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### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Council Chamber***

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

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

#### **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 Finance**

5.1.1 To receive Draft Annual Financial Statement 2015.

5.1.2 To approve (i) revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 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.

5.1.3 To receive in accordance with Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2015, a report on schedule of uncollected rates.

##### **5.2 Corporate Services**

5.2.1 To adopt the proposal to name the bridge over the M3 near Dunshaughin on Dunsany/Killleen Road the "James Fox bridge" (as agreed by the Ratoath MD Councillors)



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- 5.2.2 To adopt the proposal to name the roundabout close to the GAA grounds in Ashbourne the “Thomas Ashe roundabout” (as agreed by the Ashbourne MD Councillors)
- 5.2.3 To adopt the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2016.
- 5.2.4 To agree adjustments to Meath Arts Centre Ltd Memorandum and Articles of Association in line with New Companies Act 2014 and general Arts Council/Charity Regularity Authority recommendations.

### **5.3 Planning**

- 5.3.1 Variation 3 – County Development Plan: Having considered the proposed variation together with Chief Executive’s report on submissions, if thought fit to resolve to make the variation or to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendations with or without further modification, or to refuse to make the variation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000- 2015. (as considered by the Planning Economic Development and Enterprise SPC)

### **5.4 Community**

- 5.4.1 To adopt the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2022.
- 5.4.2 To receive the Annual Report 2015 for the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) as required by the Local Government Act 2001 S128B(1)(i) as amended by the Local Government Act 2014.

## **6 Reports**

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



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### 7 Correspondence

### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

*“Can I ask has there been any more consultation with An Bord Pleanála by Meath County Council in relation to a reapplication for the Slane Bypass?”*

#### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

*“In light of the unacceptable conditions of the roads in our County, in particular those in North Meath, can the Chief Executive please explain why Meath County Council applied for only €1million from the Department of Transport severe weather fund of €106million, from which County Meath has been approved for €400k?”*

#### 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*“Can I ask the Executive to confirm that there is no Call Vetting going on within the Meath Fire and Rescue service within Co Meath?”*

#### 8.4 Submitted by Eimear Ferguson

*“To ask if the Planners at Meath County Council share the concerns of the Irish Planning Institute regarding the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2015 / Ceist a chur ar pleanálaithe Chomhairle Chingse na Mí an roinneadh siad imní Institiúid Pleanála na hÉireann maidir leis An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú), 2015?”*

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2016/0221/769737-ministerial-planning-powers/>

### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Fianna Fáil Group

*“The Fianna Fáil groups calls on Meath County Council to ban German Shepherds, Rottweiller, Bull Terriers, Bull Mastiffs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, Dobermans, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Japanese Tosa and Japanese Akita, or any strain or cross of these breeds from housing estates and public parks in Meath.”*



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### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*“Considering the limited availability of suitable burial spaces and burial grounds, and taking into account the growing trend whereby we see that approximately 10% of funeral services in Meath now choose cremation, I ask if Meath County Council would explore the possibility of providing, on an appropriate site at a Navan graveyard, a Columbarium Wall, in which families could then place the cremated remains of their deceased loved ones?”*

### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“I call on Meath County Council to introduce a Bye-Law which prohibits Sulky road racing in the interest of road safety and animal welfare.”*

### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian**

*“That Meath County Council’s Public Lighting Section will in future, communicate with Residents’ Associations and or Residents in Housing Estates throughout the county prior to felling trees adjacent or within 7 metres of a public lighting standard.”*

### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*“Can I call on my fellow Councillors to support my motion for the Council to ensure all road signs welcoming people to Meath, speed signs, dangerous traffic bends ahead, stop signs, and slow down signs are all cleaned on a regular basis for easy visibility and for public safety.”*

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Sinead Burke**

*“That this Council will carry out a thorough safety audit on the conditions allowing Meath school children safe passage to their schools. Working with the local schools, this audit will examine traffic management, set down areas and if appropriate, pedestrian crossings. The findings of this work, will also inform any future planning applications for schools, ensuring that any new schools planned for Meath have safe and effective traffic management plans for the safety of both pupils, staff and parents / Go ndéanfaidh an Chomhairle seo iniúchadh slándála iomlán ar na choinníollacha lena ligtear do pháistí scoile dul ar scoil go slán sábhailte. Ag obair leis na scoileanna áitiúla déanfar imscrúdú*



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*ar bhainistíocht tráchta, limistéir thuirlingthe agus, más cuí, trasrianta coisithe leis an iniúchadh seo. Beidh torthaí na hoibre seo mar eolas d'iarratais pleanála scoileanna sa toadhchá, ionas go gcinnteofar go mbeidh pleananna bhainistíocht tráchta slána éifeachtacha ag aon scoil nua beartaithe ar mhaithe sláinte na ndaltaí, na foirne agus na dtuismitheoirí."*

### 9.7 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke

*"That all Elected Members of Meath County Council will join together and put on the Meath jersey and attend a symbolic protest at the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in Dublin to highlight the lack of funding for our county and to demonstrate our collective frustration / Go bhfreastalóidh na baill tofa Chomhairle Chontae na Mí go léir, mar gníomh dlúthpháirtíochta, ar agóid siombalach ag an Roinn Chomhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil i mBaile Átha Cliath ar mhaithe le béim a chur ar an easpa maoinithe a thugtar don chontae seo agus ar gcomhfhustrachas a léiriú."*

### 9.8 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*"Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors to support my motion of writing to Central Government, regarding seeking extra funds for the provision of speed ramps and other traffic calming measures within our housing estates for public safety in County Meath."*

### 9.9 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

*"That the members of Meath County Council support the introduction of a 10% tax increase on sugar sweetened drinks and call on the Minister of Finance to introduce this at the earliest possible juncture. That if passed this motion be circulated to all other County Councils asking for their support."*

### 9.10 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

*"The members of Meath County Council call on the Minister of Health, to reverse the decision to locate the National Children's Hospital at St. James' Hospital and locate the new Children's Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown.*

*The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion and easier access to major transport networks. Along with extensive parking, co-location with Connolly Hospital*



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*and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital, this will be cheaper and faster to build compared to the St. James' site."*

### **9.11 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

*"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to prioritise the reintroduction of a Motorised Transportation Grant."*

### **9.12 Submitted by Eimear Ferguson**

*"In the interest of safety on roads surrounding train stations, I call on this Council to write to Iarnród Éireann seeking the scrapping of car park charges for commuters purchasing monthly, bi-annual and annual tickets / Ar mhaithe na sláinte ar na bóithre thart timpeall ar stáisiúin traenach, éilím ar an gComhairle seo scríobh chuig Iarnród Éireann deireadh a chur le fineálacha páirceála do chomaitéirí a cheannaíonn siad ticéid míosúla, leathbhliantúla agus bliantúla."*

## **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

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

11.1 Presentation on the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work

## **12 Any Other Business**

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