



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2:00 p.m., 19th May 2023, Trim Civic Offices & by zoom.

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

Councillors Present: Noel French, Trevor Golden, Ronan Moore and Aisling Dempsey

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Niamh Souhan

Apologies/Absent:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Maura Daly

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21st April 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st of April 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Amendments were made under item 4.2.2 of the April minutes as discussed.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to the Chief Executive Jackie Maguire on her upcoming retirement.



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They said that she put Meath on the map by bringing several large foreign companies into the county. They requested that a letter issue from the Trim MD thanking her and wishing her well in her retirement.

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.

The members raised the following:

- Enquired about the pedestrian crossing in Summerhill – advised that this has gone to tender and works to commence shortly.
- Enquired about the works on the Longwood/Trim Road – advised that these works are nearly completed.
- Update on the pedestrian crossing on Dublin Road, Trim – await the ESB to complete their connection.
- Commended on how well the town looks.
- Enquired about the steps near the Boyne school and a private house and if they will be redeveloped – advised would look at this and review.
- Referred to the new bike stands and where the old ones are being re-located - will take suggestions on where to re-locate them.
- Will the road markings be refreshed – advised road markings will be included in the next round.
- Referred to cars swerving to avoid rough area outside Pat Farrelly on Dublin Road- advised will prioritise.
- Request in from local Community Guard seeking permission to use small area in Porchefields for a Fairy Fort – members agreed.
- The Dutchman's bridge, Kildalkey Road., Trim needs to be remarked.

4.1.2 To update the members on progress with the Newtown Road, Trim Walking Facilities.



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Paul McKeon, SEE Transportation section gave an update on the scheme. He advised that an allocation was received from the NTA to develop plans for the provision of high-quality walking facilities at Newtown to connect to existing paths on the R161 Trim- Navan Road and the R154. Various options and layouts were considered, and a final design is being progressed as part of the Part 8 process.

The members raised the following:

- Welcomed the works.
- Enquired where path will be located at Newtown Cottages – advised will go through the green area and the trees will remain.
- Enquired if path will be widened – the historic wall must remain along some parts of the footpath, will widen where possible.
- Referred to the residents and consultation with them.
- Asked if there might be a crossing point – advised that the new cemetery will provide for a crossing point.
- Queried what the funds allow for – advised the NTA budget will cover the design and construction.
- What finish will the footpaths be - advised concrete is more durable and less expensive. Members requested a surface other than concrete be used.
- Enquired if the design can take account of preventing cars from parking on the footpaths.
- Suggested having small shrubs along the footpath to deter parking.
- Paul McKeon advised that this area is close to the Boyne Special Area Conservation, and it may need to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

4.2 Corporate Services

4.2.1 To appoint a councillor to sit on the Enfield Town Centre Team.

Pat Shore, Town Regeneration Officer, advised that he is seeking a councillor to sit on the Enfield Town Team. He advised that he already has received 23 expressions of interest from various groups within the area. He will be arranging a meeting then with the groups to select 8-10 nominations for the team. He advised that a team needs to be in place to progress and agree a plan which needs to be in place to apply for funding.



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A discussion ensued and the members agreed that two councillors should sit on the team and the following nominations were received:

Cllr Aisling Dempsey proposed herself and seconded by Cllr Trevor Golden
Cllr Joe Fox proposed Cllr Niamh Souhan and seconded by Cllr Ronan Moore
Cllr Trevor Golden proposed himself and seconded by Cllr Aisling Dempsey
Cllr Ronan Moore proposed himself and seconded by Cllr Niamh Souhan

As there were four nominations received a vote was taken to elect two members as follows:

Councillor	Vote	Vote
Dempsey, Aisling	Aisling Dempsey	Trevor Golden
Fox, Joe	Niamh Souhan	Ronan Moore
French, Noel	Abstained	Abstained
Golden, Trevor	Trevor Golden	Aisling Dempsey
Moore, Ronan	Ronan Moore	Niamh Souhan
Souhan, Niamh	Niamh Souhan	Ronan Moore

Councillor Niamh Souhan and Councillor Ronan Moore received 3 votes each and were declared elected to the town team.

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

The allocations circulated in advance were noted.

5 Notice of Question

There was no notice of questions.



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6 Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motions.

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 31st March 2023.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the Draft Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC Meeting Minutes of the 20th of April 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

7.3 To note the Draft Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC minutes of 25th April 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- Enquired if there was any update on the new Town Centre - Advised that there have been pre-planning meetings and will bring an update to the next meeting.
- Referred to the AGM meeting date and if it could be changed – members agreed to having the AGM and Ordinary on the 15th of June.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach