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Ordinary Meeting

5th September 2016, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 4th July 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 Environment

5.1.1 To receive a presentation in respect of the draft Flood Risk Management Plans for the Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management (CFRAM) project which will be subject to statutory public consultation from September.

5.2 Community

5.2.1 To receive a presentation on the Rural Development Programme (2014-2020).

5.3 Finance

5.3.1 To receive a report on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of Q2 2016.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report



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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, Department of Finance in response to Notice of Motions 9.3 and 9.11 adopted at the June meeting of the Full Council re. NAMA.

7.2 Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Justice & Equality 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 TII in response to Notice of Motion 9.7 adopted at the May meeting of the Full Council re. upgrade of N2 road network.

7.4 Circular Fin 04/2016 – Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2017 – Meath County Council.

7.5 APH 1/2016 Re. “Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness” and APH 2/2016 Re. Identifying Planning Measures to Enhance Housing Supply - Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

7.6 Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the July meeting of the Full Council re. school budgets.

7.7 Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re. Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 – Decision to Issue a Direction relating to Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillors Francis Deane & Trevor Golden

“With regard to raw-sewage discharges into waterways in County Meath can we request the following:

How many discharges occur on average each year?

How are discharges recorded?



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What are the requirements, processes and decisions needed for a discharge to take place?

What body authorises the discharge (MCC, IW, EPA etc)?

Does the waste receive any treatment before discharge and if so what are the details?

What bodies (State & Private) are notified of the discharge?

What testing is carried out post discharge and does this data impact on ongoing monitoring data?

Does this process/method conform with EU/International best practice?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

"Could you please advise how many playgrounds are in the county?

How many have cameras for monitoring purposes?

Are all cameras fully operational?

Who monitors the data from these cameras?

What is the cost of repair works to outdoor play equipment, surfaces and removal of graffiti per year?

Has any person or persons ever been prosecuted for damages to our playgrounds in this county?"

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"Please confirm if Meath County Council can hire additional staff to deal with anti-social tenants living in the County's housing stock."

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"Could Meath County Council introduce a planning alert system similar to that introduced in Cork County Council? This would allow people to receive alerts for any planning applications submitted or decided near their location. This would ensure that people affected by a planning permission would be directly contacted if there was a planning application near their location."

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"Further to the Notice of Motion debated at the June 2016 meeting of Meath County Council, in regard to the proposed variation of the Meath County Development Plan re wind power in the county, as passed unanimously in November 2014 by the members. Can the Chief Executive please now outline what response has been received from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government with regard to her



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interpretation of the Departments Circular letter PL 20-13 preventing this Council from proceeding with the implementation of the variation?"

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

"To ask the number of persons who presented to the Settlement Officers of Meath County Council in the first 7 months of 2016; how this compares to 2015; and for a breakdown of same by Municipal District and family size / Ceist a chur an méid daoine a tháinig faoi bhráid Oifig Socraíochta Chomhairle Chontae na Mí sa 7 Mí deireanach 2016 agus conas mar a théann sé sin i gcomparáid le 2015 agus na huimhreacha a thabhairt de réir bardais agus líon teaghlaigh?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan (motion deferred from June meeting)

"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."

9.2 Submitted by Councillors Nicholas Killian and Sharon Keogan

"We are calling on the Chief Executive to seek a CPO on lands at the Junction of R155 at Primatestown, in order to widen this part of this major Junction which services Tayto Park and major heavy movements of traffic, particularly HGV traffic, from the N2 to all other major routes through Curragha and Ratoath. The junction currently is unsafe at present due to the narrowness of this junction. The recent failure of the TII to prioritise major works at Primatestown, necessitates these temporary measures to be put in place urgently."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council provides a written report on the amount of vacant land owned by Meath County Council that is zoned for housing or could be used for housing. The report to contain in tabular form the location, size and estimated number of housing units that could be constructed on each separate site."



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9.4 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"This Council requests the Chief Executive in preparing her report to An Bord Pleanála of a proposed development by North Meath Wind Farm Limited at Castletownmoor, Kells, to oppose in the strongest possible terms this planning proposal, specifically in relation to its incompatibility with the Core Principles and numerous Objectives and Policies of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

"I am calling on Meath County Council to enforce the hedge cutting restriction legislation and appeal to landowners not to cut outside of the allowed months."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"Sinn Féin calls on Meath County Council to remove the requirement to pay water charges from the draft housing allocations policy with reference to local authority tenants seeking a transfer / Glaonn Sinn Féin ar Chomhairle Chontae na Mí an riachtanas muirir uisce a íoc a bhaint ón dréachtpholasaí léindháileadh tithíochta maidir le tionóntaí údaráis áitiúil ag iarraidh aistriú a fháil."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on Councillors to support my call to write to the Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan, to consider in his budget plans for 2017 a 1% tax on all forms of gambling in betting shops throughout Ireland, and for this money to be ringfenced for addiction awareness programmes, extra addiction clinics, and treatment programmes throughout Ireland, and that this motion if adopted would be sent to all the other County Councils for consideration and support."

9.8 Submitted by the Independent Technical Group

"We in Meath County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government Simon Coveney, to introduce a European Affairs SPC in all local authorities business from early 2017."



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9.9 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“That Meath County Council writes to Minister Shane Ross in relation to the 2015 Vehicle Clamping Act, calling on him to provide a definite date on when it will be signed into law, in order to prevent private companies overcharging motorists in housing estates and private car parks, as this 2015 Act will allow for limiting the fees which can be charged.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government requesting all sewage infrastructure that travels across front and back gardens of private dwellings to be taken into the full control and remit of Irish Water.”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Social Protection to review its current restrictions which prevent a person from continuing working on a Community Employment scheme beyond three years. CE workers provide a great service to organisations within their community, and exceptions should be allowed, especially in rural areas, to allow a CE worker to continue to work beyond the current limit, which would be of mutual benefit to both worker and organisation.”

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

*“I call on Meath County Council to request the Minister for Finance, to review and update the local property tax exemption (FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) (PYRITE EXEMPTION) REGULATIONS 2013) for houses with pyrite to immediately widen the scope of this exemption to cover every house in Meath with any stage of pyrite.
I also request the Minister for Finance to allow visual or core test sample results and reports from Chartered Engineers, to be sufficient documentation for Revenue to provide the local property tax exemption to home owners affected.”*

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“Considering excessive costs and cumbersome procedures associated with the implementation of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the ineffectiveness of those procedures in cases where the owner of a property refuses to respond to notices served and directions issues by the Local Authority, Meath County Council calls on the Minister



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for Housing and Urban Renewal to bring forward the necessary legislative and/or regulatory changes needed to deal with the problem of derelict sites in a manner that is less bureaucratic and costly and can demonstrate the efficient use of resources.”

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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