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### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Council Chamber***

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

#### **4 Statutory Business**

##### **4.1 Corporate Services**

4.1.1 To appoint one replacement (Councillor) to the Audit Committee.

4.1.2 To nominate 15 Councillors to the Meath Joint Policing Committee.

4.1.3 To nominate 2 additional Directors to the Board of East Border Region (to be selected from the 5 existing Councillors of the East Border Region Forum).

##### **4.2 Transportation & Housing**

4.2.1 To adopt the 2015 Schedule of Navan Municipal District Works.

##### **4.3 Finance**

4.3.1 To receive Draft Annual Financial Statement 2014.

4.3.2 To approve (i) revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 as set out in Table A in accordance with S104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and (ii) transfers to and from Capital as set out in Table B.

4.3.3 To receive in accordance with Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, a report on schedule of uncollected rates.



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4.3.4 To receive and consider Draft Capital Programme 2015.

### **4.4 Planning**

4.4.1 To receive a presentation and a report on the progress achieved in securing the objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 (as varied) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 (2) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014.

4.4.2 To consider amendments to, and adopt, the draft County Meath Heritage Plan 2015-2020.

4.4.3 To consider amendments to, and adopt, the draft County Meath Biodiversity Plan 2015-2020.

### **4.5 Community**

4.5.1 To receive presentation from Meath Tourism on 2015 Work Programme.

4.5.2 To receive the Annual Report 2014 for the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) as required by the Local Government Act 2001 S128B(1)(i) as amended by the Local Government Act 2014.

## **5 Reports**

5.1 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

5.2 Report from the Protocol Committee

## **6 Correspondence**

6.1 Department of Social & Family Affairs in response to Notice of Item 9.6 - Notice of Motion adopted at the February Monthly Meeting.

6.2 Department of Social Protection in response to Notice of Item 9.8 - Notice of Motion adopted at the January Monthly Meeting.

6.3 Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht re. 'Ireland 2016' initiative.

6.4 Office of the Minister, Department of Finance in response to Notice of Item 9.7 - Notice



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of Motion adopted at the January Monthly Meeting.

### 7 Notice of Question

#### 7.1 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian

*“In relation to Community Planning Levies, and further to my question and answer from March meeting, can the Chief Executive break down the amount of funding now available to each new Municipal District as outlined under the previous old Electoral areas?”*

#### 7.2 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

*‘To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to increase the number of local authority homes to be upgraded for energy efficiency in Meath; to ask what has the Council done with the building energy credits associated with the number of local authority homes in Meath that have been upgraded for energy efficiency in the last number of years and to outline to the elected Members of the Council what exactly was done with these valuable credits associated with these Kilowatt-hour (kWh) savings, if they were sold and if so for how much, if they were swapped or if the Council intend to use them for another purpose?’*

#### 7.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

*“What is the number of householders in the County that availed of well grants in 2013 and 2014?”*

#### 7.4 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

*“Can Meath County Council re-direct any savings in personnel and resources in the centralisation of the payroll system to the economic development section of the Council?”*

#### 7.5 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

*“To ask the Chief Executive the number of presentations to the Housing Settlement Officers this year to date / Ceist a chur ar an bhPríomhfheidhmeannach maidir leis an méid cuairteanna roimh na hOifigigh Socraithe i mbliana go dtí seo?”*



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### 7.6 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

*“To ask the Chief Executive the number of vacant housing units/voids and their location on 20th March 2015, and the plan to return these units to use. / Ceist a chur ar an bhPríomhfheidhmeannach maidir leis an méid chóiríocht gan áitiú agus an áit in a bhfuil siad an lá an 20 Márta 2015 agus na bearta atá ann chun iad siúd a chur chun úsáide?”*

### 7.7 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

*“To ask the Chief Executive the total number of inspections carried out on private rented accommodation in Co. Meath in 2014 and to date in 2015; and for this as a percentage of the total number of private rented units in the county / Ceist a chur ar an bhPríomhfheidhmeannach maidir leis an méid iniúchtaí a rinneadh ar lóistín príobháideach ar cíós i 2014 agus go dtí an lá seo i 2015; agus cén céatadán iad sin den méid iomlán lóistín príobháideach ar cíós sa chontae?”*

### 7.8 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

*“To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form the total number of Rental Accommodation Scheme units per municipal district and the extent to which this has changed, i.e. units added or lost, in the past 15 months / Ceist a chur ar an bhPríomhfheidhmeannach an uimhir beacht aonad an bhardais sa scéim um chóiríocht ar cíós a chur ar fáil i bhfoirm tábla agus an méid ar athraigh sé, sin a rá an méid aonad a chuireadh leis an scéim nó a chaillíodh ón scéim sa 15 mí deireanacha?”*

### 7.9 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

*“Traffic delays on the N2 at Kilmoon cross and at Primatestown have been an issue for daily commuters at peak times for some time. Following a number of motions and questions at district and council level the Executive has given a commitment to engage with the NRA at its monthly meeting regarding remediating the issue and within its own engineering structure to look at re-sequencing the lights.*

*Can the Transportation Department furnish me with the outcomes of discussions with representatives from the NRA to date, our own assessment of the traffic issues at the junction at peak hours and the Council's plan to address the issue of traffic delays for commuters?”*



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### 7.10 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

*“Can the Chief Executive please provide members with an update in respect of the provision of a County Museum for Meath and specifically the request for an application for funding to Europe to provide same in the old St Patrick’s Classical School building, owned by Meath County Council, which I had requested in 2014?”*

## 8 Notice of Motion

### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

*“That Meath County Council compile and issue a weekly e-newsletter to community organisations that are part of the PPN and to any other interested bodies and individuals.”*

### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Darren O’Rourke

*“That Meath County Council, recognising the potential economic benefit to Co. Meath of a range of EU funding streams, will explore methods to improve this Council’s approach to applying for and securing funds, and that this would include the possibility of dedicating staff to this area / Á n-aithint an buntáiste eacnamaíoch ionchasach atá ann do Chontae na Mí maidir le sruthanna cistithe , go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí iniúchadh ar na modhanna gur féidir feabhsú le cur chuige an Chomhairle cur isteach ar chistiúchain, agus cistiúchain a fháil, agus agus go mbeadh an féideartheacht foireann a thiomnú don réimse seo san áireamh.”*

### 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

*“That Meath County Council welcomes the recent housing meeting in Buvinda House on 31st March organised by the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee and, recognising the immediate nature of the housing crisis in Meath with increasing numbers at risk of homelessness, not least from the threat of repossession, calls for the immediate production of a concise, time framed, action plan with specific objectives and implementation and monitoring measures / Go bhfáiltíonn Comhairle Chontae na Mí roimh an gcrúinniú tithíochta a bhí ann i dTeach Buvinda ar an 31 Márta eagraithe ag an gCoiste um Beartais Straitéiseacha ar Thithíocht agus Phobal agus á n-aithint bunús práinneach na géarchéime tithíochta i gContae na Mí agus bagairt easpa dídine roimh mhéideanna airde daoine, ní amháin mar gheall ar athshealbhú, go n-éilíonn sí plean gníomhaíochta comair le spriocanna sonracha mar aon le beartais chur chun feidhme agus monatóireachta a chur i bhfeidhnm.”*



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### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

*"With regard to the initiative of Minister for Tourism Paschal Donohoe in recognising the key role of local authorities in his Department's new tourism policy, 'People, Place & Policy, Growing Tourism to 2025', I call on Meath County Council to implement the recommendations therein:*

- 1. Support communities in tourism development, and co-operate with neighbouring authorities as appropriate to maximise tourism opportunities for the region as a whole.*
- 2. Identify tourism as a priority in the Local Economic and Community Plans, and provide support to start-up and developing tourism enterprises."*

### 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

*"In light of the adverse findings for the potential of Wind Power in the Meath Area arising from the findings of the UK Met Office Measured Wind Speeds Report commissioned by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, I call on Meath County Council to bring the findings to the attention of the Ministers for the Environment and Energy, and to An Bord Pleanála."*

### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*"To call on all Councillors to fully support the retention of acute 24/7 psychiatric care at Our Lady's Hospital in Navan. It is our County Meath hospital, and we must send a clear message to the Government and the HSE, that we are fully united, in our support, for the acute psychiatric service for people and patients living in Navan and in Co. Meath, for patient care and safety. I ask that this motion is sent to the Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, and all Meath Oireachtas Members."*

### 8.7 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*"I call on all Councillors of Meath County Council to support my motion of no confidence in Irish Water, and to call on Minister Alan Kelly T.D. and the Fine Gael/Labour Party Government to abolish Irish water."*



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### 8.8 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

*“That Meath County Council calls on both the Department of Social Protection and Meath Partnership to immediately rescind the letters asking community and voluntary organisations to pay €235 per Tús worker per year.”*

### 8.9 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

*“That this Council notes the increasing casualization of employment, adding to the high levels of economic inequality; acknowledges the increasing prevalence of zero and low hour contracts; calls on the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation to adopt an industrial relations policy that ends zero hour contracts and protects workers, creating a benchmark for sustainable decent employment / Go n-aithníonn an Comhairle seo an méadú i ndíbhuanú na hoibre a chuireann le leibhéil airde neamhionannas eacnamaíochta; go n-aithníonn sí an dul in airde ar chonarthaí uaire ísle agus nialachais agus go n-éilíonn sí ar an Aire Post, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta polasaí chaidreamh tionsclaíoch a ghlacadh a chuireann deireadh le conarthaí nialachais ionas go gcruthófar tagarmharc maidir le fostaíocht inbhuanaithe chuibhiúil.”*

### 8.10 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

*“This Council calls on Minister Alex White T.D. and the Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources to scrap the controversial and confusing Eircode design, and asks that a free and open tender, that does not exclude small business, be held for the design of a modern, smart, structured postcode with integrated geolocation (GPS) data.”*

### 8.11 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

*“This Council welcomes the publication of the 'Guidelines for Setting & Managing Speed Limits' which was recently launched by Minister for Transport, Sport & Tourism Paschal Donohoe TD. However we call on the Minister to review the default speed limit of 50km per hour which currently applies in housing estates, and ask that he set a default of 30km per hour for all housing estates.”*

## 9 Chief Executive’s Report and Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)



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- 9.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation
- 9.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment
- 9.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing Construction
- 9.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

### **10 Any Other Business**

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