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### *Ordinary Meeting*

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Council Chamber**

#### **Presiding**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors, Joe Bonner, Sinéad Burke, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Enda Flynn, Wayne Forde, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Johnny Guirke, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Suzanne Jamal, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Nick Killian, Caroline Lynch, Stephen McKee, Ronan McKenna, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Claire O' Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Darren O' Rourke, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

#### **Apologies:**

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Kevin Stewart, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch

**Meetings' Administrator:** Olive Falsey

**Senior Executive Officers:** Michael Griffin, Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan

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

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

The minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.



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

No matters arising.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- Niamh Shakespeare, Planning Department, on the death of her mother Marie Byrne.
- Cllr. Joe Reilly on the death of his mother Christina Reilly.
- The family of the late Leonard Slevin, Meath Association of London.
- Sheila Harkin, Finance Department, on the death of her mother-in-law Maeve Harkin.
- Two people fatally injured following a road traffic accident on the N2

Congratulations were extended to:

- Sibéal Ní Chasaide on her rendition of Mise Éire at the first Commemorative event of 2016 at the Convention Centre, Dublin.
- All the staff who worked to alleviate flooding across the county during the Christmas period.

### **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 Finance**

- 5.1.1 To receive the Audited Annual Financial Statement 2014 and to receive and note the Local Government Statutory Audit Report for 2014.

Received and noted by the Councillors.

- 5.1.2 To note Audit Committee Report on the 2014 AFS and the Local Government Auditor's Report.

Noted by the Councillors.

#### **5.2 Corporate Services**

- 5.2.1 To consider and agree the 2016 Protocol for the Municipal District Allocation.



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Claire King, Administrative Officer, provided a briefing on the revised protocol and outlined the key changes. Following a debate on the matter, it was unanimously agreed that the revised protocol offered a greater degree of transparency and was more community focused.

**Councillor Maria Murphy** proposed that the wording in section 1.1.15 i.e. '*...shall be subject to the approval of the relevant Municipal District Members....*' would be amended. The following amended wording was duly agreed '*...shall be noted by the relevant Municipal District Members...*'

The 2016 Protocol for the Municipal District Allocation was agreed, subject to the amendment, on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Shane Cassells**.

### 5.2.2 To receive an update on the 1916 Commemorative Programme.

Ciarán Mangan, County Coordinator, provided an update and informed that the County Programme will be launched on 28<sup>th</sup> January in Solstice Arts Centre and that the website [www.ireland.ie](http://www.ireland.ie) will be the main forum for the delivery of information with regard to commemorative events. It was noted that the six gardens of remembrance will be completed by early March and that an official opening of each garden will be organised. The meeting was also informed of the uncovering of information regarding Mary Walker a former Abbey actress who was the first person to play the role of Caitlín Ní Uallacháin. It was noted that she was employed by Meath County Council as Branch Librarian in Laytown and published a book called 'The Splendid Years' which will be republished in March, 2016.

**Councillor Tom Kelly** proposed that a plaque would be erected in the Laytown/Bettystown garden of remembrance to honour Ms. Walker. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

## **6 Reports**

### 6.1 Chief Executive's Report

Noted by the Councillors.

### 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Corporate Policy Group reviewed the



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agenda for the full Council meeting and received information on the particulars of some items. The CPG also received an update and noted a report from the Environmental SPC meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

### 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

Correspondence from Councillor Francis Deane was considered and it was agreed to recommend that people living in Meath who would be in their hundredth year in 2016 would be honoured and presented with a certificate of recognition.

Correspondence from Ratoath Municipal District with regard to the completion of the Declaration of Interests form was considered. It was agreed that Councillors would receive assistance, as required, and that a briefing note would be issued in advance of the deadline.

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Protocol Committee received and noted reports on conferences submitted by Councillors and a list of conferences relevant to the business of the Council was approved.

The above recommendations were approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

## 7 Correspondence

### 7.1 Eirgrid re. North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development.

Noted by the Councillors. **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** noted the large number of submissions with regard to the proposed development and proposed that the Council would write to An Bord Pleanála requesting an oral hearing. This was unanimously agreed.

### 7.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in response to Notice of Motion 9.13 adopted at the December meeting of the Full Council re. Release of Ibrahim Halawa.

Noted by the Councillors.

### 7.3 Correspondence from the Department of Social Protection in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the December meeting of the Full Council re. Reinstatement of the Telephone Allowance.

Noted by the Councillors. **Councillor Keogan** acknowledged her disappointment with



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the response to the Notice of Motion adopted.

7.4 Transport Infrastructure Ireland re. 2016 National Road Grants.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*“Are there any future plans for improving the footpath and cycle lanes along the River Boyne that runs from the ramparts in Navan to the border of Drogheda?”*

#### **Response**

The County Development Plan contains an objective (TRANS OBJ 8) to promote and explore the development of the Trim – Navan – Slane – Drogheda cycle / greenway along the River Boyne subject to obtaining the necessary statutory planning consent, the carrying out of Appropriate Assessment, landowner co-operation and the securing of the necessary funding. A feasibility study was carried out by Meath County Council in 2009 which looked at developing a Greenway on a phased basis along the Boyne and the towpath of the historic Boyne Navigation. This study helped secure funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTT&S), the NTA and Meath County Council for the construction of Phase I of the Boyne Greenway between the Oldbridge Estate and the Drogheda Ramparts in 2012/2013. Work is continuing on the design of Phase II of the Boyne Greenway between the Oldbridge Estate to the Brú Na Bóinne WHS Visitor Centre. Subject to the finalisation of the design and environmental appraisal of the project, the Council hopes that it will be in a position to commence a Part VIII process for Phase II early in 2016.

Meath County Council’s position is that the proposed Greenways in Meath, particularly the Boyne Greenway, have great potential to contribute to the economic, social and cultural progress of life in the Greater Dublin Area. The completion of these projects is medium to long-term objectives and there are many challenges including economic, environmental and landownership issues that need to be overcome to successfully deliver the overall schemes. However, the Council is committed to working with stakeholders and will continue to seek further funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the National Transport Authority to progress sections of the Greenways including the construction of Phase II of the Boyne Greenway.

Response noted by the Councillors.



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### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

*"I call on Meath County Council to install 'Welcome to County Meath' signs at every entry point from Louth into Drogheda County Meath and surrounding environs immediately marking the county border clearly."*

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

This Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) provides details of the traffic signs which may be used on roads in Ireland, including their layout and symbols, the circumstances in which each sign may be used and rules for positioning them. The 'Welcome to Meath' information signs indicating the County boundary are known as County Boundary Type B signs in the TSM. The TSM recommends that these are for use on Motorways and National Roads.

There is a County Boundary Type A sign which simply indicates the County Name in English and Irish and the County Crest and these can be used on any road. While the motion refers specifically to Drogheda and its environs it would be important that a consistent policy is applied in all areas of the county. The Transportation Department would be willing to undertake an exercise to quantify the cost of erecting County Boundary Information signs across the County and bring the matter to the Transportation SPC for discussion.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O' Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

Following a lengthy debate and advice from the Chief Executive regarding the logistics of undertaking this work, it was noted that this was an important motion and that a costing would be undertaken as soon as possible. **Councillor O' Reilly** accepted this course of action and the motion was noted.

An update on the Drogheda Boundary Review was provided by Des Foley, Director of Services, who informed that the first draft of the Council's submission was now complete. It was noted that residents were made aware of the review through a mailshot and that a survey on the matter had been undertaken, the results of which would be included in the submission. The deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> January for submissions was noted and it was proposed and agreed that Councillors' submissions would be prepared on a Party basis, and that assistance would be provided as required. It was noted that the next meeting with the Boundary Committee will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00a.m. in the Boyne Valley Hotel.



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**Councillor Gillian Toole** requested that the leaflet distributed to residents would be circulated.

### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*“Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors to fully support my motion that the fire and rescue service in Meath enter into discussions with the HSE NAS, who are available for talks, to co respond on all Cardiac arrest and echo and delta calls, for patient care and safety of our constituents living in County Meath.”*

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

The National Ambulance Service (NAS), as the statutory public ambulance service in Ireland, has responsibility for the provision of services associated with Pre-Hospital care. Meath Fire Service will endeavour to provide assistance to the NAS in the delivery of this service in an effective and efficient manner, and will explore the possibility of improving the existing arrangement without taking over the statutory role of the National Ambulance Service (NAS).

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

Des Foley, Director of Services, noted the statutory role of the National Ambulance Service (NAS). and advised that the Fire Service is open to engaging in further discussion to improve the existing arrangement. Following a lengthy debate on the matter and based on the supporting information, the motion was adopted.

### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“That all future buildings in the county be of A energy rating standard (passive buildings) A similar initiative was supported by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Council.”*

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

Meath County Council supports the aspiration outlined in Cllr. French’s notice of motion. The County Development Plan addresses this issue at section 11.1.6 of its Development Management Guidelines and Standards.

*“Layout and design must conform to the highest possible standards of energy efficiency and as many dwellings as possible must have access to sunlight to make use of passive solar design. New developments will be encouraged to optimise usage of orientation*



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*and natural sun lighting with single aspect housing being discouraged, particularly where it has a northerly aspect and multiple aspects will be encouraged in apartment type development.”*

*“Where possible and practicable energy saving and energy generating technologies, such as roof top solar panels and geothermal energy should be incorporated at design stage. Information on renewable energy sources and possible grants available can be found at [www.seai.ie](http://www.seai.ie). “*

It should also be noted that all new housing must achieve a minimum A3 Building energy rating to comply with current construction standards set out in the Building Regulations.

Meath County Council is satisfied that its planning policy together with the legal requirement to achieve a minimum A3 standard for all new buildings, satisfies the objective of the motion submitted to the Council .

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

A lengthy debate took place on the matter. Kevin Stewart advised that the Council has no powers in this regard and can only insist that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.

**Councillor Noel French** then proposed an amendment to his motion i.e. *“calling on the Council to write to the NBR and to request that a national standard of A1 would be put in place as soon as possible”*

The amendment was seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. **Councillor Ronan McKenna** requested that his objection to the amended motion would be recorded. The amended motion was not unanimously agreed and Councillors, in acknowledging the complexity of the issue, agreed that the matter needed further consideration. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** to refer the matter for consideration to the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

### **9.4 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors**

*“That Meath County Council would establish an Irish Language Committee to contribute to the positive development of the language in the county and the delivery of agreed objectives, and in recognition of the importance of the language in the community and cultural life of Co. Meath; this Committee would function through the Irish language and comprise of Councillors, officials and interested parties from the Irish language community / Go mbunóidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí Coiste na Gaeilge chun chur le*





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*forbairt dearfach na teanga sa chontae mar aon le cuspóirí comhaontaithe a sholathrú agus mar aitheantas ar thábhacht na teanga i saol cultúrtha agus pobail na Mí; bheadh an ghaeilge mar teanga oibre na coiste seo agus bheadh comhairleoirí, oifigigh agus páirtithe leasmhara ó phobal na gaeilge ina mbaill de.”*

### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

Meath County Council recognises the importance of the Irish language and is committed to meeting the requirements as provided for in the Official Languages Act, 2003. Under the legislation, Meath County Council developed an Irish Language Scheme and has been introducing and developing Irish language services, in as far as is possible, across many areas as follows:

#### **Corporate Publications:**

All corporate publications are available bilingually.

#### **Website: Meath.ie**

The Council, in its Irish Language Scheme, outlined a commitment that 30% of documents would be published in Irish. The Council is, at present, undertaking a full review of the entire content of its website in conjunction with the restructuring of Local Government in Meath (2014) and the changes in operational structures within the Council. The review includes the examination of the web content in terms of relevance, accuracy and accessibility. The process began this year with an audit of the content on Meath.ie which identified a total of **1,228** links broken down as follows: County Council – 652, Tourism – 373, Community – 146, Business - 57

The work includes deleting content, updating existing content and adding content. There is a particular focus on assessing the content that could be made available in Irish and English, adding Irish versions of forms where possible and publishing various reports in both languages. The IT Department is also examining the possibilities of some online services in both languages.

#### **Signage**

Since the enactment of the Official Languages Act in 2003, the Council has updated the signage, with bilingual signage, at all its civic offices, on vehicles etc. The Council also endeavours to ensure that bilingual public signage is in place across the County e.g. road signage, placenames, warning signs etc. and Irish only signage in Gaeltacht areas.

#### **Customer Service**

The Council is committed to developing Irish Services through our customer service model.



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With regard to Irish Language Skills Development, the Council has provided a number of Irish programmes in partnership with staff. Irish Language classes have been organised for staff at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels with in excess of 30 staff participating in these programmes.

In 2010, a course in Business Irish was organised for 12 staff volunteers, who agreed to help the Council in the delivery of services through Irish. While some of these staff members no longer work for Meath County Council, we still have people with proficiency in Irish in some departments who are willing to deal with customers wishing to conduct their business through Irish.

Responses to communications received in Irish are dealt with in the same timeframe as those received in English. In most cases, communications received ‘as Gaeilge’ are responded to in Irish.

Nonetheless, it should also be noted that there is a difference between using day to day conversational Irish and business Irish. It is noted that staff who may have a general proficiency in Irish are often reluctant to deal with fluent Irish speakers who may wish to discuss the specialised areas of Local Government service such as Planning, Transportation etc. through Irish.

Considering the above commitments and the ongoing work in this area, Meath County Council is not, at present, in a position to allocate officials to service an Irish Language Committee. However, the Council is committed to supporting Irish Language initiatives and respects the rights of Irish speakers in the county and beyond. It is also noted that, with regard to the proposed motion, appointments to all discretionary committees of the Council took place at the first meeting of the Council in June 2014.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria O’ Kane** and seconded by **Councillor Darren O’ Rourke**.

Following a lengthy debate on the matter and advice from the Chief Executive, it was unanimously agreed that the issue would be explored by the interested parties and set up through the Housing Community and Cultural SPC. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Maria O’ Kane** that any such committee would operate bilingually.

### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke**

*“That Meath County Council acknowledges the flooding events in the county in recent weeks, months and years; understands that the CFRAM and FEMFRAM projects are ongoing; commits to working with local communities and individuals adversely affected by flooding to help prepare and implement preventative strategies locally / Go n-*



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*aithneoidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí na heachtraí tuilte sa chontae sna seachtainí, míonna agus blianta beaga anuas, go dtuigfidh siad go bhfuil na tionscadail CFRAM agus FEMFRAM ar lean, go dtiomnóidh siad le obair a dhéanamh leis na pobail áitiúla agus na daoine aonair a chur na tuilte as go mór dóibh chun straitéisí a chur le chéile agus a chur chun feidhme ar bhun áitiúil.”*

### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

Meath County Council has, over the years, supported the Office of Public Works in carrying out various flood risk assessment and management studies including the Final East Meath Flood Risk Assessment (FEMFRAM) work on which was completed in 2012, and the current Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM) which has been developed to meet the requirements of the EU Floods Directive.

The CFRAM project involves a comprehensive flood risk assessment focused on 300 areas countrywide of potentially significant flood risk known as Areas of Further Assessment (AFA's) of which 6 are located in County Meath. As advised in the report submitted to the December Council meeting, draft flood maps have been prepared for all these areas and following extensive surveying of rivers and hydraulic modelling – these maps which were on public display for comments or submissions until the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 are prepared so as to gather all possible information from local sources and communities and to identify and prioritise the most feasible solutions to managing Ireland's flood risk.

The next stage of the project, which is currently ongoing, is the optioneering phase whereby various options to protect against flooding are assessed under the criteria of technical, economic, environmental and social feasibility. It is anticipated that public consultation on this phase of the project will take place in Q1 of 2016. The feasible options will then be examined further with the preferred option set out in the flood management plan.

In the event of instances of flooding which do not fall within the extents of the areas of further assessment, these are assessed on an individual basis. Subject to qualifying criteria, funding applications can be made to the Office of Public Works Minor Works Scheme for funding and if approved, assessments on the causes of the flooding and/or construction of the identified flood prevention measures can be carried out.

As the Members will be aware the Council has been working closely with local communities and the OPW to address particular flooding issues in Northlands Estate Bettystown and at a number of locations in Ashbourne and with solutions proposed being the subject of a Part 8 Planning process. The Council also works with



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Communities and individual landowners in addressing flooding issues on local roads and generally as part of the roadwork's programme.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**, and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**, was unanimously adopted.

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan**

*"I call on all my Council colleagues with immediate effect that any planning applications of a large industrial nature and size, if applied for over a holiday period i.e. Christmas, Easter or Summer will have an extended observation/submission timeframe to allow public consultation and awareness. This to include the existing application on behalf of Irish Cement."*

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

Section 251 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015 states:

*"Where calculating any appropriate period or other time limit referred to in this Act or in any regulations made under the Act the period between the 24th day of December and the first day of January, both days inclusive, shall be disregarded ."*

Planning Authorities are bound to process planning applications in compliance with the time periods set out in the Planning and Development Act and the Planning Regulations. The Council has no discretion in this matter.

In practice the facility sought by Cllr. Keogan is already in place as the 9 days over the Christmas period are discounted when calculating any timeframe with the planning code.

Irish Cement lodged a planning application with Meath Co. Council on 26th November. The last day for receipt of submissions from the public and interested parties is 8th January 2016 which is 5 weeks and 9 days from the date the application was lodged.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**.

Following a debate on the matter and advice from Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, **Councillor Paddy Meade** proposed an amendment i.e. *"to write to the Minister seeking a review of the observation/submission timeframes with regard to future planning applications in relation to waste management.*

The amended motion, which was seconded by **Councillor Keogan**, unanimously agreed.



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### 9.7 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

*Given the serious threat posed by global warming to the planet, that Meath County Council will play a small part in promoting a more environmentally friendly vehicle fleet. That Meath County Council will communicate with the relevant authorities to allow electric cars use bus lanes in the county, to allow electric cars free parking in the county and to allow electric cars free tolls in the county for a period of three years / Mar gheall ar an mbagairt tromchúiseach ag téama domhanda i leith an phláinéid go nglacfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí ról beag agus flít feithiclí níos neamhdhíobálaí don chomhshaol a chur chun cinn. Go rachaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí i dteagmháil leis na húdaráis leasmhara chun go ligfar do charranna leictreacha úsáid a bhaint as na lánáí bus, chun go ligfar do charranna leictreacha páirceáil saor in aisce sa chontae agus chun nach gá do charranna leictreacha tollaí a íoc sa chontae ar tréimhse trí bliana.*

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

The Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future Policy 2009 -2020 set ambitious targets in relation to increased use of electric vehicles and included some incentives and complimentary measures to help deliver the required change e.g. the provision of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles which Meath County Council (MCC) has supported and facilitated. Responsibility for emissions reduction is a collective one and the Council is aware that at a national level legislation it is being advanced, which will require that GHG emissions are addressed through a National Mitigation Plan. This plan will incorporate input from the key sectors of electricity generation, built environment, agriculture and transport and will seek to put in place the necessary mitigation measures for meeting the long-term policy objectives of a low carbon economy by 2050. It is also noted that the Minister of Communication, Energy and Natural Resources and the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport have put in place an interdepartmental group to specifically consider measures to incentivise the use of electric vehicles to take advantage of the charging infrastructure that has been put in place across the country. Meath County Council is supportive of such measures and will assist where possible to facilitate them. However, it is noted that any proposal in relation to amending bye-laws for tolls on National Roads is beyond the control of Meath County Council.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** was noted.

Having considered the supporting information, **Councillor Ferguson** requested that a letter would be written to the NTA requesting free tolls for electric cars.



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### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

*"Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in-conjunction with Comreg to introduce a Universal Service Obligation (USO) for Functional Internet Access (FIA) of not less than 2Mbits until the National Broadband Scheme is fully implemented."*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, was unanimously adopted.

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*"Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors to support my motion of writing to Irish Water and asking this company to provide landline numbers for customers instead of the current 1890 448 448 numbers which can end up costing the customer a lot of money they don't have."*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Nicholas Killian**.

Following a debate on the matter, an amendment to the motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** i.e.

*"to call on Irish Water to display clearly the landline number and the low call number on bills issued to customers."*

**Councillor Forde** agreed with the amendment and the motion was unanimously adopted.

### **9.10 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

*"That this Council would write to Minister for Agriculture and to all Midlands North West MEPs that they would support a call for flexibility in relation to the implementation of the Nitrates Directive, particularly in light of the changing and challenging weather patterns / Go scríobhfaidh an Chomhairle seo chuig an Aire Talmhaíochta agus chuig na FPE Lár na Tíre Thiar Thuaidh chun go dtacóidh siad le éileamh ar sholúpthacht maidir le chur chun feidhme Treoir na Níotráit, go háirithe leis na patrúin aimsire dúshlánach atá i bhfeidhm sa tír seo."*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Darren O' Rourke** was unanimously adopted.



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### **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 Construction

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

Noted by the Councillors.

### **11 Any Other Business**

**Councillor Wayne Forde** asked for an update on the slipways re the river Boyne and **Councillor Tom Kelly** asked for information on the Francis Ledwidge centenary celebrations. It was noted that the information requested was available in the Chief Executive's report.