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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00pm, 18th September 2026, Trim Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Noel French, presided.

Councillors Present: Councillors Dave Boyne, Joe Fox, Ronan Moore, and Paul O'Rourke

Councillors Present via Teams: Councillor Pádraig Coffey

Apologies/absent: n/a

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Municipal District Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Alison Condra

Staff Officer: Kate Lomza

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 17th of July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2026 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Paul O'Rourke.**

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

The family of the late Paddy Keenan, a member of the Bothy Band.

The Elected Members wished to send a note of Congratulations to the following:

Trim Tidy Towns Committee and volunteers who won the prestigious award for the Irelands Best Kept Large Town.

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

4.1.1 To receive an update on Urban Special Speed Limits after

completion of Public Consultation

Stephen Shortall, Executive Engineer, updated the Members on the special urban speed limits. There were no submissions relating to the Trim MD. Members outlined that there were several areas in the MD where driver behavior was the cause of excessive speed and called for greater enforcement by the Gardaí to counteract speeding.

4.1.2 To receive an update on Trim Millennium Bridge Scheme

An update regarding the installation of the new bridge was given by Fergal McCabe, Executive Engineer. The bridge will be installed this evening (on 18th September) with footpaths, seating areas and landscaping works being carried out for a further four weeks. Works will be completed by the 23rd October. The Members agreed that the bridge was well designed and in keeping with the surroundings. Mr. McCabe confirmed there was provision for universally acessible areas in the scheme.

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

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

- Pedestrian provision and the condition of the footpath on Dublin Road, Trim.
- Low-cost safety measures at Lackanash, Trim.
- Sightlines at the pedestrian crossing on Market Street, Trim.
- Painting of speed ramps in Summerhill and Clonard School
- Request to review the safety audit for the pedestrian lights in Enfield

Councillors thanked the District Engineer and her staff for their good work throughout the year.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 To agree time for the Consultation Workshop regarding the Variation No 7 of the County Development Plan 2021-2027.

The Forward Planning Team will host an in-committee workshop to include Land Use Proposals on Friday 16th of October 11.30am-2pm.

4.2.2 To receive an update on Manorlands Master Plan, Trim

Alan Crawford, Senior Executive Planner gave a high-level update on the sixteen responses received to the Manorlands Master Plan.

These included: request for further information on the Newhaggard road entrance, clarification regarding delineation of boundaries on maps, phases of junction works demarcation of pedestrian & cycle routes and access roads to the area.

Following a request from the Members to be more involved in the Master Plan process and difficulties with the consultation event it was agreed to hold a wider non-statutory public consultation.

Gareth McMahon, Director of Services, agreed to hold the wider public consultation and seek submissions to the plan for a three-week period and revert back to the Members at the October meeting.

5.0 Economic

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

Des Foley, Director of Services said a lengthy submission was received by the Town Centre First Committee earlier in the week which was currently being reviewed and would be circulated to the Members. The Town Regeneration Team are currently drafting a brief to engage consultants for the Plan.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To approve the Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting Allocation 2026 for Trim MD

- Kildalkey Calendar Team - €1,000 Ballivor Tidy Towns - €1,000
- Trim Tidy Towns - €1,750
- Enfield Development Group (Lights) - €1,750 Summerhill Tidy Village - €1,000
- Longwood Tidy Towns - €1,000

The allocations were proposed by **Councillor Dave Boyne** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore.**

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

The allocations were noted.

6.0 Notice of Questions

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Paul O'Rourke

"Could the Executive provide an update on the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) in Trim Municipal District."

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Response:

The Community Involvement Scheme is administered on a countywide basis, and there is no predetermined funding allocation for individual Municipal Districts. All eligible applications are assessed and scored in accordance with Department of Transport guidelines and the CIS Ranking Matrix adopted by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in 2018. Following assessment, applications from across the county are ranked based on factors including road condition (PSCI rating), road length and width, the number of dwellings served, estimated scheme costs, and the required community contribution. The highest-ranking eligible schemes are then selected for inclusion in the annual programme, subject to the funding allocation provided by the Department of Transport and the Council's available resources.

For 2026, the total county-wide CIS programme comprises €608,700 in Department of Transport funding, €450,000 from Meath County Council's own resources, and €84,696 in community contributions, giving an overall programme value of €1,143,396.

The following three schemes in the Trim Municipal District were approved for funding under the 2026 CIS Programme:

Application Year	CIS Reference	Road Number	Location
2019	2019-13	L-40162-0	Glack, Portan, Ballivor
2024	2024-04	L-40134	Dogstown, Trim
2018	2018-17	L-80182	Clondalee

There are currently nine applications on the Community Involvement Scheme waiting list within the

Trim Municipal District, as detailed below:

Road Number	CIS Reference	Date Application Received
L-40185-0	2019-03	22/03/2019

L-62273-0	2019-04	22/03/2019
L-22031-0	2019-16	11/12/2019
L-80131	2022-04	10/05/2022
L-80316-0	2024-03	15/04/2024
L-62112	2024-05	13/05/2024
L-4015-14	2024-06	01/07/2024
L-40151	2026-05	05/06/2026
L-80212-0	2026-11	06/07/2026

The selection and prioritisation of schemes is based on the assessment criteria outlined above and the CIS Ranking Matrix adopted by the Transportation SPC. The ranking process takes account of factors including road condition (PSCI rating), road length and width, the number of dwellings served, estimated scheme costs, the required community contribution and the overall requirements and available allocation under the Department of Transport's Community Involvement Scheme.

7.0 Notice of Motions

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Dave Boyne

"To ask Meath County Council to consider purchasing additional four-bedroom homes for social housing use".

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Dave Boyne** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French.**

<u>Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded, and considered:</u>

Meath County Council uses all available funding mechanisms to maximise the delivery and acquisition of social housing, including four-bedroom homes where appropriate. This includes delivery through Part V, turnkey developments and the second-hand acquisitions programme.

When considering the acquisition of any property, the Council must have regard to a range of factors, including availability, identified housing need, property type, location, suitability and cost. At present, the greatest level of housing need is for one- and two-bedroom accommodation, which accounts for approximately 82% of current demand. Four-bedroom

households represent approximately 5% of current housing need.

Notwithstanding this, the Council continues to consider opportunities to acquire suitable four-bedroom homes where they arise and where funding allows. By way of example, of the 12 properties acquired under the second-hand acquisitions programme, four were four-bedroom homes.

The response to the notice of motion was noted by the Members.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Dave Boyne

"To ask that Meath County Council complete the path between the Boyne Community School and Effernock, to help reduce the usage of the pedestrian crossing."

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Dave Boyne** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore.**

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded, and considered:

A review is currently underway to determine compliance with the relevant planning permissions associated with the development. This review will assess the status of the footpath provision and identify whether any further actions are required under the applicable planning conditions.

The outcome of the Planning Department's assessment will inform any subsequent actions the Council takes in relation to this matter. Once the review is complete, any necessary follow-up measures will be considered.

The response to the notice of motion was noted by the Members.

7.3 Submitted by Councillor Paul O'Rourke

"To ask Meath County Council to implement Bye-Laws to restrict the use, consumption, and possession of intoxicating substances in public places within Trim."

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Paul O'Rourke** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French.**

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded, and considered:

If the motion is proposed and seconded the Meath County Council will engage with An Garda Síochána.

The response to the notice of motion was noted by the Members.

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8.0 Correspondence

Noted by the Members who expressed their frustration with Uisce Éireann at the five months delay in receiving an update on the matter raised.

9.0 Any Other Business

Cllr Moore requested a meeting with the Gardaí to address anti-social behavior on court dates in Trim.

The Members expressed their wishes that all Councillors should be invited to attend contract signings, and an invitation should be issued to all Trim MD Members for district events.

Following queries regarding the status of Boyne Valley Activities, Des Foley outlined that the Council was successful in receiving funding of €150,000 which would assist the Council in preparing a planning application for the proposed Trim Water Activity Centre.

Members were advised that there are no current plans to provide new bottle banks in Longwood following the removal of banks at the rear of the retail premises.

All Members wished the organisers of Culture Night events well and extended their good wishes to Deputy Michael Healy Rae following an assault earlier this week.

The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm.

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Cathaoirleach