



Clár / Meeting Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

1st July 2019, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13th May 2019.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Annual meeting held on 7th June 2019.

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 fill the casual vacancy in the membership of Meath County Council (Ashbourne LEA), following the election of Councillor Sharon Keogan in two local electoral areas, in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended and in accordance with Article 124(2) of the Local Elections Regulations 1995.

5.1.2 To consider and approve the draft SPC scheme 2019 – 2024.

5.1.3 To appoint a replacement Councillor to Boyne Valley Tourism Ltd. following the resignation of Councillor Stephen McKee.

5.1.4 To note the appointments to committees, as referred to the Municipal Districts at the Annual Meeting on 7th June.

5.1.5 To note the Chairs of Municipal Districts and to approve the payment of allowances for Chairs of Municipal Districts in accordance with Circular (LG 04/2018).



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Municipal District	Cathaoirleach	Leas-Chathaoirleach
Ashbourne	Cllr. Alan Tobin	Cllr. Conor Tormey
Kells	Cllr. Sean Drew	Cllr. Johnny Guirke
Laytown/Bettystown	Cllr. Sharon Keogan	Cllr. Annie Hoey
Navan	Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Mayor)	Cllr. Pdraig Fitzsimons
Ratoath	Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Damien O'Reilly
Trim	Cllr. Noel French	Cllr. Ronan Moore

5.1.6 To receive and note Meath County Council's Annual Report 2018.

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 To approve the raising of a loan of €5,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency to provide finance for approved house purchase applications, loan restructuring and other housing loan related activities, as authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992.

5.2.2 To receive a Quarterly Financial Statement for Meath County Council as at 31st March 2019.

5.3 Environment

5.3.1 To provide an update of the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) and implementation and communication of CAS' Reports.

5.4 Community

5.4.1 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Knockharley Environmental Community Projects Scheme 2019, as recommended by the Knockharley Community Liaison Committee and endorsed by the Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors on 17th June, 2019.

5.4.2 To approve a replacement member on the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing the County Meath Chamber.



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6 Chief Executive's Report

- 6.1 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.2 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the February 2019 meeting of the full Council re. publication of the review of the Wind Energy Guidelines.
- 7.2 Correspondence from the Department of Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the March 2019 meeting of the full Council re. the Standing4Women* campaign.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.9 adopted at the October 2018 meeting of the full Council re. inclusion of local needs policies in County Development Plans.
- 7.4 Correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.7 adopted at the March 2019 meeting of the full Council re. provision of resources to introduce Choice Based Letting (CBL) in County Meath.
- 7.5 Correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the February 2019 meeting of the full Council re. the re-introduction of the Affordable Housing Scheme to assist eligible first-time buyers to buy homes.
- 7.6 Circular: Housing 21 of 2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Local Authority Mortgage to Rent (LAMTR) Scheme – Revision of Property Acquisition Cost Limits.
- 7.7 Circular LG 02/2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. newly elected local authorities.
- 7.8 Circular RW 08/2019 – Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport re. Community Involvement Schemes.
- 7.9 Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-laws, 2018 National Awareness Campaign - Briefing Note for Elected Members.



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8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“What actions can be pursued by the local authority in cases where cars and vans are left abandoned within estates that are in the charge of Meath County Council?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“To ask Meath County Council the number of premises/sites listed, at present, on the derelict sites register in each Municipal District as well as the number of these deemed to be dangerous structures?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“Why is the Council obliged to take HAP recipients from Fingal, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown and South Dublin, which has now created a severe supply problem in South Meath that and makes it impossible to get rents within the HAP limit, as well as priced people from the area out of the rental market. How many recipients has the Council taken from other local authorities and how many have other Councils/Authorities taken from Meath?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’ Reilly

“Can Meath County Council provide the numbers of social tenants evicted in the last 5 years for anti-social behaviour?”

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“Can the executive inform this Council as to when they expect the slipways along the rivers Boyne and Blackwater to be installed and ready for use?”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy

“In light of the recent publication of the Departments of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltachts Irish language plan/ Plean Teanga and the forthcoming key



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recommendations of the Economic Forum for the Gaeltachts of Meath I ask that Meath County Council begin the process of appointing a dedicated Irish language/ Gaeltacht officer to assist in the implementation of both plans for the benefit of our whole county / I gcomhthéasc fhoilseacháin Phlean Teanga na Mí ag an Roinn Chultúir Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta, agus na moltaí atá le teacht ó Fhóram Eacnamaíochta Ghaeltachtaí na Mí, molaim go gcuirfí Comhairle Contae na Mí tús leis an bpróiseas earcaíochta chun Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge a fhostú chun cabhrú leis na pleananna seo a chur i bhfeidhm ar mhaithe leis an gContae go léir.”

9.2 Submitted by the Trim Municipal District Councillors

“Noting the declaration of a climate change and biodiversity emergency by Dáil Éireann and reports of the United Nations on the economic, societal and environmental threats posed by climate change and biodiversity loss, Meath County Council declares a climate and biodiversity emergency in County Meath and requests the Environment and Climate Change SPC to consider the further actions required.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“I call on Meath County Council to engage with TerraCycle and other alternative recycling companies to implement a Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme in Co. Meath.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

“To call on the Chief Executive to investigate the feasibility of bringing vacant commercial and residential properties back into use to help alleviate the housing crisis, including the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders, and to provide an update on any ongoing CPOs of houses or commercial buildings which will be brought back into the Local Authority housing stock.”

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Natural Resources and EIRGRID/ESB to underground the North South Interconnector and that the Council publicly proclaims its support for the resolute resilience of communities in Meath in relation to the undergrounding of the project; that the Council adopts as an automatic agenda item at every monthly Council meeting that all correspondence and meetings between Eirgrid/ESB and the Meath County Council Planning Department (or otherwise) can be documented so that all elected members can be informed of the latest information relating to the North South Interconnector; that it



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is agreed and accepted that no discussions or agreements on landowner route access arrangements are made by the Council without the express knowledge and consent of the affected landowners; and that the Planning Department agrees to carrying out a review and produce a report within the next six months detailing and highlighting how Eirgrid's plans to erect 174 pylons in County Meath conflicts with the current County Development plan."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

"Calling on Meath County Council to use the Law Enforcement Directive to access information from Household Waste Disposal Companies with regard to those complying or not complying with the Law under the Waste Management Act."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

"That this Council agrees to commence, as a matter of priority, and in conjunction with the NTA, Iarnród Éireann and other relevant bodies as necessary, a feasibility study into 'Phase 2' of the extension of the train line from the M3 Parkway at Pace to Dunshaughlin, recognising the recent and planned population growth in Co. Meath, the need for alternative means of public transport and the significant role that transport links have to play in attracting investment to the County."

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Damien O' Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister of Education and Skills, requesting his department to review and reassess the need for additional post primary schools and schools places in each town in the county."

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council asks the Department of Health to introduce Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams, ambulances dedicated only to mental health care, to counter the growing number of suicides in Meath and throughout the country."

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment to introduce a ban on the sale, distribution and burning of smoky coal all across County Meath as soon as possible."



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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

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community

11 Any Other Business

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