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Ordinary Meeting

8th May 2017, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 3rd April 2017.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Planning meeting held on 24th April 2017.

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 an update in respect of a proposal to commence the Part 8 process for the proposed Meath Civil Defence Headquarters and Training Centre.

5.2 Community

5.2.1 To receive details of and approve the allocations under the Community Grants Scheme 2017 as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 25th April 2017.

5.2.2 To receive details of and approve the allocations under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grants Scheme 2016, as recommended by the Laytown Bettystown Municipal District Meeting on 13th April 2017.

5.2.3 To receive details of and approve proposed allocations under the Francis Ledwidge Commemorative Grant Scheme.

5.2.4 To seek a replacement nomination to the Joint Policing Committee (JPC)



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following the resignation of Cllr. Sean Drew.

5.3 Environment

- 5.3.1 To receive a presentation in respect of Public Consultation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021.

5.4 Planning

- 5.4.1 To fix a date with the Councillors for a Special Meeting to consider the Chief Executive's Reports on Variation 1 of the Kells Development Plan, 2013-2019, and Variation 2 of the Navan Development Plan, 2009-2015, and if thought fit to resolve to make the variations or to accept the Chief Executive's recommendations with or without further modification, or to refuse to make the variations in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2016.

6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
 - 6.2.1 To consider recommendations from meetings of the SPC's.
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to Notice of Motion 9.2 adopted at the December 2016 meeting of the Full Council re. funding for speed limits.
- 7.2 LG 03/2017 – Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re. Changes to domestic travel and subsistence rates effective from 1 April 2017.
- 7.3 LG 04/2017 – Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re. Revised arrangements for subsistence allowances abroad with effect from 1 April 2017.



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- 7.4 LG 05/2017 – Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re. Representational Payment for Elected Members of Local Authorities – Application of 1 April 2017 pay adjustments and related measures in accordance with the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (FEMPI) Act 2015 and the Public Services Stability Agreement 2013-2018 (the Lansdowne Road Agreement).
- 7.5 Correspondence from the Department of Justice and Equality in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the March 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. Coroner's Bill.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“How many solar farms are currently in the pre-planning or planning system in the county and what is Meath County Council's policy on these farms?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the plan for the Railway Street site when Council staff move to Buvinda House.”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

“To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the monies refunded, totals refunded and total cost of each project, to Meath County Council for the following Regional Road upgrades & works:

R150 Duleek to Bellewstown

R154 Scurlogstown to Kiltale

R161 Navan to Trim”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“How many homes in Meath have used the Mortgage to Rent scheme to save the homes of the people that are in mortgage arrears? Cé mhéad bailte i gContae na Mí a bhain úsáid as an scéim Cíos in Ionad Morgáiste ar mhaithe le bailte na ndaoine a bhfuil riaráiste morgáiste acu a shabháil.”



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9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch (deferred from April Meeting)

“That Meath County Councillors write to the Minister for Education expressing their dissatisfaction with the review of the school transport scheme and the negative impact the current operation of the scheme is having on some students in Co. Meath / Go scríobhfadh Comhairleoirí Chontae na Mí chuig an Aire Oideachais ag cur in iúl a míshástacht leis an athbhreithniú ar an scéim um iompar scoile agus an drochthionchar atá ag an scéim mar atá sé faoi láthair ar dhaltaí áirithe i gContae na Mí.”

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“To ask Meath County Council and all Councillors to endorse and support the proposed National Hunt Museum in Ashbourne.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“That Meath County Council establishes a committee comprising Tourism, Economic Development and Arts to fully maximise the value to the county of the estimated 200,000 people who will come to Drogheda for the Fleadh Cheoil next year.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“That Meath County Council communicates with the Office of Public Works and Fáilte Ireland as to the exact breakdown of the €5 million investment recently committed to the World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne.”

9.5 Submitted by Kells Municipal District Councillors

“That this Council resolves to commence the process of varying the County Development Plan by adding the following policy to Section 8 - Energy and Communications.

Proposed variation to Meath Development Plan 2013-2019

In order to, protect Residential Amenity, Wind Turbine Developments will achieve a minimum setback distance from Dwellings and Centres of Human Habitation of at least of ten times the highest tip height, above ground level, of any proposed wind turbines from residential properties and other centres of human habitation.



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Centre of Human Habitation' includes schools, hospitals, churches, residential buildings or buildings used for public assembly'."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Darren O' Rourke

"That Meath County Council temporarily suspend accepting planning applications for solar farms until such time as absolute clarity is provided, in writing, from the Minister/Department regarding the Government's understanding of, and plans and guidelines for, such schemes. Nach nglacfadh Comhairle Chontae na Mí le le hiarratais pleanála do ghrian-fheirmeacha ar bhonn sealadach go dtí go bhfuil sé iomlán soiléir, i bhfoirm scríofa ón Aire/Roinn maidir le tuiscint an Rialtais faoi agus a phleananna nó treoirínte i dtaobh scéimeanna iúd."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke

"Taking into account the underfunding and subsequent lack of infrastructure and amenities in parts of Meath, that Meath County Council will make separate applications in respect of Oldcastle and Athboy under the €20m Action Plan for Rural Development funding announced by the Government recently. An uile ní meáite maidir leis an bhfóchistiúchán agus an easpa bonneagair agus áiseanna in áiteanna i gContae na Mí a lean as, go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí iarratais aonarach don Seanchaisleán agus Baile Átha Buí faoin bPlean Gnímh €20 milliún ar mhaithe Forbairt Tuaithe a d'fhógair an rialtas le déanaí."

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"That Meath County Council seeks emergency funding from the Department to undertake essential works on the section of the R162 going through Meath, based on the number of accidents and fatalities that have occurred on this stretch of road."

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

"That Meath County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland & the National Transport Authority collaborate and expedite the implementation of an efficient and sustainable transport management plan for South Meath."



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9.10 Submitted by Councillor Sinead Burke

“That Meath County Council writes to Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government, Simon Coveney, asking him to immediately suspend the Help-to-Buy scheme in light of increasing evidence provided by the newly released CSO figures that indicates the scheme is adding to increases in the price of houses. Go scríobhfadh Comhairle Chontae na Mí chuig an Aire Tithíochta Simon Coveney ag iarraidh air an scéim Help-to-Buy a chur ar fionraí láithreach i bhfianaise atá ag méadú as na figiúirí nua-eisithe ón POS a chuireann in iúl go bhfuil an scéim ag cur le costas tithe.”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

“That Meath County Council investigates with Irish Public Bodies Insurance Company, the possibility of seeking better insurance rates for all voluntary, community, charity and non profit organisations that are registered with the PPN in this county.”

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor

" That Meath County Council, in light of the decision to fund water services from general taxation, calls on the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Transport , to ring fence the specific taxation measures introduced in 1997 (whereby 2% of VAT and 5% of Motor Tax were the previous funding measures for Water Services) and provide these funds for Roads."

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 To receive presentation from Meath Comhairle na nÓg.



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12 Any Other Business

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