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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2:00pm, 16th February 2024, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/Absent: Councillor 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 19th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Clr Golden referred to the public lighting report that he had requested. Advised will follow up with the query.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the family of the late John Bruton, former Taoiseach and TD.

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

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- 4.1 Agreement in Principle to disposal of Site 20 Eamonn Duggan Industrial Park, Athboy Road, Trim, Co. Meath. Plot A 0.1990Ha and Agreement in principle to disposal of Site 21 Eamonn Duggan Industrial Park, Athboy Road, Trim, Co. Meath Plot B 0.2307Ha. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

The members agreed in principle to the disposal of Sites 20 and Site 21, Eamonn Duggan Industrial Park, Trim on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

5 Statutory Business

- 5.1 To consider and adopt the 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works

The Schedule of Municipal District Works includes two service divisions Transportation and Housing. The SMDW is prepared based on identified needs and priorities throughout the local authority area and where possible a multi annual approach has been adopted.

Caroline Corrigan SE Transportation gave a presentation on the schedule of Municipal District Works for the upcoming year. She advised that this is the final year of the three-year, 2022-2024 Restoration Maintenance and Improvement scheme. She said that last year had been a challenging year due to impacts from energy and fuel costs, inflation, and the availability of materials. She said that the weather also affected works with July been the wettest month causing flooding and damage to infrastructure. She gave a breakdown of funding allocated and said that the allocation from the council own resources of €18,561,460 is an increase on last year's allocation. She advised that the allocations from the Department have yet to be announced.

The members raised the following queries:

- Commended on the quality of works being done.
- Welcomed the increase in funding allocated.
- Enquired on the funding for CIS/LIS schemes and where are the applications at.
- Referred to the safe routes to schools' scheme and if still open to submit schools.
- Regarding contractors who are non-compliant with road opening licences, how does the council deal with them.
- Enquired about private EV charging points on public roads, can the public use these.
- Referred to the deterioration of roads which are being used by HGV's and can these be looked at.
- Enquired about the lay-bys for the garda go safe vans and do we liaise with the guards.
- Enquired if the PSCI ratings for a road could be circulated.

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Caroline Corrigan SE responded to the above:

- The funds remain the same for CIS/LIS schemes where roads are ranked based on the condition and numbers of residents along the road.
- Regarding the safe routes to schools, can still submit schools for inclusion.
- Referred to road opening licences, applicants are afforded the opportunity to demonstrate compliance under an existing Road Opening Licence, failure to do so can result in no new licences being issued.
- Awaiting EV guidelines from the department regarding feeding into local EV plans.
- Routes being used by HGV's are hard to monitor.
- Advised that meet with the Gardai regarding lay-bys for road safety vehicles.

On the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden** the members agreed to the Schedule of Municipal District Works for Transportation as presented.

Corrina Elder SE Housing gave a presentation on the schedule of Municipal District Works for the upcoming year. She outlined the proposed works of maintenance and repairs to be completed during the year in the Municipal District. She said that funding is sourced from both the annual revenue budget of the council and central grant allocation from the Department of Housing which has yet to be announced.

The members raised the following queries:

- Commended the works being done by the team.
- Enquired on the difference in costs between doing cavity walls as opposed to wrap around of units.
- Asked if it's more cost effective to do a block of houses together when contractors are on site.
- Enquired if considered using HVO synthetic boilers instead of heat pumps.
- Asked how long the wait time for contractors to commence works.
- Referred to tenants refusing to allow works to go ahead.

Corrina Elder SE responded to the above questions:

- Will only do retrofits when units are vacant which costs 33k-48k depending on quality and age of house.
- Costs to do a wraparound to a house is 80K.
- It's not cheaper to do works to a block of units as the contractor has already tendered with their rates.
- Contractors can have resource issues which can slow down the commencement of works.
- Heat pumps are currently used as the department fund these.
- Some tenants do refuse the works however other units vacant to complete.

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On the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore** the members agreed to the Schedule of Municipal District Works for Housing as presented.

5.2 Transport

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and the following raised:

- Referred to the old traffic lights at Newtown bridge, Trim and if they can be repurposed for public lighting. – to refer to public lighting section.
- Welcomed the report on the Navan Road junction, Trim and suggested a pedestrian crossing at the king/queen statue to slow traffic approaching to the lights.

5.2.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Cherry Court, Summerhill in the Trim Municipal District.

The members welcomed and noted the proposed Traffic Calming at Cherry Court, Summerhill.

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To consider the Chief Executives Report on the Part 8 application P8/230010 Newtown Trim Active Travel Scheme.

Paul McKown, SEE, Active Travel section updated the members on the Part 8 application which seeks to install high quality pedestrian facilities along the Newtown Road, connecting onto the Navan Road.

The members welcomed the scheme and raised the following:

- Enquired if environment friendly materials could be used instead of concrete for the footpath – advised can be flexible towards other materials.
- Asked if there will be continued access to the housing estates – access will be available.
- Referred to the footpath and if it will link into the new graveyard – yes, it will.
- Enquired when works will commence- advised that the NTA is funding the design and will apply for funding towards the construction costs.

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5.4 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

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

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st December 2023

The minutes were noted.

- 8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Minutes of 1st December 2023

The minutes were noted.

- 8.3 To note the Draft Minutes of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 23rd January 2024

The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business



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The members raised the following:

- Update on the footpath on the Dunderry road to Oaktree Business Park- engineer to get an update.
- Referred to some parking issues at the Swift Cultural Centre – Des Foley advised that there are some teething problems but will liaise with the Solstice centre to resolve.
- Referred to Teaghestown lane which can be accessed the Knightsbrook side but not on the Efferknock side if this can be looked at.
- Referred to the old school on Patrick Street and if something can be done – advised than ongoing discussions are taking place.

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach