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Ordinary Meeting

Trim Municipal District

2:00pm, 17th May 2024, Trim Civic Offices

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/Absent: Councillor Niamh Souhan

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Des Foley

Executive Engineer: Donna Pringle

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 19th April 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There was none.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to Councillor Sean Drew on the passing of his father Richard Drew.

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



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There was none.

5 To receive an update on the Enfield Town Centre First Plan.

CLlr Ronan Moore, member of the Town Centre First committee gave an update. He advised that a meeting of the committee is due to take place shortly where they will discuss progressing their plans accordingly.

6 Statutory Business

6.1 Transportation

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

- 6.1.2 To receive an update on proposed Traffic Calming at Delmere Estate, Enfield in the Trim Municipal District.

Gillian Mangan EE, Transportation updated on the proposed traffic calming measures. CLlr Moore enquired on the criteria used to review the estates. The engineer advised that they review reps submitted by councillors and the public and deal with the high speeds in estates accordingly.

It was suggested that the engineer attend a meeting to get feedback on the estates that were raised during canvassing. It was also proposed that a request issue to the Minister asking that the Go Safe Van be located near a housing estate.

6.2 Planning

- 6.2.1 To consider the taking in charge of The Meadows Kildalkey 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 2000-2022.

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The members agreed to the taking in charge of The Meadows Kildalkey, on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

6.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

7 Notice of Question

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

With reference to road junctions only, what is the current policy/regulation for pedestrian safety and crossing at traffic light deployments?

RESPONSE:

Each junction site has its particular issues, but in general, for new and upgraded junctions in urban areas the Council provides pedestrian facilities to assist those on foot including more vulnerable such as children and people with a mobility/sensory impairment. This is in line with current transport policy which recognizes the need to rebalance transport movement in urban centres away from the private car and towards active travel including at traffic signalised junctions. For the design of new and improved signal-controlled junctions, the Council follows the advice and guidance provided in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, the Traffic Signs Manual, the Traffic Management Guidelines, and the National Cycle Manual.

The response was noted.

8 Notice of Motion

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

To ask Meath County Council to review the use of the service yard and building on St. Loman's Street, Trim with a view to the area being made available for a youth/community facility.

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

Meath County Council is undertaking a 'Future Ready' review of Operations staffing, depot, and fleet resources to ensure continued efficient delivery of services across all 6 MDs in the longer term and in the face of particular challenges such as climate change. This is a significant piece of work and should a depot be identified for potential relocation this will be communicated to relevant stakeholders for consideration of future use of the site.

The members agreed to the motion on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

Councillor Golden introduced the motion and said that this area is the most suitable to facilitate youth groups and asked that this be looked at for this purpose. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that facilities for the community should also be included here.

Cllr Moore supported the motion and suggested that the area opposite the playground should also be looked at when reviewing facilities for groups. He said he was against extending this area into the carpark as there's already plenty of spaces in the town.

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

To help address speeding we ask Meath County Council to road mark all entrances to villages, where appropriate, in the Trim MD with the new high visibility road markings of White/Red Background.

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

As part of the National Speed Limit review, we are currently awaiting new Guidelines on the proposed changes to the speed limits nationally.

These changes may also have an impact on the Traffic Signs Manual which gives guidance on road markings.

On receipt of these documents, we will review and assess locations and update markings where necessary.

The members agreed to the motion and response on the proposal of **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

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CLlr Golden introduced the motion and said that markings are required into the villages to reduce speed.

Des Foley, Director advised that the new legislation recently introduced for the review of speed limits, a lot of work must be completed by the LAs under this. CLlr Golden agreed to wait for this review and asked that a speeding survey be carried out on the Trim Road into Kildalkey with CLlr Moore requesting one into Longwood.

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

9.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

9.2 To note the Protocol Committee meeting minutes of 05th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

9.3 To note the Draft Minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC meeting of 01st May 2024.

The minutes were noted.

9.4 To note the Draft Minutes of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 24th April 2024.

The minutes were noted.

10 Correspondence

There was none.

11 Any Other Business

The following issues were raised:

- Update on plans for the town centre site- Des Foley, Director advised that the council has been working actively with other parties and will update the members accordingly.

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- Referred to a proposed dog run and if there is any update- to follow up and circulate a response.
- Enquired if there is any update on the playground site in Longwood – to follow up.
- Referred to the sewerage system at Crow Park, Kildalkey road which needs upgrading.
- Asked that the junction at the Wellington Monument be reviewed to include pedestrian crossings on all 4 roads. - engineer advised that a design is due here.
- Asked if there was an update to the Navan Road junction - engineer advised that meeting with transport section to review this area.
- Enquired if any update for a public light and road lining for Newtown bridge – engineer advised that there’s limited space on the bridge for a light column and it is also a protected structure. She said also that the bridge is too narrow to segregate pedestrians from traffic.
- Enquired if the white line on the road to the Knightsbrook hotel be extended to the hotel – engineer advised that road ownership would need to be checked.
- Referred to the footpath on the Dunderry road to Oaktree Park where a contractor has been appointed and seeking a start date for this – to follow up.
- Enquired if there is an update on the Millenium bridge – advised that it’s with An Bord Pleanála for a decision.
- The Cathaoirleach thanked the members and officials for their support and wished the members success in the upcoming elections.
- The members thanked the Cathaoirleach, officials and outdoor staff for their work and contributions over the last five years.
- Des Foley, Director thanked the members for their commitment over the last five years and wished them well in the forthcoming elections.

The meeting concluded at 3pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach