



# **Ordinary Meeting**

# 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Council Chamber

### **1** Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 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 note the 2015 Meath County Council Annual Report.

### 5.2 Planning

5.2.1 To receive presentation on the Vacant Site Levy as introduced under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

### 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 Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the April meeting of the Full Council re. the Technological Universities Bill, 2015.
- 7.2 Correspondence from the Office of the Commissioner, Garda Headquarters in response to Notice of Motion 9.11 adopted at the April meeting of the Full Council re. request to reverse the decision to merge the Ashbourne and Laytown Garda Districts.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the May meeting of the Full Council re. downgrading of Acute Psychiatric unit 24/7 in Navan.
- 7.4 Correspondence from TII in response to Notice of Motion 9.8 adopted at the May meeting of the Full Council re. retrofit, where necessary, footpaths on national road structures, particularly where these schemes form by-passes of towns and villages that have become recreational walking routes e.g. Kells, Dunshaughlin and Dunboyne.

### 8 Notice of Question

### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"In relation to the excellent work being carried out by the Gateway staff may I ask the executive (a) how many of Gateway staff are employed by the Council and (b) if there has been confirmation from a national level as to whether the scheme will be continued?"

### 9 Notice of Motion

### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin (motion deferred from June meeting)

"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."







### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding (motion deferred from June meeting)

"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."

### 9.3 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll (motion deferred from June meeting)

"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."

### 9.4 Submitted by Councillor Joe Bonner (motion deferred from June meeting)

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

### 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox

*"I am calling Meath County Council to apply for funding from the Department under the "My Open Library Unlimited Access Initiative" which was recently announced."* 

### 9.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch (motion deferred from June meeting)

"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."

### 9.7 Submitted by Councillor Sinead Burke (motion deferred from June meeting)

"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."

### **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

### **11** Any Other Business

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