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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2:00 p.m., 15th September 2023, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Noel French**, presided.

Councillors Present: Joe Fox, Aisling Dempsey, Trevor Golden, Ronan Moore

Councillors Present via Zoom: Niamh Souhan

Apologies/Absent: none

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating and Ann Monaghan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14th July 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of July 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**.

As this was Triona's last meeting, the members thanked Triona for all her assistance, wished her well in her new position and welcomed Ann to the role. They also welcomed back Donna Pringle and wished Maura well.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

The members raised the issue regarding the recent change to the parking permits for residents living on the main streets. A few residents now must park in Jonathan Swift carpark and members have requested that this be reconsidered to allow them to park closer to their homes.

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The members enquired when bookings are being accepted for the Enfield Hub and the Trim Cultural centre. – Advised that Gary O’Meara, Meath Enterprise will be looking after bookings for Enfield hub and Solstice Centre will be taking bookings for the Trim Swift centre

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to the:

- Royal Meath Show organisers on its success this year.
- Liam Foley, member of Trim Athletics Club won gold in the 1500m and 800m at the European Championships.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of (Plot A) – 0.2121Ha of lands (zoned rural area) at Clondoogan Summerhill Co. Meath. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

On the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** the members agreed in principle to the disposal of lands.

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 with the following raised:

- Update when the ESB will complete works on the pedestrian crossing lights, Netownn – Advised awaiting a date from them for completion of works.
- Referred to the Navan Road junction and Lachanash junction which are very dangerous and need to be reviewed – advised that these junctions are being reviewed to identify the best solution.
- Enquired when Mill Street following Irish Water repairs will be completed – advised that Loman Street and Mill Street will be completed as part of the Cultural Centre works.



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- Referred to gully cleaning – advised to submit locations for inclusion.
- Enquired about the Gateway signage for Summerhill- advised that they are ordered.
- Referred to Maudlin Vale where cars are blocking the access in/out for residents, can double yellow lines go in – advised would need byelaws for these.
- Can the Road Safety officer look at traffic entering Educate Together school and Maudlin Vale estate in Trim- advised will contact the Road Safety Officer.
- Disabled parking spaces are being used by non-permit holders in Enfield, can the traffic wardens visit and issue fines. - advised will refer to Parking section.
- Referred to the Dutchmans Bridge on the Trim/Kildalkey road where a rumble strip and signage is required, and vegetation removed as it's a narrow bridge.
- Advised that the first draft of the Enfield Town Centre plan will be out for consultation and inviting submissions from the public.
- Update on footpath from Navan Road to Newtown and the Dunderry Road- advised waiting on a contractor.
- Referred to the bridge near Longwood on the Trim Road needs some works.
- Asked that a light be put in at Newtown Bridge where the old light is and that traffic lines be marked out on the bridge.
- Referred to the large red “slow down” sign marked on the road at Balreask junction and if similar could be marked out on entering villages.
- Referred to Watergate Street junction at Kiely's Butchers where red stop signs on the road are required as some traffic does not stop.

5.1.2 To receive a progress update on “Trim Millennium Bridge”.

Fergus McCabe EE, Transportation gave an update on the four options that were assessed for the bridge. The members requested an image for option 2 and proposed that the item be brought back to the October meeting to finalise. It was agreed to circulate the presentation and an image of option 2 to the members.

5.2 Corporate Services

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

The allocations were noted. Members were reminded to submit completed applications by the end of September.

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6 Notice of Question

There was none.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Aisling Dempsey

“That a suitable location for a dog run be agreed in the Porchfields”.

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

Meath County Council has carried out some research on dog off-lead areas in parks, to investigate possible steps required to determine the demand, feasibility, and implications of the provision of a dog park.

Initial findings are as follows:

- Surveys with equal numbers of dog owners and non-dog owners/broader consultation with the public would be required to establish demand.
- Members of the public would expect consultation with an animal behavioural expert to identify any issues associated with fenced-off areas (large/small dogs, restricted areas leading to aggression in dogs, etc.).
- The physical amenity would include the provision of secure fencing, double gates, water taps, bins, signage, benches, safe method of weed control.
- Identification of a suitable location, with consideration for access and parking.
- Amendment of the Parks Byelaws, including implications for areas outside the off-lead areas (strictly on-lead in other parts of the park and in other parks/specific times for off-lead?).
- Inspection and enforcement of dog park rules.

The Community and Transportation Departments will consider this proposal when relevant funding streams become available having regard to the items above and all users of Porchfields to determine the suitability and feasibility of a dog park.

The motion was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

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Cllr Dempsey suggested that a survey be carried out on social media for a “Dog Run” as opposed to a “Dog Park”. She enquired, what are the relevant funding streams and when could they be applied for. She stated that the Byelaws would not need to be amended as the dogs would be in the “Dog Run” area.

Cllr Golden stated that dogs are currently off the lead in the Paddocks area which is an enclosed area in the Porchefield when there are no sheep here. He suggested that this area be looked at and utilised as part of a Dog Run.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 30th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee minutes of 30th June 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC of 6th July 2023

The minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft minutes of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 7th July

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

Cllr French advised that he was travelling with the group to Ukraine again and is also travelling to Éntrépnagny, France and said that he would be representing Trim MD on both trips.

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The meeting concluded at 3.25pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach