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Ordinary Meeting 12th April 2010, Council Chamber

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of monthly meeting held on 1st March 2010.
- 1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Planning meeting held on 9th March 2010 (To be circulated).

2.0 Matters arising from the minutes

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 Correspondence from Kells Town Council re Notice of Motion adopted by the elected Members.

5.0 E.U. Correspondence

- 5.1 EU News Bulletin – Number 68 – February 2010

6.0 Report from Protocol Committee

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

8.0 Other Statutory Business

8.1 Planning

- 8.1.1 To consider taking in charge report of the following estates as recommended by the Members of Trim Electoral Area at their meeting of 18th January 2010 and if thought fit declaring that the roads within these estates be public roads.

Estate	Location
Glen Aibhainn	Enfield, Co Meath
Glen Aibhainn (phase 1)	Enfield, Co Meath
Innwood	Enfield, Co Meath
Rathdale	Enfield, Co Meath



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De Lacy Court	Trim, Co Meath
De Lacy Crescent	Trim, Co Meath
St John's Estate	Friarspark, Trim Co Meath
De Granville Court	Trim, Co Meath

- 8.1.2 To receive a presentation on proposed Variation No 10 of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013. The purpose of this variation is two fold: To delete Paragraph 10.3.1.1 of Chapter 10 of Volume 1 of the CDP which currently addresses the issue of rural design and to incorporate the Meath Rural House Design guide as an appendix to the County Development Plan as a replacement to Paragraph 10.3.1.1 of Chapter 10 of Volume 1 of the CDP.

To resolve if thought fit to place the proposed variation on public display, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended.

- 8.1.3 Following consideration of the report on submissions received in respect of the Draft County Meath Biodiversity Action Plan 2008-2012, to resolve to adopt the plan.

8.2 Infrastructure

- 8.2.1 To adopt the 2010 Roadworks Programme.
- 8.2.2 To consider the submissions/objections (if any) received in response to the display of the "Draft" Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (M3/M2) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No.1) 2010 and to resolve to make the said Bye-Laws in accordance with the Draft subject to such variations or amendments as considered appropriate.
- 8.2.3 To resolve to enter into an Agreement in the terms set out with Offaly County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 whereby Offaly County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Meath County Council in relation to the carrying out of rehabilitation works at MH-N02-002.00- Slane Bridge (Meath), as described in the schedule to the Agreement and to affix the seal of the Council to the said Agreement (copy of draft Section 85 Agreement attached).
- 8.2.4 Extension of Rail Line from Dunboyne to Navan.

8.3 Environment

- 8.3.1 To consider, and if thought fit, to resolve to adopt the Neagh-Bann International River Basin Management Plan 2009-2015 in accordance with the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No.722 of 2003) as amended.



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- 8.3.2 To consider, and if thought fit, to resolve to adopt the Shannon International River Basin Management Plan 2009-2015 in accordance with the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No.722 of 2003) as amended.

8.4 **Housing, Social Community & Cultural**

- 8.4.1 To approve funding allocations to community groups / organisations under the Meath County Council / Knockharley Landfill Community Liaison Committee – Environmental Community Projects & Works Scheme 2009 in respect of applications received and as recommended by the Navan Electoral Area Committee and Knockharley Landfill Community Liaison Committee. (Report to follow).
- 8.4.2 To consider and if thought fit to approve, Meath County Council Arts, Bursaries & Awards 2010 Recommendation.

8.5 **Corporate Services**

- 8.5.1 To receive report from Audit Committee.
- 8.5.2 To nominate two Members to the Meath Conhairle na nÓg Steering Committee.
- 8.5.3 To nominate two Members to the Joint Policing Committee.
- 8.5.4 To nominate one Member to the Forum of East Border Region.
- 8.5.5 To nominate two Member to Meath Arts Forum.
- 8.5.6 To nominate one Member to Meath Heritage Forum.

9.0 Notice of Motion

- 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane:

“Ireland and the UK are the only countries in Europe in which upward-only rent reviews are standard practise in commercial rent agreements.

I call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr Dermot Ahern T.D. to act quickly in providing legislation that will remove the terms in existing retail contracts which allow landlords to revise rents upwards. This is providing to be a huge problem in our area. High rents are forcing Meath retailers to the wall. There will have to be provision for downward rental reviews.

A significant amount of retail/commercial property has been moved to NAMA, yet 30,000 jobs have been lost in the retail sector in the past year. Landlords must provide flexibility to tenants. Urgent action is required. The Minister cannot be allowed to delay any longer on this matter. It is in the public interest and in the interest of every local authority that steps are taken very soon in regard to this issue”.



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9.2 Submitted by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald:

“This meeting of Meath County Council calls on the County Manager to outline how he proposes to deal with the major shortfall in funding from development levies of approx. €70 million needed to fund capital projects and the serious concerns expressed by the Local Government Auditor in his letter dated 7th December 2009 of the shortfall of approx. €40 million for work already committed, to allow the members of the Council to consider and decide”.

10.0 Schedule of Manager’s Orders (For Information Only)

- 10.1 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Infrastructure
- 10.2 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Environment
- 10.3 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Housing Construction
- 10.4 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Community & Enterprise

11.0 Presentations from Other Bodies

12.0 Any Other Business

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