at least Easter.
- **Cllr French** referred to another accident at Kiltale and to review the islands here. He also requested that the traffic wardens issue warnings to the public parking in Moyfenrath housing estate. He also commended on the recent work completed on Loman Street.
- **Cllr Golden** enquired about when a review of the Parking Byelaws is happening and how to make a submission – advised a review taking place now and can email the Parking section directly.
- **Cllr Golden** sought updates on the following:
 - footpath from the playground to the pitch and putt
 - footpath on the Dunderry road to Oaktree business park
 - repair to the footpath along the Sanctuary in the Porchfields by OPW



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- motion lights at the Yellow Steeple to deter anti-social behaviour
- re-issue letter of invite to the Trim Superintendent
- Welcomed planting of trees and shrubs and would like to see a review of planting on streets and appropriate planting being used.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach