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Ordinary Meeting

5th September 2016, Council Chamber

Presiding

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Maria Murphy

Councillors Present:

Councillors, Joe Bonner, Sinéad Burke, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Enda Flynn, Wayne Forde, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Johnny Guirke, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Suzanne Jamal, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Nick Killian, Caroline Lynch, Stephen McKee, Ronan McKenna, Paddy Meade, Gerry O'Connor, Claire O' Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Darren O'Rourke, Bryan Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillor Joe Reilly

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

Senior Executive Officers: Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan, Fiona Fallon.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 4th July 2016.

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 4th July 2016 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, on the death of his father-in-law, Michael Denning.
- Sharon Shealy, Human Resources, Lisa Shealy, Housing and Mark Harrington, Planning, on the death of their brother/brother-in-law Derek Shealy.
- John O'Reilly, Housing Department, on the death of his sister Mary O'Reilly.
- Phyllis Mooney, Finance Department, former Cllr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher and Camilla McCluskey, Motor Tax, on the death of Michael (Mickey) Dillon.
- Ken McGuinness, Navan Municipal District, on the death of his brother Martin McGuinness.
- Cathaoirleach Councillor Maria Murphy on the death of her father-in-law John Pat Murphy.
- The family of the late Ita Creavin, wife of the late Liam Creavin former Meath County Board Secretary.
- The Hawe and Coll families on the tragic deaths of the Hawe family, Castlerahan, Co. Cavan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Slane Tidy Towns on the opening of the village garden.
- St. Colmcille's Ladies team on reaching the Junior A Final.
- Meath U21 Hurlers on reaching the All Ireland B Final.
- Natalya Coyle and Arthur Lannigan O' Keeffe on their success at the Rio Olympics.
- The Navan Mines rescue team on achieving 2nd place in the World Championships.
- Meath County Council on its support for the recent Guth Gafa festival in Kells.
- Andy McEntee on his appointment as Meath Senior Football manager.



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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.

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, made the presentation which included information on:

- The structure and content of the plans.
- The high level measures in the plans – Prevention and Preparedness.
- Local Level Preparedness – 15 Urban Areas Assessed
- Recommendations for Meath
- Plan consultation, deadlines and implementation process.

Following the presentation, Councillors raised a number of issues and responses were provided and noted.

5.2 Community

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

Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, made a presentation on the programme and outlined the new Governance structure. It was noted that funding of €6.9m. had been made available to County Meath. It was noted that Meath County Council will act as a financial partner and make payments to projects once they are compliant with all regulatory checks. The process includes:

- Recommendation from the Independent Evaluation Committee forwarded to the LAG.
- LAG is the decision making body for funding applications under the LEADER programme.



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- Article 48 Checks at various stages of process to be carried out by Pobal.
- Funding Offer followed by the issue of contracts.
- Payment claims submitted, checked and subsequently paid.

The information was noted by the Councillors

5.3 Finance

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

The Head of Finance noted that the Council's budgetary figures were on target for 2016 and that it is anticipated that the Council will be on budget at the end of the year.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

The main issues raised and discussed included:

Housing: the progress in relation to the housing building programme; devolved projects; the inclusion of the HAP figures in the report; the need to target single occupancy acquisitions; the need for a breakdown of single adults in homeless figures.

Transportation: the CIS application process; the possibility of revising the gritting routes.

Corporate Services: The need for feedback from customers and Councillors on the SUGAR system.

The Chief Executive and the Management Team provided responses on all matters raised.

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Corporate Policy Group reviewed the agenda for the full Council meeting and received information on the particulars of some items. It was also noted that the CPG and Whips received a briefing on the Local Property Tax in advance of the budgetary process. The dates for the forthcoming budget meetings with the Municipal Districts were agreed as follows:



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| Date | Budget Meetings | Location | Time |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Monday 12 th September | Local Property Tax | Council Chamber | 2.00p.m. |
| Wednesday 2 nd November | Ashbourne MD | Navan (Board Room) | 9.30a.m. |
| | Ratoath MD | Navan (Board Room) | 2.00p.m. |
| Thursday 3 rd November | Navan MD | Navan (Board Room) | 9.30a.m. |
| | Kells MD | Navan (Board Room) | 2.00p.m. |
| Friday 4 th November | Laytown/Bettystown MD | Navan (Board Room) | 9.30a.m. |
| | Trim MD | Navan (Board Room) | 2.00p.m. |
| Monday 21 st November | Preliminary Budget Meeting | Council Chamber | 10.00a.m. |
| | Statutory Budget Meeting | Council Chamber | 1.30p.m. |

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting of the following:

- The committee considered correspondence from representatives of the Trim Town Hall campaign committee, requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to the full Council. It was agreed that, on this occasion and because it relates to a public building, this presentation would be made at the October meeting.
- Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the draft protocol for Commemorations. Following a short discussion on the matter, the protocol was adopted.
- It was noted that a framed photograph of Patrick Joseph Clinch would be added to the gallery of photographs of past Cathaoirligh. It was noted that the family of Patrick Clinch would be invited to an unveiling of the photograph at the November meeting of the Council.
- The meeting was informed of a project being progressed through Comhairle na nÓg and Rathregan Primary School to honour Patrick Kelly, a child who died during the 1916 Rising and whose parents were from Batterstown. The child is



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interred in Batterstown graveyard and it was noted that work has been undertaken to clean the gravestone etc.

- The issues in regard to Notices of Questions and Motions were discussed and it was agreed that the Whips would discuss the report with their members and provide feedback for the October protocol meeting.
- The Meetings Administrator also advised that the Protocol Committee received and noted reports on conferences submitted by Councillors, and a list of conferences relevant to the business of the Council was approved.

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.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 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.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 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.

Noted by the Councillors. **Councillor Wayne Harding** noted that it was critical that the bypass of Slane would be included in the Government document for infrastructural capital investment. A lengthy discussion took place and **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** proposed that a letter would be issued to the Minister calling for the prioritisation of the upgrade of the Ashbourne to Ardee route. The proposal was seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**. Following further debate on the matter, it was then agreed that the Ashbourne and Laytown Bettystown Councillors would meet with the Transportation SPC to advance the matter.

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



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Noted by the Councillors.

- 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.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 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.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 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.

Noted by the Councillors. The work involved in making the submission to the Department was acknowledged by the Councillors.

- 7.8 Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in response to Item 5-2-1 agreed at the July meeting of the Full Council re. Vacant Site Levy as introduced under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 7.9 Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs re. Town and Village Renewal.

Noted by the Councillors.

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:



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*How many discharges occur on average each year?
How are discharges recorded?
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?"*

Response

Irish Water now has the responsibility for the provision of water services nationally. This also includes trade effluent that is discharged from business premises to the public sewers.

While Meath County Council acts as an agent for Irish Water and provides services on behalf of Irish Water in accordance with their procedures and protocols, it is also a requirement by Irish Water, that all Local Authorities refer such matters directly to them.

Irish Water protocols require that all such questions are logged directly by an individual. Councillors can contact Irish Water through the Local Representative Support Desk on 1890 278 278. The elected representative will be put through to the dedicated team to deal with any queries in relation to water services. For County and City Councillors the e-mail address is localrepsupport@water.ie

Noted by the Councillors.

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?"*

Response



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There are 24 playgrounds owned and maintained by Meath County Council.

Four of these playgrounds have CCTV equipment installed. Access to the data is made available in relation to follow up on specific instances regarding injury, damage or theft to Meath County Council property, or on foot of a request from the Garda Síochána.

The maintenance and repair of playgrounds is funded by the Council under the budgetary heading of Parks, Open Spaces, and Other Works and the funding under this heading is €2.3m for 2016. Accordingly, it is difficult to determine an exact figure for the cost of repairs due to damage.

To date, the Council has not been in a position to prosecute for damage to playgrounds. However, this issue will be kept under review.

Noted by the Councillors.

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."

Response

The human resource requirement for Meath County Council is driven by the workforce planning process. The purpose of this process is to ensure that the Council is appropriately staffed so as to deliver required services and to respond accordingly to issues arising across the range of functions.

The appointment of additional staff for the specific purpose outlined above has not been included in the workforce planning process to date. However, the Council currently employs a number of staff in this service area of estate management, including the posts of Tenant Liaison Officer and Housing Investigation Officer. The staff in question, together with other Housing Department staff, work closely with An Garda Síochána and relevant agencies in order to address issues of anti-social behaviour in the Council's housing stock and promote good estate management.

As well as the above, national staffing approval requirements remain in place across the local government sector in terms of the creation of new positions. The Council must adhere to this, as well as overall budgetary implications and allocation of limited staffing resources across the range of Council functions and services.

Arising from the above the Council does not propose to appoint additional staff at this time.

Noted by the Councillors.



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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.”

Response

There are statutory requirements for the publication of site and newspaper notices set out in Planning Legislation, which perform the function of alerting all interested parties to planning applications. In addition, a weekly list of all planning applications is published and is widely available for public viewing. However, the Council is open to exploring other options for alerting people on matters of public interest.

Noted by the Councillors.

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

Response

At the June meeting of the full Council, the notice of motion referred to above was noted and it was agreed that clarification would be sought from the Department with regard to the contents of the Circulars and with regard to the timeframe for the publication of the Wind Energy Guidelines and the Renewable Energy Export Policy and Development Framework. A letter was subsequently issued to the Department on 21st June and a response to that letter is awaited. A further letter was sent to the Department on Friday 26th August and the response, when received, will be circulated.

Noted by the Councillors.

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke



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“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?”

Response

Outlined below is the number of households that presented to Meath County Council’s homeless service (excluding repeat presentations) for the periods requested. Data regarding family composition of homeless presentations is not readily available and is therefore not recorded below.

Number of Homeless Presentations (households) to Meath County Council’s Homeless Service per Municipal District

| | January – July 2015 | January - July 2016 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ashbourne | 26 | 10 |
| Kells | 36 | 36 |
| Laytown/Bettystown | 46 | 40 |
| Navan | 75 | 63 |
| Ratoath | 18 | 15 |
| Trim | 30 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 231 | 183 |

Noted by the Councillors.

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.”



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Motion withdrawn by **Councillor Tolan**.

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.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

As previously advised to the Councillors, a detailed study of the junctions on the N2 between Rath and Kilmoon Cross has been carried out and provided to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for their consideration. This study identified the need for long term upgrades as opposed to short term capacity improvements. The long term solution for this section of the N2 is to be brought forward in conjunction with the application for the Slane Bypass. In the interim, Meath Co. Council is examining ways of improving traffic controls and demand responsiveness at the Primatestown junction and will make an application to the TII for the funding of same.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**.

Following a lengthy debate, it was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Ashbourne Municipal District. Barry Lynch, Director of Services, advised that the junction would be examined with a view to addressing the issues raised.

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.”

Response:



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Meath County Council will arrange to provide a report outlining the amount of vacant land owned by Meath County Council, which is zoned residential and could possibly be used for housing purposes. Due to other commitments and the need to compile this information across a number of Directorates, the report will be made available at the earliest opportunity.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was adopted subject to the supporting information provided.

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.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The Council received a copy of the Castletownmoor Wind Farm Strategic Infrastructure Development application from An Bord Pleanála on 28th July, 2016.

Under Section 37E(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended the Planning Authority in which the proposed development would be situated shall, within 10 weeks from the making of the application prepare and submit to the Board a report setting out the views of the Authority on the effects of the proposed development on the environment and proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Chief Executive shall, before submitting any report in relation to a proposed development to the Board, submit the report to the Councillors and seek their views on the proposed development.

Having regard to the time scales set out in legislation, the matter will come before the October meeting for discussion.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** was unanimously adopted. **Councillor Alan Tobin’s** dissent was noted.

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.”



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Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

Section 40 of the Wild Life Act 1976 as amended by Section 46 of the Wild Life Amendment Act 2000 places restrictions on the cutting of hedges between the 1st of March and 31st August. The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, through National Parks and Wildlife Service, enforce the provisions of the Wildlife Act.

Roadside hedge cutting is covered under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993, whereby landowners and occupiers of land adjacent to public roads are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that trees, hedges, and other vegetation growing on their land are not or could not become a hazard to those using or working on the public road. If a tree, hedge or other vegetation poses such a danger the Council can serve a written notice on the owner or occupier requiring action to be taken to remove the hazard or potential hazard. In cases of non-compliance, the Council can carry out the works specified in the notice and recoup the costs of the works from the landowner or occupier, which would be a lengthy and costly process.

Rather than issuing hedge cutting notices the Council would much prefer landowners and occupiers of land to accept their legal responsibility under the Roads Act and take corrective action when and where necessary. To this end, the Council publishes a notice twice a year advising landowners and occupiers of land adjacent to public roads of their responsibilities under the Roads Act. The notices also advise that hedge cutting should only be carried out during the period from 1 September to the end of February. The first of these notices is generally published in early September and the second before the end of the hedge cutting season.

Engineers and Staff in the Municipal Districts carry out their own assessments, based on their routine observations and consideration of information brought to their attention, to determine if urgent action is appropriate.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**. Following a debate on the matter, which included advice from Barry Lynch, Director of Services, an amendment to the motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Ronan McKenna**.

The amended motion was unanimously adopted as follows:

"I am calling on Meath County Council to enforce the hedge cutting restriction legislation under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993"

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch



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“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.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

Meath County Council's Allocation Scheme is currently being reviewed by the Housing, Community & Cultural Strategic Policy Committee. This process is ongoing at present, and the revised Allocation Scheme has yet to be approved by this Committee, before it is referred to full Council for review and final adoption.

The current transfer policy stipulates that tenants seeking a transfer must fulfil a number of requirements before their transfer application will be considered, including that all service and other charges are paid up to date. Such charges include electricity, gas, and since the introduction of charges for domestic water consumption, water charges.

The current revised Allocation Scheme presented to the Strategic Policy Committee proposes to retain this requirement. Failure to continue to apply this condition may result on the financial liability of any outstanding charges transferring to the Local Authority. Furthermore, compliance with Meath County Council's Tenancy Agreement obliges tenants to pay and discharge all charges in respect of telephone, electric current, gas and heating used on the premises and any environmental or other charges payable by householders to local or Public Authorities.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**. **Councillor Lynch** requested that the motion would be referred to the Housing, Community and Cultural SPC. This was unanimously agreed.

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."



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. Following a debate on the matter, it was agreed to take a vote on the motion. The motion was defeated following a show of hands as follows: **For: 11, Against: 16, Abstentions: 2**

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.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**. Following a debate on the matter, the motion was unanimously adopted.

It was also agreed that a presentation on EU activity would be made at a future meeting of the Council.

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.”

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was unanimously adopted.

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.”

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Damien O’ Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**, was unanimously adopted.

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Noel French



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“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.”

The motion was withdrawn by **Councillor French**.

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.”

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Damien O’ Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**, was unanimously adopted.

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 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.”

The motion, proposed by **Councillor James Holloway** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**, was unanimously adopted.

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



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10.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing Construction

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

Noted by the Councillors.

11 Any Other Business