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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00pm, 11th April 2025, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ronan Moore, presided.

Councillors Present: Dave Boyne, Noel French, Pádraig Coffey, Joe Fox, Paul O'Rourke

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/absent:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Municipal District Engineer: Donna Pringle

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 21st March 2025

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st March 2025 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Coffey**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr French asked that minutes of the 21st March 2025 should read as follows:

4.3.1 To receive an update on the Enfield Town Centre First Plan

The Cathaoirleach provided a brief update on the meeting which was noted.

The Member also welcomed the update that the Enfield Community Hall project will be commenced shortly.

Questions were raised about the traffic management plan for Enfield. It was confirmed that it will be commenced in 2025

Separately, concerns were raised about how noise reduction methods could be implemented to protect local homes against the noise of the proposed park, i.e. some kind of screening. It was noted.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Expressions of sympathy were extended to:

- Edel Dugdale and family on the passing of her Father Sean.
- Pat Shore and family on the passing of his Father Robert.

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4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Rural Regeneration

- 4.1.1** To consider the Chief Executives Report on the Part 8 application (PT/MH193) in relation to the proposed playground on the Green, Longwood

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Ronan Moore opened the discussion with the proposal which was seconded by Cllr Paul O'Rourke:

*"To resolve to **vary or modify** the Part 8 application PT/MH193"*

Proposed amendments to the playground, to include lighting, parking, footpaths and a pedestrian crossing. Dara McGowan, Director, confirmed that the amendments were possible, and the current plans could be amended.

Other interventions from members included:

- To be mindful that there are over 400 signatures in support of the development.
- The opening of a playground should be something of joy. Whatever the decision, some people will be disappointed.
- Such developments should be supported by members.
- Can there be set opening times?
- Can there be a fence and gate to the park?
- Why can't CCTV be used to police possible anti-social behavior?

Dara McGowan stated that there is a fence and gate and explained the rationale why CCTV would not be appropriate at the park. On the above proposal, a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

Councillor	Vote
BOYNE, Dave	For
COFFEY, Pdraig	Against
FOX, Joe	Against
FRENCH, Noel	Against
MOORE, Ronan	For
O'ROURKE, Paul	For

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Result:

For – 3 votes

Against – 3 votes

As the votes were tied, the Cathaoirleach exercised his deciding vote. He voted in favor of the proposal *“To resolve to **vary or modify** the Part 8 application PT/MH193”* thus carrying the proposal to vary or modify the application as per the amendments outlined.

- 4.1.2** To receive the Chief Executive’s Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2023 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2025 on the proposed development which will consist of: Development at No.15 & No.16 Haggard Street and part of access lane (L-40224-4) in Townparks, Trim, Co. Meath.
Planning Reference No. PT8MH196

The Senior Executive Engineer for Housing introduced the above Part 8 to members.

The above statutory process was noted and welcomed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

4.2 Transportation

- 4.2.1** To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Trim Municipal District.

The report was circulated in advance and noted. The MD Engineer responded accordingly to queries raised by the Members

4.3 Planning

4.3.1 Taking in Charge

To consider the taking in charge of:

- Maudlin Vale, Trim

and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2023.

The above statutory process was confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

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4.4 Rural Regeneration

4.4.1 To receive an update on the Enfield Town Centre First Plan

An Cathaoirleach, updated the members accordingly and mentioned the movement of the playing area to the Waterside.

4.5 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

This was noted

5.0 Notice of Questions

There were none.

6.0 Notice of Motions

There were none.

7.0 Correspondence

There was none.

8.0 Any Other Business

The following matters were raised by the Members:

- The amount of income accrued from parking for both Trim and the County.
- Future housing development plans should include playgrounds.
- A letter to be issued from Trim MD to An Garda Siochana requesting the installation of average speed cameras on the R148 between Kinnegad and Clonard.
- Update on the opening of the new cemetery.
- Review of the 3-hour parking restriction in Enfield.
- Members queried when the contract with Apcoa ends. There should be a mechanism to 'tap' for the payment as the system is in other towns.

Queries raised were answered by the Director. Queries not answered will be provided to members before the next MD meeting.

The meeting concluded at 15.10pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach