



# **Ordinary Meeting**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, Council Chamber

# **1** Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.
- 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Planning meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- 2 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations
- 4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

# 5 Statutory Business

# 5.1 Corporate Services

- 5.1.1 To fill the casual vacancy (1 No.), following the death of Councillor Joe Reilly, in the Membership of Meath County Council, in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
- 5.1.2 To consider the nomination of a candidate for election to the Office of President of Ireland.

# 5.2 Finance

5.2.1 To consider the report of the Chief Executive prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014, for the purpose of resolving as follows:





- a. Vary the basic rate and set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period of one year from the next Local Property Tax liability date, or
- b. Not vary the basic rate.
- 5.2.2 To receive an update on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of the half year to June 2018.
- 5.2.3 To approve the raising of a loan of €2,500,000 from the Housing Finance Agency to provide finance for approved Rebuilding Ireland Housing Loan applications, as authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992 as amended.

# 5.3 Environment

- 5.3.1 To receive a report in respect of the launch of the Flood Risk Management Plans and to resolve to adopt or otherwise the said plans.
- 5.3.2 To receive a report on the preparation of the draft County of Meath (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2018 and to resolve if thought fit to adopt same.

# 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

- 7.1 Notification of Local Adjustment Factor to Revenue.
- 7.2 Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government re. Extension to fertiliserspreading period.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Department of Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.9 adopted at the May 2018 meeting of the full Council re. freestyle libra sensor.





- 7.4 Correspondence from TII in response to Notice of Motion 9.7 adopted at the June 2018 meeting of the full Council re. N52 Ardee Bypass.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the May 2018 meeting of the full Council re.plastics.
- 7.6 Circular FPS05/2018 Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Urban Regeneration and Development Fund – Call for Proposals.
- 7.7 Department of Rural and Community Development re. Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.
- 7.8 Circular 35/2018 Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Traveller Accommodation Programmes 2019-2024.
- 7.9 Circular PL 04/2018 Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2018.

#### 8 Notice of Question

# 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"With regard to the Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, how many Meath County Council tenants have availed of this scheme in 2016 and in 2017?"

# 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

"To ask the Chief Executive how much has been paid in Housing Assistance Payment in Co. Meath since its commencement here on 2nd November 2015; and for a breakdown of same by quarter and by Municipal District / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach an méid a íocadh ar Íocaíocht Cúnaimh Tithíochta i gContae na Mí ó chuireadh tús leis anseo ar an 2 Samhain 2015 agus briseadh siar ar an méid de réir ceathrú bliana agus bardais."

# 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"Does Meath County Council have a protocol in place for Councillors to attend pretenancy meetings before housing is allocated. If so, can a copy of same be provided to County Councillors / An bhfuil prótacal ag Comhairle Contae na Mí mar gheall ar





chomhairloeirí ag freastal ar chruinnithe réamh-thionóntachta sula chuirtear tithíocht ar fáil. Má tá an féidir cóip a chur ar fáil do na Comhairleoirí."

# 9 Notice of Motion

# 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O' Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council, to begin the process of a County Development Plan variation to permit the installation of wooden cabins in back gardens of family homes. This is due to the deepening housing crisis and will assist young people to live and save that are out priced of the housing and rental market due to the increasing prices and lack of housing supply nationally."

# 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"To call on the Council to undertake a survey of all graveyards in County Meath vested in the ownership of Meath County Council, and that a report is brought back to this Council identifying those graveyards where issues are arising in the following areas.

1. Public access to the graveyard is impossible or problematic where access is dependent on rights of way through third party lands.

2. Damaged or dangerous boundary walls/ruins that require remedial repair works to make them safe."

# 9.3 Submitted by Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tom Kelly

"I call on the Council to initiate a tree planting scheme for the Council and each of municipal districts in association with other state agencies and volunteers groups for the coming tree planting season."

# 9.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"To call on Meath County Council and the Fire Service to do their utmost to prevent the setting and lighting of illegal bonfires this Halloween and that reminders are sent to businesses with their rates bill reminding them not to leave flammable, and when burnt, toxic waste in areas easily accessible by the public."

# 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde (deferred from June meeting)

"Can I call on the Executive to write a letter to Minister for Health Simon Harris and the Government Party Ministers in Meath regarding receiving an Update as to when the





new Regional Hospital for the North East will be built in Navan and can they confirm that they have the funding for this project."

#### Submitted Councillor Sarah Reilly 9.6

"To ask the Minister for Environment, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 1143/2014, to prioritise the preparation of an action plan to prevent the introduction and spread of Invasive Alien Species in Ireland and to ask the Minister to appropriately fund said plan."

#### Submitted by the Independent Technical Group 9.7

"We call on Meath County Council to write to Minister for Finance, Pascal Donohue, requesting the Government to block and withdraw from any plans for Irish financial institutions to sell mortgages to vulture funds."

#### Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole 9.8

"Meath County Council calls upon Minister Shane Ross to take responsibility for the immediate improvement in fare structure, customer service & service reliability of Bus Éireann to its customers in Meath."

#### 9.9 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

"Meath County Council calls on the National Vetting Bureau of An Garda Síochána to introduce a system of uniform Garda vetting i.e. that one Garda vetting applies to all activities undertaken by a person in an organisation/ group/ club etc."

# 9.10 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"This Council calls on Minister Halligan to intervene to resolve the annual difficulties occurring with the school transport scheme because the criteria about concessionary ticket allocation is not fit for purpose / Éilíonn an Chomhairle ar an Aire Halligan gníomh a dhéanamh chun na deacrachtaí bliantúla a bhaineann leis an gcóras iompar scoile, toisc nach bhfuil na critéir a bhaineann le ticéidí lamháltais a chur ar fáil cuí, a réitiú."

# 9.11 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors





"This Council is deeply concerned about the imminent threat of closure of up to 390 Post Offices throughout the country and the threat to the long-term future of the remaining 690 Post Offices, and calls on Government to:

- 1. Enact 'Private Members Dáil Motion of the 11th November, 2016.'
- 2. Postpone the closure of Post Offices while the Kiwi Post Bank model for the Irish Post Office network is developed./ Éilíonn an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas
- 1. An Rún Príobháideach na mBall Dála den 11 Samhain 2016 a chur chun feidhme
- 2. Dúnadh na hOifigí Poist a chur ar athló go dtí go bhforbrófar an múnla Kiwi Post Bank do ghréasán na nOifigí Poist Éireannach."

# 9.12 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

"That Meath Co. Council calls on the Dept. of Justice and the Minister for Justice to reform the Irish Legal system as was suggested by the Troika when they arrived in Ireland / Éilíonn Comhairle Contae na Mí ar an Roinn agus an Aire Cirt athchóiriú a dhéanamh ar chóras dlíthúil na hÉireann de réir mar a dúirt an Troikea nuair a tháinig siad go hÉirinn."

# 10 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For information only)

# **10.1** Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders - Transportation

- 10.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Environment
- 10.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Housing
- 10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Community

# **11** Any Other Business

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