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Ordinary Meeting

11th May 2015, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13th April 2015.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Housing meeting held on 29th April 2015.

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 Planning

5.1.1 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. (deferred from April meeting)

5.2 Social, Community & Cultural

5.2.1 To receive presentation from Meath Tourism on 2015 Work Programme. (deferred from April meeting)

5.2.2 To consider Bursaries and Awards 2015 recommendations.

5.3 Corporate Services

5.3.1 To receive a presentation on the proposed new Civic Headquarters - Buvinda House.



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5.4 Environment

- 5.4.1 To receive a draft Litter Management Plan 2015-2017 incorporating a local event signage policy document and if thought fit, to resolve to place same on public display for the statutory period (as recommended by the Environment SPC).

5.5 Finance

- 5.5.1 To receive a report on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of Q1 2015.
- 5.5.2 To adopt the Audit Committee Charter and the Audit Committee's Annual Work Programme.

5.6 Transportation

- 5.6.1 To enter into an agreement with Kildare County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 whereby Kildare County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Meath County Council in relation to the widening / rehabilitation works to the MH-N52-003.00 Owenroe Bridge (Carlanstown) and to the MH-N52-007.00 Siddan Bridge in the County of Meath which are described in the Schedule to the Agreement.
- 5.6.2 To receive a presentation on the Slane Traffic Management Report.

6 Reports

6.1 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

6.2 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to Notice of Item 9.5 - Notice of Motion adopted at the November Monthly Meeting.
- 7.2 Circular RSD 01/2015 – Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport re. Guidelines for the Setting and Managing of Speed Limits in Ireland (2015).



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8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“In relation to trespassing on vacant private and/or local authority property, what bylaws are in place and enforceable to prosecute trespassers?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

“Can the Manager please outline what steps have been taken by Meath County Council to give effect to the following resolution unanimously adopted by the members of the Council at the November 2014 meeting?”

That this Council resolves to commence the process of varying the County Development Plan by adding the following policies to Section 8 “Energy and Communications.

(1) To support generation of Wind Power in Meath by commercial and residential users, where a majority of the electricity produced is used directly by the business generator or residential generator (otherwise known as auto-producer production or producer consumption) subject to sustainable planning and development.

(2) To allow wind power generation for the National Grid or for export from Ireland, only on sites with average annual wind speeds greater than 9 metres per second, (measured at 100 metres above ground level,) in the interests of securing National and EU policy objectives, of minimising the cost of wind energy, maximising efficiency of generation, and in the interests of sustainable planning and development.”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Claire O’ Driscoll

“3436 persons were deemed to potentially have an outstanding NPPR liability within Meath in 2014. 1014 persons discharged this liability fully and 89 payment plans were entered into following letters issued to the people in question in July of last year. How much if any has been budgeted for within the 2015 budget and what processes if any are in place to address the circumstance where people have not responded in any way to a letter sent last year?”



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9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French (deferred from April meeting)

“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.”

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Darren O’ Rourke

“That Meath County Council would begin the process of engagement with the community and stakeholders with a view to changing the name of the main street in Ashbourne from Frederick Street to Thomas Ashe Street (Sráid Thomás Ághas, as Gaeilge) in time for 2016 to commemorate Commander Ashe's role in the Battle of Ashbourne 1916 and more broadly in the cause of Irish Freedom./Go dtosóidh Comhairle Contae na Mí an próiseas maidir le plé a dhéanamh leis an bpobal agus le páirtithe leasmhara maidir le ainm Príomhshráid Chill Dhéagláin a athrú ó Shráid Frederick go Sráid Thomás Ághas faoi 2016 chun chomóradh a dhéanamh ar ról Ceannasaí Ághas i gCath Chill Dhéagláin agus níos leithne arís ar son saoirse na hÉireann.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“Given all of the information presented to us in relation to traffic management options since An Bord Pleanála refused permission for the N2 Slane Bypass in March 2012 , I call upon this Council to:

- 1. Conclude that there is no appropriate traffic management alternative to an N2 Bypass for Slane as the traffic management options that have been presented to us and put on public display clearly show that all such options are impractical and/or ineffective in trying to improve road safety and traffic congestion in Slane village and across the wider road network.*
- 2. Recommence work on a scheme which will provide for an N2 Bypass of Slane village with a view to reapplying for statutory approval as soon as possible*
- 3. Immediately seek the necessary funding and support from the NRA for such a scheme.”*



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9.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde (deferred from April meeting)

“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.”

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde (deferred from April meeting)

“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.”

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding (deferred from April meeting)

“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.”

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin (deferred from April meeting)

“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.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy (deferred from April meeting)

“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.”



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9.9 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council notes EirGrid’s new draft strategy for the development of Ireland’s transmission grid and the scope therein for the under grounding of cables in Grid West and Grid Link projects; calls for the Government to initiate an immediate and complete review of the North South Interconnector Project in light of the most up to date information in relation to undergrounding. /Go dtugann Comhairle Chontae na Mí suntas go bhfuil an dréachtstraitéis nua maidir le forbairt gréasán tarchuir Éireann agus an scóip atá ann maidir le folú cáblaí i dtionscadail Grid West agus Grid Link agus éilíonn sí ar an Rialtas athbhreithniú láithreach agus cuimsitheach a dhéanamh ar an tionscadal Idirnascaire Thuaidh-Theas agus an t-eolas is deireanaí maidir le folú faoi thalamh againn.”

10 Chief Executive’s Report and 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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