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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00 p.m. 17th November 2023 Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/Absent: Niamh Souhan

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 13th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of October 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There was none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Bridget Lowe, Longwood

Congratulations were extended to:

- Trim Station Master Officer Adrian Caldwell on his retirement from Meath Fire Service having served almost 37 years.

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- Na Fianna Ladies Football team on winning in their final.

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

There was none.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Community

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on the Digital Strategy and National Broadband Plan progress report.

Cormac McCann, Broadband Officer gave an update on progress of the current Meath Digital Strategy. He advised overall that good progress has been made despite encountering several challenges which included the pandemic thus switching to remote working and moving to digital services, staff changes and a small number of actions which could not be progressed. He said that the next steps are to review and update the strategy accordingly.

The members raised the following:

- Commended on the works and welcomed the roll out of broadband and the digital hubs.
- Enquired on the capacity using the hubs- some hubs full capacity, low in other locations.
- Referred to the Swift Cultural centre and if WiFi4EU is installed here- not installed here but can liaise with the library regarding installation.
- Referred to the issue of running cables along old infrastructure- advised that fibre is being installed on buildings.
- Referred to the Town Centre first plan for Enfield where an objective is to roll out WIFI within the town- advised will liaise with Pat Shore, TC 1st coordinator.
- Referred to a small number of people who don't use computers due to illiteracy.

5.2 Planning

- 5.2.1 To receive an update on County Meath Heritage Strategy 2023-2030

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Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer, gave an update on the new proposed Strategy and the seven themes agreed. She advised that the next steps are to carry out an Environmental Assessment and finalise the plan to present to the Full Council for approval.

The members raised the following:

- Commended all the works taking place.
- Welcomed the appointment of Ben Malone as the Biodiversity officer.
- Enquired if there will be an action plan to deliver on the actions – advised that a work programme is prepared annually.
- Enquired if audits of our activities are carried out- advised currently measuring the outcomes of initiatives and the impact of these.
- Enquired if there is collaboration with other universities regarding archaeological sites- advised that there are several excavations ongoing in collaboration with universities.
- Referred to monuments on private lands, if they are inspected and included on a register- advised that a survey was completed nationally with the sites mapped digitally.
- Enquired when survey of the Holy Well will be completed- advised that the survey is completed and due to be published year end.

5.3 Transport

5.3.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Trim Municipal District

The report circulated in advance was noted. The members raised the following:

- Referred to the old bridge in Trim coming down High Street, if a pedestrian crossing could be installed for pedestrians to cross over to the footpath on the right side – advised can look at this.
- Enquired about storm damage and if there were more issues for the outdoor crew to deal with – advised more flooding and recording these areas for repeats to source funds.
- Referred to the Kells/Kildalkey road junction, Trim and if a courtesy crossing could be installed. - would look at this area.
- Referred to a noise at the back of the Swift Cultural centre – advised this has been referred to the contractor.

5.4 Corporate Affairs and Governance

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

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The report circulated in advance was noted.

6 Notice of Question

There was none.

7 Notice of Motion

There was none.

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

1. To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 29th September 2023

The minutes were noted.

2. To note the Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 1st September 2023

The minutes were noted.

3. To note the Draft Minutes from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC 20th October 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

4. To note the Draft Minutes of the Transportation SPC Meeting 28th September 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

