



Miontuairiscí/ Meeting Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 5th July 2010, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Joseph Bonner, Ray Butler, Sirena Campbell, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, William Carey, Regina Doherty, Jimmy Cudden, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Oliver Fox, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Seamus O'Neill, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager Tom Dowling

Directors of Service: Tadhg McDonnell, Kevin Stewart, Eugene Cummins, Brendan McGrath,

Meetings Administrator Olive Falsey

Planners: Pat Gallagher, Wendy Bagnall, Deirdre Fallon.

Senior Executive Officers: Martin Rogers, Larry Whelan, Michael Griffin

Administrative Officer: Ger Murphy

Apologies:

Councillor Wayne Harding proposed a suspension of Standing Orders, seconded by **Councillor J.V. Farrelly**, to discuss the issue of unauthorised development on the N2. It was agreed that there would be an update from the Planning Department at the special meeting on 19th July.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of monthly meeting held on 14th June 2010.
The Minutes of monthly meeting held on 14th June 2010 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Noel Leonard** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

2.0 Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Marguerite Kelly, Corporate Services, on the death of her mother-in-law.
- James Sheridan, Pride of Place and Slane Area, on the death of his wife.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All the athletes who took part in the 2010 Special Olympics Ireland Games recently held in Limerick.



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4.0 Correspondence

5.0 E.U. Correspondence

5.1 EU News Bulletin – Number 71 – May 2010

6.0 Report from Protocol Committee

Nothing to report.

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 the Report and if thought fit to approve the Taking in Charge of the Steeplechase Link Road in Ratoath from its junction with the Dunshaughlin Road R125 roundabout through to its junction with the Skryne Road as recommended by the Members of the Dunshaughlin Electoral Area at their meeting on 21st June 2010.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Fegan** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**

8.1.2 To consider the Manager's Report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations as amended, for the provision of a footpath linking the existing footpaths at Drogheda road Duleek and those provided at the Indaver facility at Carranstown Duleek.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** and seconded by **Councillor Sirena Campbell**.

8.1.3 To receive the Manager's report on submissions and observations received regarding the draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area in accordance with Section 204 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Report to follow).

Report circulated.

8.1.4 Variation 10, Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013, Rural Design Guide.

Having considered the proposed variation and the Manager's Report on submissions received in respect of the proposed variation, to resolve to make the variation with or without modifications or to resolve not to make it in accordance with Section 13(6)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000.



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The Members resolved to make Variation 10, Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013, Rural Design on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

8.2 Infrastructure

- 8.2.1 To consider and if thought fit to resolve to (a) enter into an Agreement in the terms set out with Kildare County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (copy Agreement attached) whereby Meath County Council will exercise the powers, functions and duties of both Councils in relation to the carrying out of the design and general planning of the section of the proposed Maynooth Outer Orbital Route as described in the Schedule to the Agreement and (b) affix the seal of the Council to the said Agreement. (Considered and recommended by the Dunshaughlin Area Members at meeting on 21st June 2010).

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Regina Doherty** and seconded by **Councillor Noel Leonard**.

8.3 Corporate Services

- 8.3.1 To nominate one Member to the Protocol Committee.

Councillor Willie Carey was nominated on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

8.4 Housing, Social Community & Cultural

- 8.4.1 To consider and if thought fit to adopt in accordance with Section 40 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 the draft Mid East Homelessness Action Plan 2010-2013 and which was the subject of a report and discussion at the June Meeting of the Council.

Adopted on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Sirena Campbell**.

9.0 Notice of Motion

- 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Jenny McHugh:

"I call on the Minister of Education and Skills to re-instate the grant to the Primary School Library Service. The decision to cut this grant in 2009 is certainly not reflective of the philosophy enshrined in the new primary school curriculum where it states that "the library is not only valuable, it is essential". The complete lack of funding at present means no new books can be bought. It is vital this cut is reversed. 4.52 euro for each child is a small amount to invest in our Smarter Economy Policy which the present government is supposed to be promoting. It is important that Public Libraries continue to support schools in the work that they do. This is clearly a time when such skills should be developed, as there is a greater need than ever for an educated, informed and information literate population".

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Jenny McHugh** and seconded by **Councillor Catherine Yore**, was adopted.



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9.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane:

"I call on Meath County Council to explain the water rate charging procedure and to examine how best the process could be monitored.

This follows several complaints from consumers (both commercial and domestic) who have been invoiced for water charges and their bills appear to be at variance with their consumption levels.

In rural areas domestic holding entitlements are 89 cubic metres free per six month period. The Commercial Water Consumption Charge rate is €1.42 per cubic metre while the Waste Water Consumption charge is at a rate of €1.23 per cubic metre. I'd like clarification on the position with regard to leaks which may occur during a half year period".

The motion was deferred to the September meeting.

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy:

"That Meath County Council for reasons of road safety has a report prepared, incorporating appropriate testing on the use of pyrite related rock in the construction of the M3 Motorway (South of Dunshaughlin) where the National Roads Authority has confirmed the use of pyrite related rock as embankment fill and use as a roads base".

The motion was proposed by Councillor Maria Murphy and seconded by Councillor Jim Holloway.

Eugene Cummins, DOS, advised the members that the M3 Motorway has been constructed under a PPP Contract between the National Roads Authority, as client, and Eurolink Motorway Operations (M3) Limited who are responsible for the maintenance of the section of Motorway constructed by them for a period of approximately 42 years henceforth. The National Roads Authority has confirmed to Meath County Council that the materials used in the construction of the M3 comply with the relevant standards and in this context the preparation of a report is unnecessary.

It was agreed to amend the motion and request a letter to be written to the NRA seeking to indemnify all of the non-project roads against any loss as a result of damage that may result, in the future, from the use of pyrite. The Members also sought a similar indemnity for the PPP element after the maintenance period has expired.

The amended motion, as proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Jim Holloway**, was adopted.

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

Noted.



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11.0 Presentations from Other Bodies

12.0 Any Other Business

- 12.1 **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** proposed, seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**, that a special meeting would be held to receive information on the Tara Skyrne Manager's Report. It was agreed that it would be included on the Agenda of the Special meeting on 19th July.
- 12.2 The issue of 'advertising litter' was raised and the Co. Manager advised the Members that proposals are in place to address the problem.
- 12.3 It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor J.V. Farrelly** seconded by **Councillor Jim Holloway** that due to the recent withdrawal of Eirgrid's application to An Bord Pleanála re the Meath-Tyrone 400KV Interconnector, a letter should issue seeking the legal costs incurred by the Meath anti-pylon group.