

## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

#### ***Trim Municipal District***

***2.00pm, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Trim Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Ronan Moore, Padraig Coffey, Dave Boyne, Noel French, Joe Fox

**Councillors Present via Zoom:**

**Apologies/absent:**

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Des Foley

**Executive Engineer:** Donna Pringle

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Assistant Staff Officer:** Stephen Carey

#### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

#### **2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Congratulations were extended to:

- Tony Conlon on his recent retirement from the Council.
- Society of St Vincent de Paul commemorating 100 years of service in Trim.
- Organizers of the Royal Meath Show.

#### **4.0 Statutory Business**

##### **4.1 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

###### **4.1.1 To receive an update on the Enfield Town Centre First Plan**

Pat Shore, Town Regeneration Officer updated the members and said that he was awaiting on a funding call to open so that an application could be made for funding to acquire a site in the town that would be suitable for a public space and parking spaces.

Cllr Moore enquired if there was any update on locations identified for the Integrated Transport Study. He said also that there was good collaboration with the Town Centre Team and the Library for Culture night.

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### **4.2 Transportation**

#### **4.2.1 To receive an update on the Pathfinder project, R161 Navan to Trim**

Cormac Ross, Engineer, Active Travel, updated on the scheme which will provide a two-way 9km segregated cycle track and shared active travel facility on the R161. He advised that the closing date for submissions on the scheme is the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. He stated that NTA approval is required to progress to detailed design and construction. The engineer advised that landowners have been notified along the route. This route was selected due to the wide carriageway and verges, and that no land acquisitions will be required. This scheme will be a rapid build with a timeframe of 12 months to complete.

The members welcomed and supported the scheme and said it will have a large tourism impact once completed. They said that this is an opportunity to extend onwards to the Royal Canal Greenway with an opportunity to encourage cycling.

#### **4.2.2 To receive an update on the Default Speed Limit for Rural Local Roads**

Stephen Shortall, Transportation presented an update on the implementation of the new Rural Local Roads Default Speed Limit as per legislation enacted in April 2024. He said that variations to the Default Speed Limits will be permitted by way of byelaws and the creation of Special Speed Limits in accordance with the guidelines. He said that existing Special Speed Limits will remain in place.

The members were advised that a phased rollout will commence with the new 60km/h default speed signage installed by the end of November 2024 and the review of the speed limit byelaws will commence in 2025 and be finalized in 2026.

The members welcomed the reduction to the speed limits. They enquired to public awareness of the speed limit reductions and if previous speed limit review submissions will be included.

Responses were provided by the engineer who stated that national and local campaigns will be held, and all previous submissions will be reviewed under phase 2.

#### **4.2.3 To receive an update on the proposed traffic calming scheme for Dangan National School, Summerhill.**

David O'Reilly, Engineer, Active Travel updated on the proposed measures which included the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing, two additional ramps, reduction of the carriageway width and an increase to width of the footpath, installation of pencil bollards and new road markings.

The members welcomed these extra measures which will have a major impact on the reduction of speed at this location and asked what fund is being used. Some members enquired as to how this school was identified, as other areas need safety measures i.e Boardsmill, Ballivor, Ardenew and two schools in Baconstown. Also referred to the pencil bollards proposed and if these will be used going forward.

The engineer responded accordingly and advised that Dangan NS had been highlighted as a concern to the Road Safety Officer and at public meetings. He said that funding is from the safe routes to school and safety fund. Regarding the pencil bollards he said that these are now used by the NTA at schools. He referred to the other areas of concern that were raised and advised that they need to be submitted to the Road Safety Officer for consideration.

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

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

- Commended the area engineer and crew on the works being undertaken.
- Referred to a bin needed at Souhans/SuperValu area.
- Upgrading of road markings needed at Leinster Bridge on the old N4 and on the Summerhill to Trim Roads.
- Referred to a barrier required at the bridge at Hill of Down travelling from the Ballivor side.
- Pick up area for the bottle banks in Enfield is not working well.
- Asked that low bridge signs be installed approaching the Docks bridge, Longwood.

These were noted by the engineer.

### **5.0 Correspondence**

There was none.

### **6.0 Any Other Business**

The members enquired on the following:

- Asked for an update to the footpath on the Dunderry road.
- Welcomed the upgrade to Bective cross and suggested a stonewall be included as part of the heritage to the area.
- Referred to the old primary school on Patrick Street, Trim and if any update on progress.
- Enquired if there was any update regarding the grass verge on the Dublin Road at the front of new housing development.
- Referred to the traffic lights at the junction of the Navan Road, Trim where a lot of works have been completed on its sequencing and if a review can be done at a later date.
- Referred to the bus accident on the Longwood Road and thanked members for their support today at the demonstration and support on the progression of traffic safety on this road.
- Requested that Trim Garda Superintendent be invited to a meeting to discuss the increase in crime within the town.
- Sought an update on the dog run for Porchfields, Trim.

Responses were given by the area engineer and director of services accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm

Signed:

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An Cathaoirleach