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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2.00 pm, 19th April 2024, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Trevor Golden

Apologies/Absent: Councillor Niamh Souhan

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

Apologies: Director of Service, Des Foley

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 15th March 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of March 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Congratulations was extended to:

- Liam Foley on winning gold in Turkey
- Gluais on winning the RTE Lyric FM awards.

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- Anne and Martin McCormack, on their retirement following 36 years of business of running McCormack's pub, Trim.

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

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.0133Ha of land at Glebe, Rathmolyon. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

The members agreed in principle to the disposal on the proposal by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of 0.1434 Ha of land at Mulphedder, Clonard, Co. Meath. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

The members agreed in principle to the disposal on the proposal by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and queries were responded to.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive details of the proposed grant allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2024.

Councillor Ronan Moore declared a conflict of interest as he is a board member of the Trim Family resource centre and left the room.

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Brian Hora SEO, Community gave a presentation on the scheme and advised on the applications received and the criteria used to allocate the funds to the projects.

The members commended the scheme but would like to be more involved with the marking criteria and be able to give feedback to the groups to whom they work with.

On the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden** the members agreed to the proposals as presented.

5.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance.

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

The allocations were noted.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

Please provide an update on the traffic and parking management plan for the Swift Cultural Centre

RESPONSE

The Council has been liaising with the Solstice Arts Centre who manage the Swift Cultural Centre. They have advised that the Swift Cultural centre website lists the various carparks closest to the centre and have asked visitors to refrain from parking in nearby estates. Going forward, future tickets and ticket confirmation emails will have the carparks listed similar to the Solstice centre tickets. It should be noted that the public are informed when making bookings of parking arrangements for each of the centres.

Councillor Golden stated that only a few carparks are mentioned on the website and are not the closest. He requested that all car parks be listed on the Swift website and that a map of their locations be included on the back of the tickets.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

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To ask Meath County Council to liaise with the Recycling Centre Operator to install a Return vending machine at the Trim Recycling Centre.

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

The Deposit Return Scheme, which is a producer led scheme, was rolled out from the 1st February 2024 and incentivises people to return plastic drinks bottles and aluminium cans so that they can be successfully recycled into new containers. The scheme is operated by Deposit Return Scheme Ireland (DRSI) CLG, trading as Re-turn and with larger retailers and some smaller retailers having installed Reverse Vending Machines, (RVMs) at their premises to automate the deposit return process. Nearly 200 smaller retailers will operate the scheme on a manual, over-the-counter basis.

The question of expanding the number of RVMs to recycling centres and other facilities including sporting facilities is a matter which has been raised with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and it is understood that following the end of the transition phase in June a review of the roll out will take place and any gaps identified including possible roles for Local Authorities in locating such infrastructure within the Recycling centres.

The motion and response were noted on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

7.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

To ask Meath County Council to review the provision of pedestrian crossings on the ring road in Trim and present findings to members at an agreed date.

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

The transportation department intend to review the provision of cycling and pedestrian facilities on the ring road in Trim once the R161 Trim Navan pathfinder scheme has been advanced in order to further support and facilitate an increase in modal share for walking and cycling trips in the town. Once these have been developed, the Council will present its proposals to the Trim MD Councillors.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

Cllr Golden stated that he was unhappy with the response. The members supported looking at all areas of the town for inclusion where there's pedestrian movement. DoS

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Dara McGowan suggested that these issues should be raised with the transportation section during the preparation of the pathfinder scheme.

8 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1st March 2024

Minutes noted.

- 8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 1st March 2024

Minutes noted.

- 8.3 To note the Special Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 2nd April 2024

Minutes noted.

- 8.4 To note the Draft Housing Community & Cultural Development SPC Meeting Minutes of 20th March 2024

Minutes noted.

- 8.5 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 21st March 2024

Minutes noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Letter from Chief Fire Officer's Association

This was noted.

10 Any Other Business

- The AGM dates and July meeting dates were presented and noted.



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- The members raised the issue that the part 8 planning report recently circulated for Enfield Town Centre parking did not include the amendment that had been agreed by the members. DoS Dara McGowan said he would liaise with the planning section on the matter. A discussion ensued where the members proposed that an item be on the agenda to give an update on the Town Centre First plan. Dara McGowan suggested that the councillors on the Town Centre First committee give updates from their meetings and Pat Shore, Regeneration Officer can update accordingly following his meetings with the committee.
- Referred to Newtown Bridge, Trim and when a public light and road lining for pedestrians will be installed here – To follow up with transportation.
- Enquired when the footpath on the Dunderry road to Oaktree business park will be completed – to follow up with transportation.
- Requested seating to be placed along the footpath on the Dunderry road.
- Sought an update on the Dog run, in Porchefields- to follow up with community section.
- Requested an update on the School Warden for Summerhill and cover for the warden in Trim- to follow up on.

The meeting concluded at 3.20pm

Signed:

Cathaoirleach