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### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***1<sup>st</sup> February 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, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

**Apologies:** Councillors Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly

#### **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:** Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan, Ger Murphy, David Jones

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

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

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

No matters arising



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

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of Nell Jones, Railway Street, Navan, a former employee in the Library Service.
- The family of Leo Smyth, a former employee of the Council.
- Conor Tormey, former Councillor, on the death of his brother Christopher Tormey.

Congratulations were extended to:

- The staff who prepared the comprehensive submission in relation to the Drogheda Boundary Review.
- Ciarán Mangan and all staff involved in the launch of the Meath Centenary Programme to commemorate the 1916 Rising.
- All concerned with the Facebook Data Centre launch in Dunboyne Castle Hotel.
- The Meath Senior Football team on winning the O' Byrne Cup.
- Curraha and Ratoath GAA clubs on their recent success.
- Councillor Sarah Reilly on the birth of her baby.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Corporate Services**

- 4.1.1 To note the result of plebiscite taken in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Local Government Act 1946, to change the name of Broadmeadow Street (otherwise known as Broadmeadow Castle) Ashbourne to Thomas Ashe Street.

Des Foley, Director of Services, informed the meeting that, following the taking of the plebiscite, there was not a majority of the qualified electors in favour of the proposed name change to Thomas Ashe Street. It was noted that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Ashbourne Municipal District.

- 4.1.2 To note Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2016.



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Des Foley, Director of Services, informed that the Annual Service Delivery Plan must be adopted by the Council. Following a number of points made by Councillors, it was agreed to defer it for adoption at the March meeting.

### 5 Reports

#### 5.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Cathaoirleach advised that an emergency motion had been put forward by **Councillor Nick Killian** and it was agreed that it would be considered at his time. The motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan** i.e.

*“Given that the Housing capital allocation for 2015 to 2017 is almost exhausted, the Members of Meath County Council call on the Minister for Environment Community and Local Government, to provide an adequate capital allocation for the construction and acquisition of social housing, in order to help meet the chronic housing need in the county”*

Following a lengthy debate on the matter **Councillor Ronan McKenna** proposed an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by the **Cathaoirleach Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**.

Barry Lynch, Director of Services, provided responses to the issues raised by Councillors during the debate and noted that the Council had made an application for €61m. in 2015 and had received €24.8m. to date. It was noted that a meeting with the DoECLG would take place on 9th February to review all the housing issues in the county.

The amended motion i.e.

*“Given that the Housing Capital Allocation for 2015 to 2017 is almost exhausted, the Members of Meath County Council call on the Minister for the Environment Community and Local Government, to provide an adequate capital allocation for the construction and acquisition of social housing, in order to help meet the chronic housing need in the county and to provide an explanation on why the recent announcement by the Minister did not include any approvals for the provision of additional social housing units for County Meath”* was unanimously adopted.

With regard to the Chief Executive's report, other issues raised by Councillors included speed limits in housing estates and concerns regarding resurfacing and remediation works in certain parts of the county. Responses were provided by the Chief Executive and the Management Team.



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Des Foley, Director of Services, provided an update on the Drogheda Boundary Review and noted that 400 submissions had been received by the closing date of 21st January. The meeting was informed that the submissions would be available on the dedicated website and that hard copies of both the Meath and Louth submission had been circulated. It was noted that a follow-up meeting with the Boundary Committee would take place on the 12th February and a briefing session would be held in advance of this meeting on Friday 5th February at 9.00a.m. in the Council Chamber.

### 5.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Corporate Policy Group reviewed the agenda for the full Council meeting and received information on the particulars of some items. The CPG also received an update and noted reports from the following SPC meetings: Planning Economic Development & Enterprise held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and Housing Community and Cultural held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

### 5.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

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 Protocol Committee noted correspondence received from the Meath Associations of London and New York, extending invitations to the Cathaoirleach and Councillors to attend St. Patrick's Day celebrations. It was agreed to recommend that a delegation would travel to New York and London to give support to the work of the Meath Associations in both cities.

The committee also discussed the establishment of an Irish Language Committee, which was approved at a recent meeting of the Housing Community and Cultural SPC. It was agreed to recommend that the committee would comprise: 6 Councillors, 2 Staff members and a number of interested people from the community.

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

## 6 Correspondence

### 6.1 Circular Letter WP 01/16 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Amendment to Waste Permit Regulations 2007 to provide for new household kerbside waste collection measures.

Noted by the Councillors. A lengthy debate took place on the implication of the



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amendment to the Regulations on the public in terms of waste collection costs, illegal dumping etc.

### 6.2 2016 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations.

Noted by the Councillors

## **7 Notice of Question**

### **7.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“Can Meath County Council provide figures for the number of litter fines issued during 2015, the number of fines paid, prosecutions taken and a breakdown of these figures between individuals and businesses. What was the total amount spent by the Council in 2015 in litter control and prevention? How many dog fouling fines were issued and how many were paid?”*

#### **Response**

In 2015, Meath County Council received a total of 1086 litter and illegal waste disposal complaints and while 925 of these were originally recorded as litter within the meaning of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 -2009, some were subsequently dealt with under the Waste Management Acts, having regard to the nature and volumes of materials discovered on investigation of the complaints by the Litter Warden or the Environment Enforcement Staff.

In total, 363 Litter fines were issued of which 112 were paid and with the balance either waived, written off or are still the subject of ongoing proceedings – it is pointed out that the payment rate of fines at circa 31% is similar to that of many other counties. The policy in relation to the waiver or write off of fines is as set out in a response to a similar Notice of Question submitted to the March 2015 Council Meeting. Of the 363 litter fines, 324 were issued to individuals and 39 to businesses.

In addition to the ongoing proceedings under the Litter Acts, the Council opened over 80 new illegal waste deposition files in 2015 under the Waste Management Acts and some of these are now the subject of legal proceedings in the Courts. There are 6 major waste cases the subject of High Court Proceedings two of which are the subject of both Civil and Criminal Proceedings.

While the primary legislation in relation to the control of dogs is the Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended, offences in relation to dog fouling are contained in the Litter Pollution Acts 1997- 2003 and specifically under Section 22 which makes it an offence to



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allow a dog under your control to foul a public place. Of the aforementioned 363 litter fines issued, 5 were in respect of Dog Fouling of which just 1 was paid. While Dog Fouling is the subject of many complaints to the Environment Department, and fines can be issued, the levels of proof of ownership and the reluctance of witnesses to give evidence in any subsequent Court proceedings makes it extremely difficult to secure convictions.

As Councillors will recall, the Litter Management Plan 2015 -2017 was adopted at the October Meeting of the Council. This plan provides for a series of objectives and actions designed to eradicate the problem that is litter and includes enhanced education and awareness activities in many areas and including the dangers presented by dog fouling.

As stated in the Litter Management Plan, the Council spent circa €2.4 million on litter management throughout the County in 2014 of which €1.240 million was spent on street sweeping related services and €200,000 on litter prevention and awareness initiatives and staff costs. It is understood costs for 2015 were substantially similar.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*“In relation to flood risk areas, where necessary, is Meath County Council willing to work with the OPW to secure demountable barriers?”*

#### **Response**

As was set out in reports presented at a number of recent Council meetings, the OPW is currently managing the Catchment 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. Draft flood extents maps have been produced for these AFA's, with the Council providing the OPW with information relevant to each of the AFA's within our possession.

The current phase of the CFRAM project is the optioneering phase whereby various options to protect against flooding in each AFA are assessed under the criteria of technical, economic, environmental and social feasibility. These options can include minimal measures such as maintenance of a river channel or could involve the construction of permanent flood defences or demountable structures including barriers. Each AFA is being assessed for the most appropriate options for that area.



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It is anticipated that public consultation on this phase of the project will take place in Q1 of 2016, with consultation dates being published in the near future. The feasible options will then be examined further with the preferred option set out in the draft flood management plan which is scheduled for publication during 2016.

Meath County Council has worked with the OPW since the commencement of the CFRAM project and a strong working relationship has been established with them to provide an appropriate and feasible solution basis in respect of different flooding issues on a case by case basis whether for construction of embankments, widening of channels, demountable structures etc. Councillors will be aware of the co-operation between the Council and the OPW on proposed flood relief schemes for Northlands Drogheda and in Ashbourne, where proposals recommended by Consultants have been agreed with the OPW and have progressed or about to progress through the Part 8 Planning process.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **7.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“With reference to the Control of Litter Act and due to increases in illegal dumping of household waste, is the Litter Warden the only member of Meath Co. Council staff that can sift through waste looking for evidence to enable a successful prosecution?”*

#### **Response**

The Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2009 imposes an obligation on Local Authorities to take all practicable measures for the prevention, control and disposal of litter in its functional area, including the authorisation of such persons to perform litter related functions on behalf of the local authority. This is the basis for the appointment of Litter Wardens by Meath County Council and all other Local Authorities.

In Meath, various Officials have been authorised to carry out Litter Control duties and this includes one full time and one part time (shared with Dog control duties) Litter Wardens who work closely with authorised officers under the Waste Management Acts in investigating litter and illegal dumping complaints. The Litter Wardens, in addition to their investigative duties, also work closely with the Environmental Education Awareness Officers in engaging with various residents' associations, community groups and schools in promoting co-operation and assistance in dealing with litter related issues at local level as well as increasing awareness and enforcement.

The Litter Act allows such authorised persons or the Gardaí to issue on-the-spot fines of €150 and if the case goes to court a maximum fine of €4000 can be imposed. The Courts



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may also require a person convicted to pay the local authority's costs and expenses in investigating the offence and any costs incurred in bringing the prosecution.

Most complaints about incidences of littering come by way of phone calls, e-mails or from other social media channels from members of the public and, in most cases, such complaints come after the offenders have departed the scene. In order not to put members of the public through the inconvenience of having to give evidence in court, complainants are encouraged, should they encounter bags dumped and notice evidence in litter, to leave it in situ for presentation to an authorised officer so that photographic evidence and documents can be removed by litter warden for enforcement proceedings.

Where the complainant witnesses littering or dumping first hand, they are asked to give a statement setting out the pertinent details and may be required to go to Court where the charge is contested.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **7.4 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll**

*“The introduction of new special speed limits has been mooted for April 2017. The delay for some locations which have been identified through carried motions as needing a special speed limit will be as long as 9 years. What mechanisms are available to the council to bring forward the implementation of new special speed limits identified as being of greater importance? “*

#### **Response**

At the Transport SPC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 the proposed Speed Limit Review for the County was discussed in some detail. Meath County Council had originally proposed to have a single bye-law for the county ready for April 2017. The SPC asked the Council to re-examine this proposal, particularly in relation to the 30kph speed limit proposed for housing estates (in effect a similar question to that in this NoQ regarding higher priorities). On foot of this, the Transportation Department amended its proposals to allow for an additional bye-law to be introduced in 2016. This Bye-law will implement a 30kph speed limit within all appropriate Meath County Council owned estates and approximately 50 estates which have been taken in charge by Meath County Council for which specific concerns have been raised to date as part of the public consultation process that the Council undertook in 2014 / 2015.

The Transport department of Meath County Council has commenced drafting a Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Housing Estates Bye-Law, which it hopes to have in place for the third quarter of 2016.





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The full County review will also continue with regard to drafting the April 2017 Special Speed Limit Bye-Law for County Meath.

*Meath County Council would also hope to update the 2016 30 km/h Housing Estate SSL Bye-Law to take into account any additional estates which may be highlighted following on from 2016 Bye-Law public consultation. This will then be issued as a separate combined 2017 Meath Housing Estate Bye-Law.*

Beyond 2017, the speed limit bye laws will be reviewed and amended on a periodic basis to include further housing estates in the County and take account of other updates.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **7.5 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke**

*“To ask the Chief Executive for the total 2015 spend on emergency accommodation; for a breakdown of the number of bed nights spent in emergency accommodation per Municipal District and per family / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach an méid iomlán a chaitheadh ar lóistín éigeandála sa bhliain 2015 a léiriú agus miondealú maidir leis an méid oícheanta a chaitheadh i lóistín éigeandála de réir Bardais agus clainne?”*

#### **Response**

The total expenditure on emergency accommodation for 2015 was €551,729.

Data regarding the number of bed nights spent in emergency accommodation per Municipal District and per family is not readily available. However, data which is available at County level is provided.

One hundred and ninety nine households required an emergency accommodation placement in 2015, including 158 single/couple household units and 41 families. The table below provides an analysis of the various household compositions placed in emergency accommodation for the period January – December 2015, and the corresponding duration of time in emergency accommodation for each household type.



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#### Distribution of Emergency Accommodation Placement by Household Composition & Duration of Placement (January – December 2015)

	2 Adults & 4+ Children	2 Adults & 3 Children	2 Adults & 2 Children	2 Adults & 1 Children	1 Adults & 4 Children	1 Adult & 3 Children	1 Adult & 1 Child	2 Adults	1 Adult Male	1 Adult Female
Number	6	5	7	5	2	7	9	13	116	29
(%)	(3.0%)	(2.5%)	(3.5%)	(2.5%)	(1.0%)	(3.5%)	(4.5%)	(6.5%)	(58.4%)	(14.6%)
1 week or less	1			2	1		1	1	25	8
>1 week to 2 weeks		1	1	1	1			2	11	6
>2 weeks to 3 weeks		1					2		13	2
>3 weeks to 4 weeks							1	2	21	3
>4 weeks to 5 weeks				1			1	2	13	1
>5 weeks to 6 weeks		1	1	1			1		6	2
>6 weeks to 7 weeks	1		1					1	5	
>7 weeks to 8 weeks		1	2			1	1	1	2	2
>8 weeks to 9 weeks		1				1		1	2	1
>9 weeks to 10 weeks							1	1	4	
>10 weeks to 15 weeks	1		1			2	1	2	10	3
>15 to 20 weeks	2		1			1			4	1
>20 to 30 weeks	1					2				
>30 weeks to 40 weeks										

Noted by the Councillors.



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### **7.6 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden**

*“Do Meath County Council and/or Transport Infrastructure Ireland carry out any traffic surveys on the R161 to measure traffic flows to the M3? If so, does the data support a slip-road to the M3 from the R161? If no data exists can a survey be carried out to determine if there is a need for a slip-road to the M3 from the R161? Do surveys take into account vehicle type, route and road suitability?”*

#### **Response**

A junction on the Trim road to service Navan was considered as part of the M3 Motorway Scheme. However, it was found that it did not have sufficient capacity to cater for the predicted traffic volumes. Therefore, two new dual carriageway links were recommended to be provided to serve the town. It is noted, however, that the design of the Kilcarn Link did have regard for a future link to be provided between it and the R161 Trim Road. The Navan development Plan 2009-2015 includes an indicative alignment for this link road known as LDR1(b.).

Noted by the Councillors.

## **8 Notice of Motion**

### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“That Meath County Council pursue an active twinning policy with regard to a Council or region in Northern Ireland as a means of reconciliation in this historic year and for the future of our island.”*

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

The county programme to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Rising will be launched on 28<sup>th</sup> January and includes a wide range of activities and civic events to be held across the county.

It is also noted that a national programme of events is planned for this historic year in which Ireland remembers the sacrifices of people at the Somme during World War I and the 1916 Rising in Dublin, both pivotal events in the birth of modern Ireland.

As well as it being a year of commemorations in Ireland, it is also the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Sister Cities International by President Eisenhower. The Irish Sister Cities programme incorporates the whole of the island of Ireland and to mark this anniversary there will be a gathering of Sister Cities in Dublin from the 21-24 April,



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2016. The summit in April will offer an opportunity to redefine city agendas and engage in networking with a view to exploring the development of future twinning agreements. Protocol relating to formal Sister Cities twinning and informal twinning arrangements is a matter for the Protocol Committee and it is intended to prepare a revised protocol to take into account the new local government structures.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**. Following a show of hands vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson**

*“That Meath County Council, in order to improve access to our public amenity, would provide funding for the provision of all-terrain beach wheelchairs and associated works at beaches in the county / Go maoinoidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí cathaoireacha rothaí uile tír-raon a chur ar fáil do thránna an chontae agus oibreacha ábhartha chun rochtain d’ár dtaitneamhacht phoiblí a fheabhsú.”*

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

As Councillors are aware, the Council has appointed Consultants to prepare a draft Beach Management Plan for a section of the coast from the Mouth of the River Nanny to the sea wall at Mornington. The plan seeks to provide for improvements to the main existing beach access in Bettystown, including access for disabled persons and pedestrians, as well as new beach facilities which will serve to enhance the enjoyment of all users when visiting the amenity.

It is confirmed that due consideration will be given to the provision of all terrain wheelchairs, the associated storage requirements and other works as part of the plan preparation process.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Darren O’ Rourke** was unanimously adopted.

### **8.3 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“That Meath County Council requests the Government to reconsider and grant a public holiday this year to remember the rising of 1916.”*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**. Following a show of hands vote, the motion was defeated. Result: For = 11, Against: 13



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### **8.4 Submitted by Councillors Sharon Keogan & Trevor Golden**

*“We call on the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Paschal Donohoe, to consider measures such as tax relief and/or direct incentives through operators on toll charges within the county of Meath to offset the burden of the unparalleled number of tolls in the county.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna** was unanimously adopted.

### **8.5 Submitted by the Meath Independent Technical Group**

*“Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Transport with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to revise the policy and funding regarding Winter Gritting Routes to address the inadequacies of the current system whereby population centres can be excluded due to the designation of roads. Routes to population centres above a reasonable threshold should be prioritised regardless of road designation.”*

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

Meath County Council salts over 580km. of roads across 10 routes in the county each time icy roads are predicted. All National Primary (100km/h – Priority 1), all National Secondary (80km/h – Priority 1) and approx. 80% of all Regional Routes (80km/h – Priority 1/2) are salted. Approximately 15% (by length) of all roads in the county are treated. The M1 (Dublin - Belfast), M2 (Ashbourne By-Pass), M3 (Clonee - Kells) and M4 (Dublin -Sligo - Galway) are taken care of by private entities. The NRA provides full funding to the Council for the salting of the National Road network. There is, however, no central funding for the Non-National (Regional & Local) Road Network. The Council makes limited resources available from its maintenance funds towards the salting of the regional routes. The Council’s resources are fully utilised at present and the only way to add a new route to the Winter Maintenance Plan is to drop an existing route. Meath County Council is not in a position to increase resources or to drop an existing route. However, Meath County Council carries out full reviews during and at the end of each season for the preparation of the following seasons Network.

The Salting Network is agreed with Councillors and represents the best prioritised extent of coverage based on road classification, historic weather data, available funding and resources. A map of the salting routes is available on the Council’s website [www.meath.ie](http://www.meath.ie).



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The Transportation SPC has proposed to set up a sub group to consider the terms of reference for a review of winter maintenance policy on a county-wide basis to inform any proposed changes to the current gritting routes.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

Following a debate on the motion **Councillor Enda Flynn** proposed that the words '*and schools*' would be inserted after '*population centres*'; this was agreed and the motion was unanimously adopted.

### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*“Can I call on the support of my fellow councillors in Meath for the Executive to write to Eirgrid, the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, and our Government Party Deputies in Meath regarding our total opposition to Eirgrid's plans on erecting up to 160 overhead pylons across County Meath.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** was unanimously adopted.

### 8.7 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

*“That the members of Meath County Council believe the planning process for the North South Interconnector is deeply flawed and that, as presently configured, it completely fails to take account of the unique cross-border, project of common interest nature of the proposal; call on Ministers Alex White and Mark H. Durkan to immediately review this planning process and to consider establishing an All-Ireland Planning Tribunal to comprehensively assess the impact of the proposed development on an island-wide basis / Go gcreideann baill Chomhairle Chontae na Mí go bhfuil an próiséas pleanála don Idirnascaire Thuaidh Theas lánlochtach agus mar atá sé cúmraithe faoi láthair, teipeann air go huile 's go hiomlán aird a thabhairt ar an tionscadail leithleach trasteorannach chomhshuim a bhaineann leis an togra; go nglaofaimid ar na hAirí Alex White agus Mark H. Durkan athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an bpróiséas pleanála agus smaoiniamh ar Bhinse Pleanála Uile-Éireannach a bhunú chun measúnú cuimsitheach a dhéanamh ar thionchar an bhforbraíocht molta ar bhunús uile-oileanda.”*

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



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### 8.8 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

*“This Council calls on the Irish Government Minister for Heritage Heather Humphreys TD to intervene immediately to halt the current works on the historic Moore Street 1916 terrace, which involve the virtual destruction of Number 18, the inappropriate encroachment on the National Monument 14-17 and the potential demolition of the remaining buildings on the terrace (10-25), based on the plan of the previous developer Chartered Land.*

*We call on the Minister to work with the 1916 relatives and all relevant stakeholders to implement a new plan which would conserve and develop the terrace 10-25 and create an historic 1916 quarter, and not allow such shameful destruction in the Centenary of the Easter Rising to continue /*

*Glaonn an Chomhairle ar an Aire Oidhreachta Heather Humphreys idirgabháil a dhéanamh láithreach chun stad a chur le oibreacha reatha ar an ardán stairiúil 1916 Shráid an Mhúraigh a scriosfaidh Uimhir 18 beag ná mór agus a dhéanfaidh cúngach mídhleathúil ar an Séadchomhartha Náisiúnta 14-17 agus scartáil ionchasach ar na foirgnimh eile ar an ardán (10-25) má leanfar leo, bunaithe ar phlean an iar-fhorbróra Chartered Land.*

*Glaoidimid ar an Aire plé a dhéanamh leis na gaolta 1916 agus na páirtithe leasmhara ábhartha go léir chun plean nua a chur le chéile a chaomhnódh agus a dhéanfaidh forbairt ar an ardán 10-25 agus a chruthódh ceantar stairiúil 1916, agus gan ligint don scriosadh náireach sa bhliain Chomórachd Chéad Bhliain an Éirí Amach leanúint ar aghaidh.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** was adopted following a show of hands vote. Result: For: 18, Against: 2, Abstained : 3

### 8.9 Submitted by Eimear Ferguson

*“Meath County Council calls on the Department of the Environment to provide supports to incentivise the installation of rainwater harvesting systems in all new developments / Glaonn Comhairle Chontae na Mí ar an Roinn Comhshaoil tacaíocht a chur ar fáil maidir le daoine a dhreasú corais bhailiú báistí a suiteáil i ngach forbraíocht nua.”*

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



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- 9.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation
- 9.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment
- 9.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing Construction
- 9.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

Noted by the Councillors

### **10 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies**

- 10.1 Presentation by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Anne-Marie Russell and Joanna Joyce (Advocacy Officer, Alzheimer Society of Ireland) made a presentation on the work of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, and particularly the work at the centre in Navan. The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the valuable work of the Navan Centre and the presentation was noted by the Councillors.

### **11 Any Other Business**

**Councillor Ronan McKenna** proposed a vote of congratulations to the Councillors contesting the forthcoming General Election. The Cathaoirleach, on behalf of all Councillors, also wished the candidates every success with their campaign to become members of Dáil Éireann.