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### **Ordinary Meeting**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 1.30p.m.**

**Buvinda House, Navan, Co Meath**

#### **Public Health Guidance**

This meeting is being held in line with the *Transitional Protocol – Good Practice Guidance for Continuing to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19*, which outlines advice and best practice guidance to maintain infection prevention and control and other measures for the safe operating of workplaces.

Please note the following:

- Attendance at Buvinda House is open to Elected Members, designated Council officials and members of the press and public;
- The wearing of a face-mask is not required but may be worn.

Meeting attendees are requested to:

- Adhere to public health best practice in relation to cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene and sanitation;
- Adhere to meeting and venue housekeeping arrangements including fire safety arrangements as briefed at the start of the meeting;
- Refrain from bringing food or drink, except bottled water, into the meeting room;
- Adhere to information displayed on signage and to the advice of meeting staff.

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations** (Standing Order 11.5 – Expressions of Congratulations to be submitted in writing by 10am, May 13)

#### **4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

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- 4.1 Disposal of 0.01Ha of land at Raynestown, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.
- 4.2 Disposal of 0.2304Ha of land by way of a lease at Drumconrath, Navan, Co. Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.
- 4.3 Disposal of 0.015Ha by way of transfer of property at Main Street, Drumconrath, Co. Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.
- 4.4 Disposal of 0.0133Ha of land at Glebe, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.
- 4.5 Disposal of 0.1434Ha of land at Mulphedder, Clonard, Co. Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

## **5 Statutory Business**

### **5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance**

- 5.1.1 To approve the schedule of meeting dates for June and July 2024.
- 5.1.2 To adopt the Annual Report 2023.
- 5.1.3 To note the 2023 MD Allocation Scheme Annual Report.

### **5.2 Planning**

- 5.2.1 To consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 13(4)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, on submissions to Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027, and to consider making, not making or modifying the Proposed Variation.

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- 5.2.2 To consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 13(4)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, on submissions to Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027, and to consider making, not making or modifying the Proposed Variation.
- 5.2.3 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 37E(4) of the Planning and Development Acts, in relation to a Strategic Infrastructure Development application made to An Bord Pleanála, reference ABP-319448-24, for proposed development of 8 no. wind turbines and associated works at Galboystown, Co. Meath and Clonmellon, Kilrush Upper, Kilrush Lower, Newtown, Ballinlig, Carnybrogan, Cavestown and Rosmead County Westmeath.
- 5.2.4 To receive a presentation on the Meath County Council Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.

### **5.3 Finance**

- 5.3.1 To receive the Draft Annual Financial Statement 2023.
- 5.3.2 To approve:
  - (i) revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31st December 2023 as set out in Table A in accordance with S104 of the Local Government Act 2001  
and
  - (ii) transfers to and from Capital as set out in Table B.
- 5.3.3 To note the Meath County Council Capital Investment Programme 2024 to 2027.

### **5.4 Community**

- 5.4.1 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grants Scheme 2023, as recommended by the Indaver Community Liaison Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and endorsed by the Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District Councillors on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- 5.4.2 To approve Funding Allocations to Community Groups/Organisations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme as recommended by the Elected Members of the Ashbourne, Kells, Laytown-Bettystown, Navan, Ratoath and Trim Municipal Districts at the April Municipal District Meetings.



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5.4.3 To approve the allocations under the Community Grants Scheme 2024 as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on April 24 2024.

5.4.4 To approve the allocations under the 2024 Regional Festivals and Participative Events – Small Grants Scheme in Co. Meath as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on April 24 2024.

### **6 Reports**

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

### **7 Correspondence**

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Geraldine Keogan**

*"How many people are currently availing of homeless services in each municipal area?"*

#### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

*"Can the Housing Authority provide data, redacted as appropriate, in tabular form which details the top 10 HAP Payments by cost? The data should include units provided, number of applicants housed and total cost for the year. This information is sought for each of the last 3 years (2022, 2023 & 2024 YTD)"*

#### **8.3 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

*"Can Meath County Council provide details of the number of planning applications received in the last 5 years for childcare facilities and the numbers that have been granted, refused or pending. Can this be broken down by MD?"*

#### **8.4 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty**

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*“What policies are in place to ensure that vital community amenities such as creches, playgrounds, retail spaces or shops are included within all applications for Large Scale Residential Developments, as well as any proposed amendments to previously granted Strategic Housing Developments?”*

### **9 Notice of Motion**

#### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty (Deferred from April meeting)**

*“To ask Meath County Council to consider the introduction of columbarium walls in the cemeteries under its management.”*

#### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy**

*“I propose that Meath County Council Transportation Section develops a comprehensive assessment framework to gauge the social impact of new infrastructure in rural communities, taking into account factors such as enhanced community interaction, road safety, accessibility to essential services, and the promotion of local identity and belonging.”*

#### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy**

*“I call on the Minister to Meath County Council to allocate all resources necessary for the recruitment of additional planning staff, recognising the pressing need to efficiently deliver on planning requirements, under NPF, RSES and CDP and ensure effective management of development projects in our county now and into the future.”*

#### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín, Councillor Alan Lawes and Councillor Gillian Toole**

*“To call on Meath County Council to build, buy or adapt a building to provide emergency accommodation for homeless people in the form of a homeless hostel in Meath.”*

#### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Paddy Meade**

*“Meath County Council will endeavour to register a legal right of way with Land Registry Ireland on all required Land Portfolios and Maps to provide a legal right of way to the*

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*entrance point of each Council owned graveyard in County Meath, so that council workers and members of the public can visit and maintain graves year-round."*

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Paddy Meade**

*"Meath County Council will request a copy of each Graveyard Register in County Meath from the appointed Registrar or Caretaker this year 2024, and once again every 5 years into the future."*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

*"That Meath County Council in conjunction with the Department of Transport, source funding and put a plan in place to restore the local roads in the County to the required standard."*

### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer**

*"That the council provide a quarterly report to councillors detailing the status of the motions that have been approved. The status update should include an expected timeline for the motion to be actioned, any action taken and if the motion has been satisfactorily completed. As part of that compilation, a searchable report should be available online so that councillors and the public can see what motions have been submitted to the council."*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

*"We call on Meath County Council to create and maintain a footpath and road condition register of all roads and footpaths in housing developments under the charge of Meath County Council."*

### **9.10 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

*"I call on Meath County Council to proactively engage with Child Care Providers in Meath, with a view to supporting them to meet the high-quality child care facilities requirements which cause delays in planning and fire safety application approvals, in order to help address the growing demand for child care services in Meath County."*

## **10 General Interest Motions**

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### **10.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“That Meath County Council call on the Department of Agriculture to ensure the suspension of imports of hawthorn plants due to the potential risk of importing the Fireblight disease and ensure that only Irish Provenance/Irish Origin hawthorn are planted under the ACRES hedgerow planting scheme.”*

### **10.2 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

*“That Meath County Council call on the newly elected President of the Gaelic Athletic Association to refrain from making the Association a cashless organisation, that cash be accepted to attend games.”*

### **10.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

*“Meath County Council notes the serious impact the resourcing of education may have in Meath arising out of the new policy (Circular 0002/2024) on resource allocation for children with additional needs that was issued by the Department of Education. Meath County Council calls upon the Department of Education to pause the allocation model until an impact assessment is done on children with complex needs accessing supports and until there is adequate consultation with all relevant stakeholders.”*

### **10.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“To ask the Government to initiate a grant scheme for SMEs, specifically to increase their water storage capabilities, as an added incentive for water harvesting in areas affected by water shortages.”*

## **11 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)**

11.1 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Transportation

11.2 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Environment

11.3 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Housing

11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Community & Enterprise



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### **12 Any Other Business**

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