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Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00pm, 13th March 2026, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ronan Moore, presided.

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

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/absent: Noel French

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Municipal District Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 13th of February

The minutes were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Paul O'Rourke**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were none.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Climate Action

4.1.1 To receive a presentation on Decarbonisation Zones in Meath, and the next steps.

Ms. Mary D'Arcy, SEO Environment and Mr. Marc Cahill Climate Action, presented to Members an overview of the Decarbonisation Zones for Trim MD, outlining its core objectives, baselines emission inventories for Trim, development of task forces and next steps for implementation.

Councillors **Dave Boyne, Ronan Moore, and Padraig Coffey** raised several queries and observations. These included whether Trim Community Action could utilise the piece of land previously used for agricultural purposes; whether actions from earlier strategies—such as the Circular Economy initiatives, the Trim Sustainable Energy Community Master Plan, and the URBACT project—could be incorporated into the DZ plans; concerns that arable land should not be used for solar panel installations; and whether local schools would be involved, including the possibility of an educational programme aimed at reducing food waste, with a particular focus on over-purchasing.

All comments were answered directly by Ms. Mary D'Arcy and Mr. Cahill.

5.0 **Transportation**

5.1.1 Schedule of proposed speed limit bye-law amendments for the Implementation of Built-up and Urban Area Speed Limits.

Mr. Stephen Shortall, Executive Engineer, Transport presented the proposed speed limit bye-law reviews for Trim, Ballivor, Clonard, Enfield, Kildalkey and Longwood.

There were contributions from Cllrs **Ronan Moore, Noel French, Dave Boyne, Padraig Coffey and Paul O'Rourke**, including suggestions that the 30 km/h speed limit be extended on the Trim R160, the L4020 in Longwood be extended to the sports grounds, and outside the church in Kildalkey.

Further comments related to how the new speed limits will be advertised and promoted, concerns around enforcement, recognition that vulnerable road users include more than just children, and the difficulty of adhering to alternating limits—specifically when a straight road transitions from 50 km/h to 30 km/h and back to 50 km/h.

Cllr French expressed concern that the roundabout on the Enfield to Kilcock Road, Kildalkey village centre, Rathmolyon, and Summerhill were not included in this review. While the rationale for the new proposals was acknowledged by the Members, the Executive Engineer noted that they must adhere to Department of Transport guidelines.

Mr. Shortall will follow up with the Department of Transport regarding Cllr Moore's query on potential small exceptions.

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

The report circulated in advance and was taken as read. Members congratulated the Area Engineer and the team on the quick response to potholes repairs.

6.0 Economic

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

Cllr Moore confirmed a meeting will take place on the 31/03/2026 in Enfield with the Enfield Town Centre First team and the Executive.

6.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

This was noted by the Members.

7.0 Notice of Questions

There were none.

8.0 Notice of Motions

There were none.

9.0 Correspondence

There were none.

10.0 Any Other Business

Cllr. Coffey noted the forthcoming retirement of the traffic warden assigned to Enfield. He requested an update on the planned arrangements following this retirement, including whether a replacement warden will be appointed and whether any additional road-safety measures are being considered.

Can a letter issue to Uisce Eireann asking when the Charterschool land development will be connected to water services?

The Director of Service responded accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm

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