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Ordinary Meeting

13th June 2016, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 9th May 2016.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Planning meeting held on 23rd May 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 a report on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of Q1 2016.

5.2 Corporate Services

5.2.1 To note the Audit Committee Work Programme 2016-2017.

5.2.2 To receive the 2015 progress report in respect of Meath County Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2019.

5.2.3 To approve the amendments to the 2015-2019 Corporate Plan following its review.



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5.3 Housing

5.3.1 To Adopt Amended Anti Social Behaviour Strategy.

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 Circular EA 1/2016 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environment Partnership Fund 2016.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"Since the HAP scheme has begun how many County Meath landlords have signed up and how many more are in the process of doing so?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O' Connor

"NAMA has identified 235 properties in Meath (as at end of March 2016) which could be used for social housing. 38 social houses have been delivered as at that date. Could the executive outline the difficulties in utilising the balance of 197 properties and any suggested improvements in the process to make this happen?"

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"Can the Chief Executive please clarify the position regarding the construction of the planned 40 social housing units in Kells and advise when it is projected that these housing units will be developed and ready for occupation?"



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8.4 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

“Has a county wide canine neutering & spaying programme been considered/ discussed at the environmental Strategic Policy Committee, in the best interests of animal welfare & allocation of Council resources and how are boarding kennels in Meath inspected & by whom?”

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Lynch

“Can the Council confirm what equality proofing measures are in place in all its departments to ensure equal access to the elderly and wheelchair users and those with limited mobility in the county? An féidir leis an gComhairle a chinntiú na bearta atá ann maidir le comhionannas a chinntiú i ngach roinn ó thaobh rochtain d’aostaigh agus úsáideoirí cathaoireacha rothaí agus iadsan ar luaineacht theoranta sa chontae?”

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“Can the executive please provide an update on evaluating the safety of crossings and access into all schools in the county. This issue was raised in the Chamber previously and referred to the relevant SPC/ An féidir leis an bhFeidhmeannach uasdhátú a thabhairt ar an imscrúdú ar shábhaltacht na trasnáin agus rochtain ar scoileanna an chomtae. Cuireadh an saincheist seo faoi bhráid na comhairle agus an SPC ábhartha cheana féin?”

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“How many disabled drivers are there in Co. Meath?”

Reason for question: to ascertain how many disability parking spaces should be provided countywide.”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That Meath County Council investigates options to assist older persons, apply/access/learn about, grant aided devices that enable older persons to live independently in their own homes, with peace of mind and comfort. This initiative would contribute to Meath County Council’s leadership role in respect to the promotion and attainment of Meath as an Age Friendly County.”



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9.2 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew

"That Meath County Council immediately proceed with the process to give effect to the Variation of the Meath County Development Plan, Section 8 Energy and Communications re Wind Power in the County, as passed unanimously at the November 2014 meeting of Meath County Council."

9.3 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors

"Recognising the lack of progress in response to the Sinn Féin Councillors motion (9.8) in November 2015 regarding an audit of vacant properties in the county, and further recognising the fact that other local authorities are now commencing compulsory purchase proceedings to acquire vacant properties in order to help tackle the housing crisis, this Council again calls for a full and immediate audit of vacant houses in county Meath to be conducted, same to be concluded by the end of August 2016, with a view to acquiring as many of those units as possible and returning them 'ready-to-let' at the earliest opportunity /Á n-aithint an beagán is a ndearna dul chun cinn ar rún na gComhairleoirí Shinn Féin (9.6) i mí na Samhna 2015 maidir le imscrúdú a dhéanamh ar an méid tithe folamha sa chontae agus á n-aithint níos faide go bhfuil tús curtha ag údaráis áitiúla eile ar orduithe ceannaigh éigeantaigh maidir le maoiné neamhshealbhaithe a shealbhú agus chun dul i ngleic leis an ngéarchéim tithíochta, éilíonn an chomhairle seo arís ar lánimscrúduú práinneach a dhéanamh ar thithe folamha na Mí, é sin a bheith críochnaithe roimh dheireadh mí Lúnasa agus aghaidh a thabhairt ar an méid is mó dóibh a shealbhú agus a chur "réidh le cur ar cíos" chomh tapa agus is féidir."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"In light of the overwhelming success of dog foul bins in Dunboyne, can I ask that Meath County Council changes its policy on the collection of foul from bins to facilitate for the introduction of the bins in all urban areas."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"With the economic confidence increasing, can I ask that a committee from Ashbourne and Ratoath Districts with help, and resources from Meath Co. Council, set up a cross county forum with Fingal Co. Council to encourage cooperation in infrastructural projects, broadband, water and waste water, public amenities and help represent citizens that straddle the border areas with matter including crime, theft, isolation and illegal dumping."



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9.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“That the Council adapt or amend telecommunications policy to ensure that any civil works of note (over 20metres in length), to be carried out by the County Council, relating to roads, footpaths or related activities carried out in towns around the county include the provision and installation of telecommunications ducting for future sale or lease to the telecommunications sector. Those other opportunities such as new roads, greenways, and cycle ways be included in a plan for the future-proofing of the county’s infrastructure be considered as a matter of course.”

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Claire O’Driscoll

“That Meath County Council invites the TII to present their plans for the N2 to the members of this Council at a meeting in the Council Chamber in the coming months.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Joe Bonner

“That Meath County Council, before the end of 2016, applies a 30 kilometre per hour speed limit in all housing estates taken in charge.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“For this Council to call on the Minister for Justice, in her strive towards a "fairer and safer Ireland", to explore and introduce laws, both domestically and internationally, to protect our citizens on social media from those that incite hatred and participate in viciously verbally attacking, abusing and threatening social media users.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Lynch

“That this Council writes to the Minister of Education and Skills to request that school budgets are brought up to a realistic level to avoid school closures in County Meath./ Go scríobhfadh an chomhairle seo chuig an Aire Oideachais á n-iarraidh go n-ardófar buiséid scoileanna go leibhéil réadúla ionas nach ndúnfar scoileanna i gContae na Mí.”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’ Connor

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Finance to direct the National Asset Management Agency(NAMA) to identify from its portfolio all lands and properties within



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the Meath County Boundary and engage with the Executive of Meath County Council to deliver properties and land for Social housing where the demand has been confirmed.”

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors for Meath to lead by example and ask the Executive to write to the relevant Minister and the Irish Government to support the refunding of customers who have paid all their Irish water bills within the coming months.”

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That the elected members of this Council, once again, restate their firm opposition to massive industrial scale windfarms being imposed on communities in County Meath; and call on the Ministers responsible to immediately publish the updated windfarm guidelines and to proceed with the further consideration of the Wind Turbine Regulation Bill 2014/ Go ndéanann baill tofa na Comhairle seo athrá arís ar an méid is atá siad i gcoinne bhforbraíochtaí feirme ghaoithe ollmhóra a bhrú ar phobail na Mí agus go n-éileofar ar na hAirí ábhartha treorlínite fheirm ghaoithe uasdhátaithe a fhoilsiú go práinneach agus leanúint le aird a thabhairt ar An mBille um Rialáil Turbíní Gaoithe, 2014.”

9.14 Submitted by Councillor Sinead Burke

“That this Council recognises the massive financial pressure being placed on drivers because of the huge increases in insurance premiums; Acknowledges the fact that young people and people in rural Ireland are disproportionately affected by these increases; Expresses its disbelief at the lack of explanation for the increases and the inconsistencies evident in the dramatic increases across the industry; Calls upon the Central Bank, the insurance industry and the Oireachtas to give this issue the priority it deserves; Will write to Minister for Finance and Insurance Ireland in this regard./Go n-aithnaíonn an chomhairle seo an brú ollmhór airgeadais a chuirtear ar tiománaithe mar gheall ar arduithe ollmhóra i bpréimheanna árachais; n-adhmaíonn an chomhairle seo go dtéann na harduithe seo i bhfeidhm ar dhaoine óga agus daoine ina gcónaí faoin tuath go díréireach; go gcuireann an chomhairle seo a díchreideamh in iúl ó thaobh an easpa mínithe maidir leis na harduithe agus na neamhréireachtaí soiléire a fheictear sna harduithe drámatúla trasna na earnála; n-éilíonn an chomhairle se ar Bhanc Ceannais na hÉireann agus an tOireachtas an tosaíocht cuí a thabhairt don saincheist seo; Scríobhfar chuig an Aire Airgeadais agus Insurance Ireland faoi.”



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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

11 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies

11.1 To receive a presentation from Meath Comhairle na nÓg.

12 Any Other Business

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