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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00pm, 22nd May 2026, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ronan Moore, presided.

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Dave Boyne

Apologies/absent:

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 24th April 2026

Councillor Paul O'Rourke noted he was marked absent last month, but did attend online.

On the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Pádraig Coffey,** the minutes, with the amendment as outlined above, were agreed.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to Principal Ms. Jacqueline Maher of Scoil Mhuire Trim on her recent retirement.

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

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land by Freehold Interest at Glebe, Church View Rathmolyon Co. Meath

Ms. Kathleen Nevin, Senior Staff Officer, Assets Management, provided an overview of the proposed disposal of Land by Freehold Interest at Glebe, Church View Rathmolyon Co. Meath. The report was noted by the Elected Members.

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5.0 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report, having been circulated in advance, was taken as read.

Interventions were made by **Councillors Noel French, Ronan Moore, Paul O'Rourke and Pádraig Coffey**, who acknowledged the ongoing work of the outdoor Council staff and commended the team on the high standard of presentation in Trim.

Further queries were raised in relation to grass cutting outside Castle Meadows, reports of vehicles travelling in the wrong direction on Boyne Cottage Lane, and instances of road signage missing or incorrectly positioned at Bagnall's Bend.

5.2 Economic

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

Mr. Des Foley, Director of Services, provided a brief overview of the findings from a recently completed Preliminary Traffic Assessment report for Enfield. He noted that the full report will be shared with the Town Centre First team and will help inform the development of the Transportation study and Public Realm Plan.

The next step will involve the appointment of consultants who will prepare a design brief for the overall transportation study engaging with all relevant stakeholders, including the Town Centre First Team. Mr. Foley also confirmed that the completed report will be circulated to Members in advance of the next Municipal District meeting.

5.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

Noted by the Elected Members.

6.0 Notice of Questions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Coffey

"To ask the Executive to consider reinstating the cul-de-sac on the L62274, also known as the New Road, Enfield, given that the development lands adjacent to this road, which were previously zoned, have now been almost fully developed"

Response:

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Variation no. 5 of the Meath County Development Plan includes a proposal to bring forward the adjacent lands for residential development, and any changes to the road could potentially be premature and prejudicial to the development of these lands. As such, the Transportation Department does not intend to change the status of this road at this time.

Furthermore, any proposed closure would have to follow a statutory process which would invite submissions on the proposal. It should be noted that the L-62274-1 was split by the construction of the Enfield By-Pass and residents and properties on the section of the road south of the by-pass may be impacted by the road closure and may not support the proposal.

Noted by the Elected Members.

7.0 Notice of Motions

There were none.

8.0 Correspondence

There was none.

9.0 Any Other Business

Interventions were made by **Councillors Dave Boyne, Joe Fox, Pádraig Coffey, Ronan Moore and Noel French**. Matters raised included a request for clarification from Uisce Éireann regarding outstanding connections in the Charter School Estate Trim, concerns that car parking spaces on Castle Street, Trim following recent reconfiguration, appear to be small, a request for hedge cutting along the Clonard Road, and an update on traffic calming measures in Ballivor.

Additional matters raised included a query as to whether the Millennium Bridge will be open in time for the Púca Festival, and clarification regarding the Tourist Office, which has been closed for two months, including its anticipated reopening date. An update was also sought on the progress of the 'Taking in Charge' of Coill Fada, Longwood.

It was further requested that a letter issue on behalf of the Municipal District to the County Childcare Committee seeking clarification on closing hours and for premises in Enfield. A further request was made that a letter issue to Transport for Ireland (TFI) and Iarnród Éireann regarding the need to plan 'Park & Ride' facilities for Trim in the context of the proposed railway development at Kilmessan, with emphasis that parking provision should be planned in conjunction with both bodies from the outset rather than retrofitted after the rail infrastructure is in place. It was also requested that an update be sought regarding the Athboy road lights, which are reportedly operating on a 24-hour basis.

The meeting concluded at 14:55 pm

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