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Ordinary Meeting

4th April 2016, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 7th March 2016.
- 1.2 Confirmation of Special Meeting held on 14th March, 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 Corporate Services

- 5.1.1 To receive the Audit Committee's Annual Report, 2015.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 Section 85 Agreement Between Meath County Council and Westmeath County Council and Eirgrid PLC for the administration of the Eirgrid Community Gain Fund for the Mullingar Reinforcement Project in the jurisdiction of Westmeath County Council and Meath County Council, as agreed at Trim Municipal District.
- 5.2.2 The provision of a guarantee under S66(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 for lands at Athboy Cowpark, as agreed at Kells Municipal District.

5.3 Transportation

- 5.3.1 To note the upcoming Part 8 for the N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 Road Scheme (as



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discussed at the Navan and Laytown/Bettystown MD Meetings in January 2016).

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 Correspondence from Mark H. Durkan, Minister of the Environment, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland in response to Notice of Motion 8.7 adopted at the February meeting of the Full Council re. North South Interconnector.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Alex White, Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in response to Notice of Motion 8.7 adopted at the February meeting of the Full Council re. North South Interconnector.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to Notice of Motion 8.5 adopted at the February meeting of the Full Council re. Winter Gritting Routes.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport in response to Notice of Motion 9.8 adopted at the March meeting of the Full Council re. extra funds for the provision of speed ramps and other traffic calming measures within housing estates for public safety in County Meath.
- 7.5 National Transport Authority – Re. Sustainable Transport Measures Programme 2016.
- 7.6 Invitation to submit views on the development of Ireland's first statutory National Climate Change Adaptation Framework (NAF).

8 Notice of Question

- 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**



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“Can I ask the Executive of Meath Co Council to confirm if they are considering taking on more outdoor staff, and employing more Gateway staff, permanently, as they are doing tremendous work around County Meath?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’ Connor

“Can the executive provide (a) details of current staff levels/ functions in each of the six Municipal Districts and (b) outline its plans for proactive training of replacement staff in advance of current staff retirements?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Can the housing section confirm that a tenant on the HAP Scheme whose landlord does not renew their lease will be entitled to access emergency accommodation support if they need it?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Darren O’Rourke

“To ask for information on the number of individuals and families who have presented to the Settlement Officers in the first three months of 2016, and how many required emergency accommodation and how these figures compare to the same period in 2013, 2014 and 2015?”

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“Can Meath County Council provide information with regard to progress of the renewable energy plan as agreed by motion of Meath County council?”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald

“Meath County Council fully endorses the 1916 Rising as being the most significant event in our history that paved the way to our independence, and rescinds a previous motion adopted in 1916, however well meaning, that was critical of the Rising. The Council further pledges, in honour of these brave, courageous, idealistic and sincere men and women, to do everything in its power, where possible, to help reconcile any differences that exist between the various traditions on the island of Ireland. Furthermore, this Council calls on all local authorities on the island to do likewise and



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ensure that the need for arms will never again be considered to advance the cause of Ireland."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

"That Meath County Council as part of its next County Development Plan include a ban on fast food outlets that sell foods high in fat, salt and sugar from within 400 metres of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre."

9.3 Submitted by Ratoath Municipal District Councillors

"We urgently call on the Council to address the staff shortage at all levels in the Ratoath Municipal District by recruiting additional staff or redeploying staff from another area."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"That Meath County Council leads by example in supporting animal welfare and agrees to ban all circuses using wild animals in any capacity for entertainment purposes in any area controlled by Meath County Council. This Council calls on the government to consider a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses in Ireland as proposed in other European Countries."

9.5 Submitted by Ratoath Municipal District Councillors

"The Ratoath Municipal District Councillors unanimously disagree with the site which has been identified for an M3 Motorway Service Area by Halcrow Barry Consultants working on behalf of Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The preferred site is situated west of the M3 between Derrockstown Road and Raynestown Road, in the townlands of Mill Land, Derrockstown and Raynestown, approximately 4km south of Dunshaughlin. We are very unhappy that Halcrow Barry have failed to address our concerns in relation to this project. We call on Meath County Council to write to TII stating our dissatisfaction with this project to date & to ask them to address the concerns of the local Councillors who are living in the vicinity of this proposed project."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council support the case to the NTA for a transport service between Buvinda House and Railway Street, Navan, for staff and customers of Meath County Council."



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9.7 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council’s Chief Executive considers the employment of an architect on Council staff to provide a faster service for the provision of affordable housing and improve design standards of our urban spaces.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Paddy Meade

“This Council requests that provision be made for new canal bye-laws via a dedicated Canal Bill during the next Dáil, when possible, rather than including any future legislation in a joint Bill such as the Heritage Bill 2016. Furthermore in developing The Canal (Amendment) Bill 2017 that recognition be given to the canal users, canal communities and Local Authorities adjoining the canals by way of pre-legislative consultation and scrutiny. This approach would be in line with Government reform and best practice.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Meath County Councillors ask that the Minister review the HAP application form and remove the declaration section that asks applicants to agree to removal from the housing list in order to access this housing support.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Darren O’Rourke

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Education and Skills to make provision in the Technological Universities Bill 2015, for the nomination of representatives from the Meath County Council area to the governing body of the new Dublin Technology University.”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Justice and Equality, the relevant Garda Authorities and the Garda Commissioner to reverse the decision to merge the Ashbourne and Laytown Garda Districts, in effect since 2012, and to provide a well-resourced policing service for the two areas.”



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9.12 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

"That this Council writes to the Minister requesting regulation and legislation of the au pair industry in the country following the recent WRC ruling."

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 Any Other Business

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