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Ordinary Meeting

6th July 2015, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual meeting held on 8th June 2015.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 8th June 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 the Members' views on Eirgrid's SID application for North South 400kv Interconnector, and if appropriate to resolve to make a submission to An Bord Pleanála in respect of this proposal. In the event that such a submission is made it shall reflect the views of the Members on the proposed development as recorded by the Meetings' Administrator.

5.1.2 To receive the Members' views on Runways Information Systems Ltd. SID application for Alterations to the existing 220KV line to allow for a grid connection and associated works at Portan Clonee, and if appropriate to resolve to make a submission to An Bord Pleanála in respect of this proposal. In the event that such a submission is made it shall reflect the views of the Members on the proposed development as recorded by the Meetings' Administrator.

5.2 Transportation

5.2.1 That Meath County Council initiate the procedure to change the name of the street known as Broadmeadow Street (otherwise Broadmeadow Castle), Ashbourne to Thomas Ashe Street.



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6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report.
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in response to Notice of Item 9.7 - Notice of Motion adopted at the May Monthly Meeting.
- 7.2 Circular WP 07/15 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Tyre Compliance Scheme.
- 7.3 Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Review of Local Government Boundaries.
- 7.4 Circular: Housing 21/2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Tenant Purchase Scheme under Part 3 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014.
- 7.5 Circular PL 2/2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2015 – Licensing of Outdoor Events.
- 7.6 Circular LG 5/2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Domestic Subsistence Rates & Distance Requirements for Elected Members with effect from 1 July 2015.
- 7.7 Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. public consultation document on Significant Water Management Issues in Ireland (SWMI).
- 7.8 Regulation of Lobbying: Guidelines on lobbying in relation to development and zoning of land.



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8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"What plans have the County Council to increase the number of Gateway employees for the county?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the grant scheme associated with the inspection programme for Septic Tanks and other Waste Water Treatment Systems - details to include registration requirements, the number of residents from Meath who have applied for this grant and the numbers paid."

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor

"Would the Head of Finance, when preparing the 2016 budget estimates, set aside any increase in the IPB dividend over and above that which was expected and allocate the surplus evenly to the six Municipal Districts?"

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"Would Meath County Council consider the webcasting of its meetings so as to make them available to members of the public who are very restricted with their access to what are public meetings?"

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"In relation to the implementation of the new National Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and the Control of Vehicles in Housing Estates, can the Chief Executive please provide a projected timescale for the review to be undertaken and when it is envisaged that any recommended changes will be actually introduced and implemented?"

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

"Can the Chief Executive advise who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sewerage and water systems in estates that have not been taken in charge and where the construction company has gone into liquidation / Ar mhiste leis an



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bPríomhfheidhmeannach a insint cé atá freagrach as cothabháil agus deisiú na gcóras séarachais agus uisce in eastáit nach bhfuil glactha ar láimh ag an gComhairle agus i gcásanna a bhfuil an comhlacht foirgníochta leachtaithe?”

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Maria O’Kane

“To ask the Chief Executive if she is familiar with the Riverwalk Court development in Ratoath, Co. Meath and the fact that residents have had to vacate the property due to fire and safety risks; if she will outline the process for ensuring that a building does not pose a fire or health and safety risk to residents, workers and visitors; and if she will outline the options available to property owners at Riverwalk Court, Ratoath / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach an bhfuil sí ar an eolas maidir leis an forbraíocht Riverwalk Court i Ráth Tó, Co. na Mí agus an bhfuil a fhios aici go raibh ar na conaitheoirí na hárasáin a fhágáil mar gheall ar phriacail tine agus sábháilteachta ; ar mhiste léi an próiseas maidir le cinntiú nach bhfuil foirgneamh baolach ó thaobh priacal tine agus sábháilteachta de do chónaitheoirí, chuariteoirí agus thógálaithe a chur in iúl; ar mhiste léi na roghanna atá ann d’úinéirí réadmhaoine ag Riverwalk Court, Ráth Tó a chur in iúl?”

8.8 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“To ask if Meath County Council are entirely satisfied that the correct procedures were used in relation to the allocation of tenders and permits for the Trim to Kilcock road contract / Ceist a chur an bhfuil Comhairle Chontae na Mí sásta go huile ‘s go hiomlán gur bhaineadh úsáid as na nósanna imeachta cearta maidir le ceadanna agus tairiscintí a bhronnadh bainteach leis an gconradh bóthair ó Bhaile Átha Troim go Cill Choca?”

8.9 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

“Following the announcement of the proposed expansion of the Rural Broadband Scheme in Meath to Beuparc, Castlejordan, Dunderry, Fordstown, Kilbride, Killeen Castle, Kilsharvan, Lobinstown, Newtown, Robinstown and Tara, can the Chief Executive inform Members as to whether there has been any information provided to our Local Authority on an actual delivery date for the completed roll out of this high speed fibre to these areas?”



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8.10 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

"Void & Vacant social housing in Co. Meath

- 1) *How many units do we have?*
- 2) *Do we have any derelict social housing?*
- 3) *How much money can we apply to the Department of the Environment & Local Government to get these units/houses habitable on a yearly basis?*
- 4) *How do we meet the shortfall from our own budgets currently?*
- 5) *How do we deal with these vacant houses with regards to funding to reinstate these houses back into our housing stock within the next 12 months?"*

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on my fellow Councillors to support my motion that, in preparation for 2016 budget, more monies be made available, and set aside, for the construction of more playgrounds especially for rural parts and villages in County Meath, as rural parts of Meath are getting very little or no benefit from the LPT."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Eugene Cassidy

"I am calling on Meath County Council to give due consideration to the recruitment of a County architect. The process would highlight the valuable contribution an architect would have in ensuring that County Meath is at its best when promoted as part of the Ancient East and Boyne Valley tourist attractions. The economic benefit of this additional resource would be considerable to the county."

9.3 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors

"That the members of Meath County Council thank the Economic Development Team in Meath County Council and the IDA for their persistent and dedicated efforts to secure Facebook and recognise the significant positive impact this development will have on our County."



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9.4 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“That Meath County Council will immediately begin the process of forming a Disability Access Advisory Committee which would comment and give recommendations on the construction and design of all future public infrastructure and amenities in the county. All local disability groups would be asked to nominate a representative to sit on this Committee which would provide a vital channel for local groups to voice their opinions and share their knowledge on best practice for accessible amenities and public spaces / Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí tús láithreach leis an bpróiseas Choiste Chomhairleach ar Rochtain Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas a bhunadh a labhróidh agus a tabharfaidh moltaí maidir le foirgníocht agus dearadh gach bonneagar poiblí agus áiseanna a thógfar sa chontae. Iarrfar ar gach grúpa áitiúil dhaoine faoi mhíchumas ionadaí a ainmniú don choiste seo a bheadh mar cainéal fíor-thábhachtach do ghrúpaí áitiúla a dtuairimí a insint agus a gcuid eolais a roinnt maidir le dea-chleachtas do spásanna agus áiseanna poiblí inrochtana.”

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“Sinn Féin welcomes the new centralised community grants scheme now in place but asks that all grants are drawn down and verified within 6 months of first funding being issued. Where a group no longer requires the full initial funding agreed we ask that the relevant Municipal District is informed so that other community groups can apply for unspent allocations / Fáiltíonn Sinn Féin roimh an scéim deontas pobail láraithe nua atá ann anois ach éilíonn sí go dtarraingeofar anuas gach deontas le linn 6 mhí den chistiúchán a bheith eisithe sa chéad dul síos. I gcásanna nach bhfuil an lán-chistiúchán ag teastáil ó ghrúpa faoi leith a thuilleadh, iarraidimid go gcuirfear an Bardas ábhartha ar an eolas chun go mbeidh grúpaí pobail eile in ann cur isteach le haghaidh leithdháiltí nár chaitheadh.”

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“The members of Meath County Council oppose any proposals or recommendations that the boundary between County Louth and County Meath and the area of the Borough District of Drogheda should be altered in any way from its current county lines.”

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I call on my fellow Councillors to support my motion of writing to the Garda Commissioner, with a view to seeking a meeting with our County Councillors, to discuss



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recruiting more Gardaí for County Meath, as anti social behaviour has risen to an all time high right across county Meath."

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Finance, as part of his Budget proposals, to review the thresholds for inheritance tax (Capital Acquisition Tax) in light of the increase in property values in Meath."

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council supports Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Si" calling for a cultural revolution to protect the Earth and fight global warming."

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"We ask the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government to review the payments in 2015 to those Local Authorities who chose to reduce their LPT rates in 2014 and subsequently requested and received Equalisation Funds."

9.11 Submitted by Fianna Fáil Councillors

"That Meath County Council members request the Minister for Justice to reverse the closure of rural Garda Stations across County Meath and, in the interim, that additional members of the force are deployed to Meath in order to allow higher visibility of patrols in more rural locations."

9.12 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors

"That Meath County Council recognises the extremely restricted and limited community and Council engagement allowed under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 as deeply flawed; that this restriction serves only to fast-track massive developments in communities often very opposed to them and, furthermore, to undermine public confidence in the entire planning process. Meath County Council therefore calls on the Government to immediately repeal the Act and replace it with legislation based on community participation and best practice / Go n-aithníonn Comhairle Chontae na Mí go bhfuil an caidreamh gníomhach pobail agus comhairle fíor-shrianta agus teoranta atá ann faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 an-lochtach, agus nach ndéanann an sriantacht ach forbraíochtaí



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ollmhóra a bhfuil na pobail go mór i gcoinne chun críche go tapa, agus in a theannta leis go laghdaíonn sé an muinín poiblí atá ann sa phróiseas pleanála iomlán. Éilíonn Comhairle Chontae na Mí ar an Rialtas an t-acht seo a aisghair agus reachtaíocht bunaithe ar rannpháirtíocht pobail agus dea-chleachtas a chur ina áit.”

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

“That Meath County Council should write to the Department of Social Protection to seek absolute clarity in relation to the Rent Allowance rates that apply to all areas of Co. Meath, the possible discretion allowed to Community Welfare Officers, and the standards and protocols which inform same / Go scríobhfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí chuig an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí chun soiléire iomlán a fháil maidir leis na rátaí liúntas cíosa atá i bhfeidhm i ngach cuid de Chontae na Mí, an rogha féidearthach atá ann do Oifigigh Leasa Pobail agus na caighdeáin agus prótacail a leanann siad.”

10 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

11 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies

11.1 Presentation from South Meath Social Economy Ltd.

12 Any Other Business

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