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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00 p.m., 13th October 2023, Trim Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Joe Fox, Aisling Dempsey, Ronan Moore

Councillors Present via Zoom: Niamh Souhan and Trevor Golden

Apologies/Absent: none

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 15th September 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of September 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Golden requested an amendment to the minutes under 5.1. He referred to the last item he had raised regarding Watergate Street junction where he had requested “red stop signs on the road” as opposed to “large stop signs”.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

- Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Councillor Damien O’Reilly, Dunboyne.

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Congratulations were extended to:

- Summerhill FC junior and senior teams
- Kildalkey junior, intermediate, and senior teams.
- Enfield and Trim Tidy Towns on retaining their medals.
- Trim Drama group being in existence for 40 years.

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.

4.1.2 Cherry Court Summerhill Traffic Calming

Paul Phelan SEE updated the members on the proposed measures.

On the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**, the members agreed to the proposed traffic calming.

The members enquired on how estates are selected for traffic calming measures. Paul Phelan advised that a review is carried out every 3 years and based on the speed survey results, traffic calming measures may be applied.

4.1.3 To note the update on the Millennium Bridge Proposal

Paul Phelan SEE gave an update on the proposed recommendation of option 1 for the bridge. He said that this has a 120-year lifespan with maintenance every 15-20 years.

The members referred to the report and would like to have received it sooner to decide on an option.

Cllr Golden stated that the previous bridge was put in place to mark the millennium and that option 2 is a statement feature, simple and like to what was there. He said as per the report circulated that this bridge is “aesthetically pleasing and matures with age and the rust like patina of the beams will add depth and character to the bridge.” He said

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that he accepts the Council's option 1 recommendation, but his preference is for option 2.

On the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore** the members agreed to the proposed recommendation of option 1. Councillor Golden abstained.

5 Notice of Question

There was none.

6 Notice of Motion

There was none.

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

1. To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st September 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was none.

9 Any Other Business

Pat Shore, Town Regeneration Officer gave an update on the recent meeting held regarding the Enfield Town Centre First Plan. He said a recent consultation event was held where there were 561 responses to a survey seeking feedback on various projects identified for inclusion in the town centre plan. He said the next step is to prepare a Plan and submit to the department for approval and thus seek funding thereafter to progress the projects.

The members commended the works completed and said there has been good engagement. They referred to the Part 8 planning notice for a park and ride facility which is currently on public display. They said that the statutory decision of the P8 should link into the Town Centre First Plan and that everyone should work together to agree on this.

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Des Foley gave an update on the new library in the Enfield hub which will gradually open from next week with a children's book festival.

Des also gave an update on St Kinneths Church, Ballivor and said that this will open as a library for 30 hours per week from early 2024. He also referred to the Swift Cultural centre in Trim which is now open to events.

The members welcomed the news and commended all who were involved in the projects.

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

10.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.1812Ha of land at Manorland (2nd Division) and Townparks South, Trim. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

On the proposal of **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**, the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach