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### *Ordinary Meeting*

*11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Council Chamber*

#### **Presiding**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Jim Holloway

#### **Councillors Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Seán Smith

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Des Foley, Joe Fahy

**Meetings' Administrator:** Olive Falsey

**Senior Executive Officers:** Ger Murphy, David Jones, Michael Griffin, Dara McGowan

**Senior Engineer:** John McGrath

**Planning Staff:** Bernard Greene, Senior Executive Planner

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

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

The minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Forde**

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Housing meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.



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The minutes of Special Housing meeting held on 29th April 2015 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Claire O' Driscoll** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**

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

Councillor Lynch requested an update on the actions outlined in the minutes of the special Housing meeting and a response was provided by Joe Fahy, A/Director of Services.

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

Sympathy was extended to:

- John Lynch, Navan Municipal District Office, on the death of his uncle, Oliver Lynch, a former employee of Meath County Council,
- Helen Sheridan, Kells Municipal District Office, on the death of her mother Kathleen (Kitty) Sheridan.
- Cllr Wayne Forde, on the death of his uncle Raymond Forde.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All those who supported the 'Darkness into Light' walk in aid of Pieta House.
- Council staff who were involved in the Anti-Litter League Awards.
- The communities of Johnstownbridge and Enfield on their work in catering for cyclists on their final stage of the 'cycle against suicide' from Mullingar to Dublin.
- The Meath U/14 girls on winning the Leinster Championship
- The Library Service on organising the annual Post Primary Schools Debate Competition.
- Ann Finnegan, Kilmainhamwood, on her election as President of Comhaltas Ceolteorí Éireann.
- Councillor French on his involvement in the recent celebrations to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.
- Dunderry community on organising the annual 'fair day' in the village.
- Ratoath Musical Society on the successful staging of 'Fiddler on the Roof'.



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- Meath IFA on celebrating 60 years in County Meath.
- Dunshaughlin Community College on its success in the Francis Ledwidge poetry competition.
- The Cathaoirleach welcomed Dara McGowan who was recently appointed to the position of Senior Executive Officer.
- The Cathaoirleach congratulated Bernard Greene, Senior Executive Planner, on his promotion to the position of Senior Planner in Leitrim County Council and wished him every success in the future.
- The Cathaoirleach also congratulated and paid tribute to Joe Fahy, Acting Director of Services on his imminent retirement from Meath County Council. His long and dedicated service was acknowledged by Councillors and the Chief Executive. He was wished every happiness in the future.

#### **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)

Bernard Greene, Senior Executive Planner, made the presentation which included information on the following:

- Core Strategy
- Housing Strategy
- Economic Strategy
- Transportation Strategy
- Water Services Strategy
- Cultural and Natural Assets



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It was noted that the presentation was a progress report on the County Development Plan and that the overall vision and strategy remain appropriate.

Following the presentation, Councillors had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. The main issues included the need to:

- Improve water and wastewater provision in the county.
- Improve Broadband service.
- Examine development levies.
- Focus on the development of facilities in line with the growing population.
- Examine new ways to provide housing and address homelessness.
- Build better transport facilities and make Meath more attractive for residents and visitors.

**Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** proposed, seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, that a six point strategy would be prepared to focus on economic development in the county.

Responses to the issues raised were provided by Bernard Greene and the Chief Executive.

### **5.2 Social, Community & Cultural**

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

Michele Whelan, Boyne Valley Tourism Officer, made the presentation which included information on:

- Fáilte Ireland's National Strategy
- Tourism Trade in Meath
- The Boyne Valley – as a key component of the New East and South East
- Marketing Priorities, 2015
- Boyne Valley Tourism Plan 2015-2020



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- Boyne Valley Tourism Conference 2015

Following the presentation, Councillors welcomed the presentation and had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Responses were provided by Michele Whelan and Kevin Stewart, Director of Services.

### 5.2.2 To consider Bursaries and Awards 2015 recommendations.

The following awards were considered: Annual Arts Grant, Festival Grant Scheme, Community Arts Award, Professional Arts Development Fund, School Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme and Meath County Council Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

## 5.3 Corporate Services

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

Des Foley, Director of Services, made the presentation which included information regarding:

- The background to the project
- The building requirements
- The design and tender process
- Current cost estimate and business case for the project
- Cost savings and value for money

Following the presentation, Councillors raised a number of issues and responses were provided by the Chief Executive and Des Foley, Director of Services.

## 5.4 Environment



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- 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).

It was resolved to place the draft Litter Management Plan 2015-2017 on public display on the proposal of **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

### **5.5 Finance**

- 5.5.1 To receive a report on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of Q1 2015.

The report was noted by the Councillors.

- 5.5.2 To adopt the Audit Committee Charter and the Audit Committee's Annual Work Programme.

Adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

### **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".

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

- 5.6.2 To receive a presentation on the Slane Traffic Management Report.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, made the presentation which outlined:

- Purpose and process regarding the review
- Further Traffic Management options identified



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- Slane Traffic Management Review conclusions
- The Public Consultation process
- Development Plan Objectives

The position of both Meath County Council and the NRA regarding the requirement for an N2 bypass for Slane Village was noted.

It was noted that once the Roads Bill, 2014, is enacted, the NRA and Meath County Council would jointly request a 'pre-planning' meeting with An Bord Pleanála to explore the full nature and extent of requirements for inclusion in a proposed new Planning Application.

Following the presentation, it was agreed to consider Item 9.3 on the Agenda i.e. Motion submitted by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**.

Following a lengthy debate, the motion was unanimously adopted.

An extension of time (30 minutes) was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Darren O'Rourke** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Report from the Corporate Policy Group**

The Meetings' Administrator advised that the CPG reviewed the agenda for the full Council meeting and received information on the particulars of some items. Reports on recent meetings of the Planning Economic Development & Enterprise SPC and the Environmental SPC were noted.

### **6.2 Report from the Protocol Committee**

The Meetings' Administrator informed the meeting as follows:

- Correspondence from the Ratoath Municipal District regarding the role of Municipal Districts and the devolution of functions from the Council was considered and noted.



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- Correspondence from Trim Municipal District regarding a motion adopted at the April meeting to erect 1916 commemorative plaques and monuments in a number of towns and villages in the Trim Municipal District was discussed. It was agreed to forward the correspondence to the County Co-ordinator for consideration.
- A request from the Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors to recognise the achievements of the Irish Ladies Rugby Team was considered. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to organise an event in the Ashbourne Civic Offices.
- The list of conferences relevant to the business of the Council was approved.

The recommendations from the Protocol Committee were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

### **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.

Noted by the Councillors. **Councillor Sarah Reilly** expressed disappointment with the response and proposed that the motion would be sent to the Minister for Finance. There was unanimous agreement with Councillor Reilly's proposal.

- 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).

Noted by the Councillors.

### **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?”*





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### Response:

The relevant legislation in relation to trespass on private or public property is covered by sections 11 (generally loitering) and 13 (generally trespass with intent.) of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994. The Sections read as follows:

**11.**—(1) It shall be an offence for a person—

(a) to enter any building or the curtilage of any building or any part of such building or curtilage as a trespasser, or

(b) to be within the vicinity of any such building or curtilage or part of such building or curtilage for the purpose of trespassing thereon,

in circumstances giving rise to the reasonable inference that such entry or presence was with intent to commit an offence or with intent to unlawfully interfere with any property situate therein.

(2) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

Trespass on building, etc.

**13.**—(1) It shall be an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to trespass on any building or the curtilage thereof in such a manner as causes or is likely to cause fear in another person.

The enforcement of both Sections is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **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.”*



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- (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."*

### **Response:**

A resolution passed at the November 2014 meeting of the full Council called on the Council to vary the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 insofar as it relates to wind energy. Councillors were advised that Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014 sets out the procedure for initiation of a variation stating "a planning authority may at any time, for stated reasons, decide to make a variation of a development plan which for the time being is in force."

Councillors were advised that the Council must set out clear planning reasons and justification for proposing the variation and that the resolution, if passed, was an initial step in a statutory process which may or may not result in the variation of the Meath County Development Plan in due course. Councillors were advised that their motion would not have immediate effect nor could it inform the Council in the discharge of its statutory obligations unless and until a variation was formally made by the Council.

The Chief Executive prepared a report on the Emlagh Wind Farm proposal to which the Councillors subsequently appended their views at the December Council meeting. Councillors are reminded that An Bord Pleanála is the competent Authority for SID applications and that the Bord, in its consideration of such applications, is not bound by the provisions of a County Development Plan or subsequent variation.

Furthermore, the attention of the Councillors was drawn to Circular Letter PL 20-13 (attached) issued on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in the context of its ongoing review of the Wind Energy Guidelines and the Renewable Energy Export Policy and Development Framework.

The letter, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, stated "***As the preparation or variation of Local Authority Development plans must take account of all relevant and up to date National policy, it is therefore advised that until both of the above national policy review processes have concluded , Local Authorities should defer amending the existing Development Plan policies as***



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***part of either the cyclical review or variation processes. They should instead operate their existing Development plan policies and objectives until the completion of these processes and advised otherwise by the department***". Councillors were also advised that all draft variations must be referred to the Minister for comment and that Planning Authorities must have regard to any submission by the Minister in considering a variation.

The Minister of Environment, Community and Local Government has statutory powers under Section 31 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014 to direct a local authority to amend its development plan where the policies contained therein do not take sufficient account of the submissions made by the Minister or of national or regional policy. The Councillors' attention was drawn to the Ministerial direction to Westmeath County Council where they proposed to vary their Development Plan policies on Wind Energy in November 2013. Westmeath County Council was subsequently directed to amend their variation on Wind Energy in order to comply with Government policy.

The Chief Executive, in her response to the Kells MD members' motion advised the Council against varying the County Development Plan and, cautioned that the Council may be directed not to proceed. An amended motion, as set out above, was unanimously adopted against the advice of the Chief Executive.

The Council deemed it appropriate in the first instance, to put the Department on notice of the wishes of the Elected Members and wrote to the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

The Council requested the Department to provide it with an update on the focused review of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines and sought advices in light of the Department Circular Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. The Council has not received a response to its request to date.

Councillors are advised that the Chief Executive may not act in contravention of guidance from the Minister.

The Council will contact the Department again seeking a formal response to its letter of 20<sup>th</sup> November before initiating the variation process.

Noted by the Councillors.

### **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*



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*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?"*

### **Response:**

€100,000 income has been budgeted for in 2015.

At present, resources available are allocated to dealing with persons that have contacted Meath County Council with regard to liability, payment plans etc. Also a large amount of time is spent complying with our statutory obligation under Local Government (Household Charge) Act 2011 Section 19(2)(J)(8) of providing Certificates of Discharge/Exemption within 14 days. These are requested for most transfers of residential property. Approximately 1,926 certificates have been issued in the last 12 months.

Under Section 5 under the Local Government (Charges) Act 2009, it is the responsibility of the owner to declare their liability. Before changes to the NPPR charge came into effect under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which increased the penalties for non payment, Meath County Council attempted to contact persons who may be liable. This was to inform them to check their liability (if any) in relation to the charge. Information from the Revenue Commissioners was used in this task.

If persons are liable and have not paid, the charge increased from 4,220 to 7,230 and remains as a charge on the property for 12 years. As can be seen from the above, issuing of certificates or discharge/exemption is the key to getting paid outstanding NPPR monies as the sale/transfer of residential property will not proceed unless provided. Allocating resources to this, instead of contacting persons to check their liability, is more productive especially when the rate of transfer of ownership of residential property is increasing.

At present, 1142 properties have paid the NPPR since letters issued in July 2014. At present there are 157 agreements. Meath County Council is also in contact with approximately 130 persons in order to regularise their NPPR liability.

Noted by the Councillors.

## **9 Notice of Motion**

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



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*“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.”*

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

The PPN structure has been fully established and a key issue will be putting a communication process in place using the established structures to full advantage. This matter will be discussed in detail with the PPN secretariat.

The motion was noted.

An extension of time (15 minutes) was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Francis Deane** and **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

### **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.*

**Councillor Darren O’Rourke** advised the meeting of his intention to withdraw the motion.

### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding (see item 5.6.2)**

*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.*



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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.*

### 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.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**, was unanimously adopted.

### 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.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Wayne Forde** and seconded by **Councillor Darren O’Rourke**.

Following a lengthy debate, an amendment to the motion was proposed by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

*“I call on all Councillors of Meath County Council to support my motion of no confidence in Irish Water in its current form.”*

The amended motion was adopted following a roll call vote as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Cllr. Joseph Bonner				Absent
Cllr Sinead Burke				Absent



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<b>Cllr. Shane Cassells</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Eugene Cassidy</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Francis Deane</b>	For			
<b>Cllr Sean Drew</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Eimear Ferguson</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Enda Flynn</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Wayne Forde</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Joe Fox</b>		Against		
<b>Cllr. Noel French</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Michael Gallagher</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. David Gilroy</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Trevor Golden</b>			Abstain	
<b>Cllr. Johnny Guirke</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Wayne Harding</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. James Holloway</b>		Against		
<b>Cllr. Suzanne Jamal</b>		Against		
<b>Cllr. Tom Kelly</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Sharon Keogan</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Nick Killian</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Caroline Lynch</b>	For			
<b>Cllr. Stephen McKee</b>				Absent
<b>Cllr. Ronan McKenna</b>				Absent



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Cllr. Paddy Meade			Abstain	
Cllr. Maria Murphy		Against		
Cllr. Gerry O' Connor		Against		
Cllr. Claire O' Driscoll	For			
Cllr. Maria O' Kane	For			
Cllr. Damien O' Reilly	For			
Cllr. Darren O' Rourke	For			
Cllr. Bryan Reilly				Absent
Cllr. Joe Reilly				Absent
Cllr. Sarah Reilly				Absent
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	For			
Cllr. Sean Smith				Absent
Cllr. Alan Tobin		Against		
Cllr. Sharon Tolan		Against		
Cllr. Gillian Toole		Against		
<b>Result</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

#### 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.”*

The motion was withdrawn.

An extension of time (10 minutes) was agreed on the proposal of the **Cathaoirleach** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.





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### 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.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, was unanimously adopted.

### 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.”*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**, was unanimously adopted.

### 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.*

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, was unanimously adopted.

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



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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

Noted by the Councillors.

### **11 Any Other Business**