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Ordinary Meeting

2nd October 2017, Council Chamber

Presiding

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Gerry O' Connor

Councillors Present:

Councillors Joe Bonner, Sinéad Burke, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig 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, Maria Murphy, Claire O'Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Darren O'Rourke, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Apologies:

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

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

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

Senior Executive Officers: Larry Whelan

Planning Staff: Pat Gallagher, Senior Planner, Wendy Bagnall, S.E.P., Pádraig Maguire, S.E.P., Sean Clarke, S.E.O. Joe McGarvey, S.E.E.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 4th September 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 4th September 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Ronan McKenna** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.



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1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance meeting held on 11th September, 2017.

The minutes of the Special Finance meeting held on 11th September 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Adrienne Clarke, Planning Department, on the death of her father, Rodney Ring.
- Philip Traynor, Ratoath MD, on the death of his father, Jim Traynor.
- The family of the late John McManus, Boardsmill, former employee.
- Sean Reynolds, Water Services, on the death of his mother, Mary Reynolds.

Congratulations were extended to:

- the Meath Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Final.

The following clubs and individuals on their recent achievements:

- Kildalkey, Kiltale and Glen Emmets on their recent GAA success
- Dunshaughlin BMX club
- Sam Pidgeon, Ratoath
- Cian Carey, Dunshaughlin, on winning the Leinster Trophy at Mondello Park
- Fionn Foley on his successful theatre company
- Ashbourne butcher, Hugh Maguire, on his award in Great Taste 2017 competition.

All involved in the following successful events:

- the European Sand Yachting Championships
- the National Tidy Towns competition including Moynalty and Wilkinstown on their success over many years
- the Library Service on the activities arranged for Culture Night
- Dunboyne Motor Club on the Spirit of Dunboyne event
- the launch of the Be Safe programme
- the Harvest Festival in Dunshaughlin



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- Boyne Valley on being runner-up in Foodie Destination competition

4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

No disposals

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 To receive the Members' views in respect of a proposed development by Irish Cement Ltd (17.PA0050), the subject of the Chief Executive's Report to an Bord Pleanála of October 2017 (as circulated) and if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report in accordance with Section 37(E) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2017.

Padraig Maguire, Senior Executive Planner, made a presentation to the Councillors on the content of the Council's submission to An Bord Pleanála which included information on:

- the previous site history
- the proposed development
- potential impacts of the development
- the recommendation of the Local Authority

Following the presentation, Councillors had an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and seek clarification on a number of issues.

A summary of the comments and views expressed included:

- a call for an Oral Hearing on this application
- a 10-year planning permission is too long and should either be capped as a maximum time limit, or be limited to a 3-year planning permission only, with an option for further extensions
- a call for the EPA to open an office in the area
- community levy should be conditioned due to potential nuisances to residents in local area
- People should be more carefully considered in the assessment of the application
- the nature and type of technologies being used in the plant should be more carefully explored as the technology will determine potential pollutants



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- a condition to prevent the heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) from going through Duleek
- the need to increase the financial contribution of €250,000 to strengthen the roads used to access this facility
- a call for a bypass of Duleek and Julianstown
- a condition to prevent the operators from using the N2, requiring them to use the M1 instead
- haul routes and truck journeys should be logged and recorded e.g. M1 toll receipts
- a baseline study to monitor the air quality before any permission is implemented
- a call for more research on the impacts on health
- concerns over where the waste would be sourced and the impacts of importing this waste
- Members expressed their concern over the number of waste facilities already in the area
- Members commented that the operator needs to be a better neighbour within the community
- Members called for more stringent regulation
- Members questioned if there was a proposal to generate electricity which could be used in the hinterlands
- Members questioned if Meath County Council had the resources to monitor compliance with the conditions of any permission granted
- a call for an assessment of reasonable alternatives
- Members expressed their concern over the potential negative impact to residential amenity in East Meath and the environmental impact.

It was agreed to attach the above comments and views to the Chief Executive's report, for submission to An Bord Pleanála by 13th October 2017.

It was also agreed to attach a submission from Councillor Paddy Meade.

- 5.1.2 To receive a presentation on Draft Variation No. 4 of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019. This variation will incorporate the Vacant Sites Levy provided for by the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, made a presentation which included information on:

- purpose of the levy
- Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015
- application and implementation of the levy
- process of the variation and content of the draft variation.

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



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5.2 Corporate Services

- 5.2.1 To approve the appointment of Cllr. Enda Flynn to the Joint Policing Committee (JPC), following the resignation of Cllr. Joe Fox.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

- 5.2.2 To approve the appointment of Cllr. Sineád Burke to the Joint Policing Committee (JPC), following the resignation of Cllr. Caroline Lynch.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

- 5.2.3 To approve the appointment of Cllr. Eimear Ferguson to the LMETB, following the resignation of Cllr. Caroline Lynch.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

- 5.2.4 To approve the appointment of Cllr. Paddy Meade as Chair of the Transportation SPC, following the resignation of Cllr. Eugene Cassidy.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

- 5.2.5 To approve the appointment of Cllr. Alan Tobin as Chair of the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, following the resignation of Cllr. Joe Fox.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

5.3 Community

- 5.3.1 To receive the details of and approve the allocations under the Knockharley Community Grants Scheme 2017, as recommended by the Ashbourne Municipal District at their meeting held on 11th September 2017.



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Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Claire O' Driscoll**.

5.4 Transportation

- 5.4.1 To consider the submissions/objections (if any) received in response to the display of the "Draft" Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2017 and to resolve to make the said Bye-Laws in accordance with the Draft document subject to such variations or amendments as considered appropriate, and that said Bye-Laws shall come into force on the 6th November 2017.

Councillors resolved to make the said Bye-Laws on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

- 5.4.2 Seek approval of a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare Co County for the Tendering, Construction & Administration for the delivery of the Royal Canal Greenway between Cloncurry, Enfield and Ferns Lock County Meath.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**.

- 5.4.3 Seek approval of a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare Co Council for the carrying out of works at the N51, Slane Retaining Wall, Main Street, Slane, County Meath.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**.

5.5 Finance

- 5.5.1 To receive update on the revaluation of properties process under section 19(2) of the Valuation Act 2001, as amended by section 7 of the Valuation (Amendment) Act 2015.

Fiona Lawless, Head of Finance, provided an update and noted that 4,800 properties in Meath will go through a revaluation process called 'Revaluation 2019'. It was noted that, in the coming weeks, every ratepayer will receive documentation, which must be completed and returned within 28 days and this will then start the process of valuation. A lengthy debate took place on the matter and the Head of Finance responded to the issues raised by Councillors.



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6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

Councillors sought clarification on a number of matters in the Chief Executive's report.

The main issues raised and discussed included:

Housing:

- the need for a rapid building programme to address the housing waiting list and the level of homelessness;
- retro-fitting of houses welcomed but more needs to be done in regard to energy audits;
- the impact of the shortage of skills in the construction industry on the provision of housing was noted;
- request for a breakdown of homeless figures i.e. the details of the reasons for the homeless status of individuals;
- update on Farganstown lands requested.

Transportation:

- issues in relation to the standard of works re the cycle network in Ratoath were raised;
- the CIS Schemes and the LIS schemes welcomed;
- timescale needed on Ratoath outer relief road.

Community:

- the Library activities for Children's Book Festival welcomed but the need for a library service in Laytown was noted;
- Pride of Place Awards welcomed in Ballivor;
- JPC public meeting noted;
- suggestion that, because of the cellular network provision in Navan Trim & Kells, the provision of WIFI facilities should be directed to rural areas.

Environment:

- the information provided by the Environment Department on the Tymoole landfill was welcomed;
- information requested in regard to the inspection of illegal dumps.

Economic Development:

- the Retail Excellence Ireland seminar scheduled for the 23rd October was welcomed and it was queried if towns and villages that do not have a Chamber of Commerce could participate in the event.

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



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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.

The CPG noted reports from the following SPC meetings: Environmental SPC held on the 27th September and the Planning Economic Development and Enterprise SPC also held on the 27th September.

6.2.1 To consider and approve the recommendation of the CPG in regard the draft proposed Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme.

The draft proposed Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan McKenna**.

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting of the recommendations in regard to the following items:

- The committee considered and approved the draft design for the World War 1 memorial to be erected in honour of those who died from Navan and district.
- approved a list of conferences relevant to the business of the Council.

The above recommendations were approved by the Councillors.

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the July 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. use of Leap Cards to pay for toll roads.

Noted by the Councillors.

7.2 Correspondence from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment in response to Notice of Motion 9.7 adopted at the July 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. amending current threshold of 100,000 tonnes as set by Class 5 of the Waste Management (Facility Permit & Certificate of Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended, to at least 300,000 tonnes.



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Noted by the Councillors

- 7.3 Circular Letter FPS 01/2017 – Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Publication of Draft National Planning Framework (NPF) Ireland 2040: Our Plan.

Noted by the Councillors.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“Can Meath County Council provide an update and timeframe on the planned €250,000 capital spend on new tourist and parking facilities at the Hill of Tara?”

Response

Meath County Council met with representatives of the National Monuments Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and OPW on July 6th 2017 to discuss the Hill of Tara Conservation/Management Plan. The Draft Plan was submitted to the Department in September 2014. It was agreed that while it was still of relevance, but would require some edits and updating, that responsibility should be given to the original authors.

The Council stated that car parking constraints at the Hill of Tara site were in urgent need of resolution and it was agreed that this should be prioritised notwithstanding the finalisation of a Conservation/Management Plan.

Meath County Council was asked to submit its comments – (submitted on 21st July 2017).

The Department has agreed to incorporate reviews by NMS, OPW and Meath County Council, and forward to the Discovery Programme/Heritage Council as the basis on which the draft plan should be edited and updated.

The Department has stated that final Conservation/Management Plan be ready for publication in 2018. It is intended that the Conservation Plan for Tara complex will act as an overarching framework for managing and interpretation of the site.

Noted by the Councillors.

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“How many dog licences have been issued in the past calendar year and would the local authority be willing to facilitate online dog license applications?”



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Response

The Council are currently engaging with An Post for the provision of a national database system to bring licences online and to automate the current sale over the counter system.

The following is a breakdown of Dog Licences sold in Meath in 2016:

Type of Licence	Purchased from	Cost	Numbers purchased 2014
Individual Licence	Post Office or Meath County Council	€20	4219
Lifetime Licence	Meath County Council	€140	2
General Licences-10 or more Dogs	Meath County Council	€400	2
Total			4223

Noted by the Councillors.

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Maria O’Kane

“In light of the fall in numbers of Irish speakers in the Meath Gaeltachts of Baile Ghib and Ráth Cairn (as per updated census figures) to ask the council their plans to invest in and support the Irish language in the county to address this worrying trend. Recent actions such as naming the new Council HQ Buvinda House rather than Teach na Bóinne/Teach Bhoann (or similar) are a concern to Irish speakers and progressive efforts need to be seen / Mar gheall ar an laghdú ar chainteoirí Gaeilge i gceantair Gaeltachta na Mí Baile Ghib agus Ráth Cairn (mar a fheictear sa daonáireamh reatha) cad atá idir lámhe ag an gComhairle maidir le infheistíocht agus tacaíocht a thabhairt don teanga chun dul i ngleic leis an treocht ar ábhar buartha í? Is cúiseanna imní iad gníomhaíochtaí le déanaí, "Buvinda House" seachas Teach na Bóinne/Teach Bhoann (nó mar sin de) a chur ar cheanncheathrú Chomhairle Chontae na Mí agus tá iarrachtaí forchéimnithe ag teastáil.

Response

Meath County Council recognises the importance of the Irish language and respects the rights of Irish speakers in the county and beyond. Since the enactment of the Official Languages Act, 2003, Meath County Council has been introducing and developing Irish



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language services in a number of areas such as corporate publications, web content, signage and customer service provision.

An Irish Language committee is also in place since 2016 and comprises 6 Councillors and 2 Council officials. This committee works on the promotion of the Irish language through:

- the informal use of the Irish language within the Council and amongst the wider public;
- regular reviews of the Council's obligations under the Official Languages Act to make sure nothing is being overlooked;
- the use of the Irish language skills of staff for the benefit of the citizens of County Meath;
- to ensure that the efforts in respect of the Irish language throughout the county are recognised.

It is the intention to invite and involve members of the public to contribute and collaborate with the work of the Irish Language Committee.

It is noted that 2018 has been designated as Bliain na Gaeilge and Meath County Council is committed to supporting this initiative through its Irish Language Committee and through its plan in regard to the Creative Ireland programme.

It is also noted that the Council's is continuing its investment in Irish Language training to increase competency in oral and written communications across the organisation. The training department is currently preparing a programme to be implemented in 2017/2018 in conjunction with Gaelchultúr.

Noted by the Councillors.

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"To call on Meath County Council to carry out a cost benefit analysis on the construction of a new Council Chamber at Buvinda House, which will allow for the lease or sale of the current buildings at County Hall.

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

At the preliminary stage in the refurbishment of Buvinda House, a number of options were explored for the location of a new Council Chamber. A potential location was identified which would fit in with the overall layout of the building, if and when a final decision is made in this regard and funding put in place in the Capital Programme. At



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this stage and as part of the overall design process, a cost benefit analysis would then be undertaken.

With regard to County Hall, please note that the final move of staff from County Hall to Buvinda House i.e. Housing, Motor Tax and ICT Sections will take place on the 20th October. Council meetings will continue to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall and these arrangements will be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group. Please note that the Council now intends to prepare a framework plan to establish possible future uses of the County Hall site and this plan will be brought before the Council in due course.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**.

Following a debate on the motion and advice from the Chief Executive, the motion was adopted.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to design a social housing extension application form, so tenants with adequate garden space in need of larger unit can apply for home extensions."

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

In recent years, the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government has provided capital funding under the Local Authority Adaptation Works Scheme to Local Authorities to undertake adaptations and extensions to their existing social housing stock. The scheme applies to adaptations needed to address the needs of older people or people with a disability, who may require chairlifts or the installation of a downstairs bedroom or bathroom, including extensions. It has been confirmed that extensions needed to address over-crowding (families who outgrow their current dwelling) is eligible expenditure under the scheme. However, the expectation is that Local Authorities, as far as possible, should use their existing stock of vacant properties to meet such need.

Notwithstanding the above, it is important to note that applications for adaptations or extensions for medical reasons are a priority, and the available allocation in recent years has been expended in its entirety on such works, with the option of a transfer considered in cases of overcrowding.

Applications based on overcrowding will be examined on a case by case basis, within the overall context as detailed above.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O' Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.



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Following a lengthy debate on the matter, and advice from Barry Lynch, Director of Services, and the Chief Executive, it was agreed that the motion would be referred for examination by the Housing, Social and Cultural SPC

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) sets out how enjoyment of human rights are to be promoted and protected to enable people with disabilities to live full lives in this community.

‘To call on the Chief Executive will within two months to provide a report to the Council, for their consideration, setting out:

- 1. the current situation in relation to matters which the Council has direct responsibility for;*
- 2. an estimation of the areas and the extent of unmet need relating to same;*
- 3. the areas where engagement of this Council with other public bodies would improve participation for people with disabilities and the names of those public bodies;*
- 4. the measures taken and planned by this Council to ensure the participation and engagement by people with disabilities and their representatives in local decision making structures and mechanisms, with a view to budgeting and planning for 2018 and beyond for the Council to advance implementation of the UN CRPD / Le Coinbhinsiún na Náisiún Aontaithe um chearta an Duine faoi Mhíchumas (CNA CDM) leagtear amach conas leasa a bhaint as cearta daonna a chur chun chinn agus a chosaint chun gur féidir le daoine le míchumais saolta folláin a leanúint sa phobail*

‘Go gcuirfidh an Príomhfheidhmeánach tuairisc os comhair na Comhairle le linn dhá mhí, le himscrúdú a dhéanamh air a chuireann in iúl:

- 1. Conas mar atá cúrsaí a bhfuil an Chomhairle freagrach go díreach astu faoi láthair,*
- 2. meastachán ar na réimsí agus an méid gá neamhlíonaithe ábhartha atá ann,*
- 3. na réimsí ina gcuirfeadh rannpháirtíocht na Comhairle seo le comhlachtaí poiblí eile rannpháirtíocht daoine le míchumais chun chinn agus ainmneacha na gcomhlachtaí poiblí sin, agus*
- 4. na bearta glactha agus in intinn ag an gComhairle seo le rannpháirtíocht dhaoine le míchumais agus a n-ionadaí i struchtúir cinnteoireachta áitiúla a chinntiú, ar mhaithe le pleanáil agus buiséadú do 2018 agus ar aghaidh chun go gcuirfeadh an Chomhairle chur chun feidhme an CNA CDM chun chinn.”*

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

The Meath LCDC was the first in the country to incorporate a Human Rights and Equality Statement in its LECP, something which is now considered the template for all other



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LCDCs in the country. The LCDC has committed to equality and human rights through a set of values namely dignity, inclusion, social justice, democracy and autonomy. The Human Rights and Equality Statement will serve as a set of guiding principles to bring an equality and human rights focus into the work of the LCDC, particularly in relation to the LECP and will be used to inform the planning, implementation and evaluation of the LECP.

Included in the Meath LECP is an action “Achieve Inclusion for People with Disabilities” which seeks to support and secure the participation of people with disabilities in their local communities, and the LCDC will strive to achieve this goal through a number of identified milestones. It is hoped that the action will be delivered through the collaborative working relationship of a number of agencies and its implementation will be monitored by the LCDC.

Meath County Council seeks to ensure that all projects and services provided are open and accessible to all. This includes but not limited to access to corporate buildings, accessing customer services, street enhancement projects, delivery of library services and construction/upgrading of playgrounds. The Council also leads an inter-agency steering group which has produced a strategy for meeting the housing needs of applicants with disabilities. Meath County Council will continue to strive to ensure that all services are accessible to each and every member of our community.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sinéad Burke** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

Following a lengthy debate, and based on the supporting information, the motion was noted.

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“To call on Meath County Council to produce a time-framed action plan to increase the building of social housing as per discussions at the recent Housing Summit / Glaonn Sinn Féin ar Chomhairle Chontae na Mí plean gnímh tráthúil a chruthú chun an méid tithé sóisialta tógtha a mhéadú faoi mar a phléadh ag an gcruinniú mullaigh tithíochta le déanaí.”

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

Outlined below is a summary of projected delivery across all social housing mechanisms for the period 2017-2020, including direct construction.

The figures provided for direct construction, Part V and Approved Housing Bodies are based on current/pending approvals and their expected delivery time frames.



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Delivery through Part V, Approved Housing Bodies and direct construction will further increase from the baseline data presented below, as proposals are developed and finalised during the period concerned. Some estimates have also been included for future pipeline activity for Part Vs and AHBs. It must be noted that it is only possible to gain reasonable certainty regarding Part V delivery once a commencement notice has been lodged in relation to a particular development.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTALS
Direct Construction	16	72	130	67	285
Acquisitions Est	50	50	50	50	200
Part V known Plus estimate *	20	31	- 25	49 25	100 50
Approved Housing Bodies *	35	149	22 90	- 90	206 180
Leasing (HAP/RAS)	700	700	700	700	2,800
TOTALS	821	1,002	1,017	981	3,821

***Estimates of additional activity over and above the baseline in the period to 2020.**

The balance of Meath County Council's land bank is currently being reviewed and a report being compiled in order to identify the potential for any further direct construction projects within our remaining land bank. The outcome of this review will be presented at the next meeting of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development Strategic Policy Committee. The need to access funding to advance a land acquisition programme has been highlighted with the Department and confirmation that funding sanction for land acquisition will be provided has been sought, in order to allow the scope for future direct construction activity advance beyond the capacity of our existing land bank.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Sinéad Burke**, was adopted.

9.5 Submitted by the Kells Municipal District Councillors

"Given the importance of the Irish language, particularly within our County where Irish is used on a daily basis within our Gaeltacht areas, we wish to reflect this by calling on Bank of Ireland to reconsider its decision to remove the Irish language facility from its ATM network."



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The motion, proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**, was unanimously adopted.

An extension of time, 10 minutes, was agreed on the proposal of the **Cathaoirleach** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“This Council will write to the Minister outlining our concern at the repercussions of a recent court case which directed that homeowners could not take insolvency deal appeals in their own name to the District Court, but instead submit appeals in the name of a PIP. This has in effect restored the Banks veto on whether they accept insolvency deals with distressed homeowners, and made the current Abhaile Scheme not fit for purpose. This crucial change will force many homeowners into bankruptcy and homelessness / Go scríobhfadh an Chomhairle chuig an Aire ag déanamh breac-chuntas ar ár n-ímní maidir le drochthorthaí chás cúirte le déanaí a dheimhnigh nach féidir le úinéirí tí achomhairc ar mhargaidh dhóchmainneachta ina n-ainmneacha féin a thabhairt go dtí an Chúirt Dúiche, ach achomhairc a chur isteach in ainm PIP ina n-áit. Le sin cuireadh an cros Banc i bhfeidhm arís ar ghlacú le mhargaidh dhóchmainneachta le húinéirí tí anásta agus mar sin rinneadh an Scéim Abhaile neamhbhailí. Cuirfidh an t-athrú ríthábhachtacht seo mórán úinéirí tí i bhféimheacht agus fágfaidh sé gan dídeán iad.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson**.

Following a debate on the matter it was agreed to note the motion.

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

Noted by the Councillors.



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11 Any Other Business

Councillor Jim Holloway raised the issue of the Navan Town bus service and the reliability of the service.