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Ordinary Meeting

7th September 2015, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6th July 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 Corporate Services

5.1.1 To note the 2014 Meath County Council Annual Report.

5.1.2 To note date for meeting of Councillors with Drogheda Boundary Review Committee on Friday 9th October at 10.00 a.m. in the Newgrange Hotel, Navan.

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 To agree a date Monday 28th September at 10.00 a.m. to consider the report of the Chief Executive prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014, for the purpose of resolving as follows:

- a) Vary the basic rate and set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period of one year from the next Local Property Tax liability date, or
- b) Not vary the basic rate, or
- c) Decide to consider the matter further at a subsequent meeting of Meath County Council to be held not later than the 30th September, 2015.



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- 5.2.2 To set dates for Municipal Districts to consider and adopt draft Budgetary Plan – proposed dates: Monday 12th October (Ratoath 10.00a.m. and Ashbourne 2.30p.m.) Tuesday 13th October (Navan 10.00a.m. and Kells 4.00p.m.), Wednesday 14th October (Laytown/Bettystown 10.00a.m. and Trim 2.30p.m.)
- 5.2.3 To receive a report on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of Q2 2015.

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 Office of the Minister for Justice & Equality in response to Notice of Item 9.11 - Notice of Motion adopted at the July Monthly Meeting.
- 7.2 IPB Insurance re. Members Commercial Dividend Payment 2015 (Particular to 2014 Financial Reporting Period).
- 7.3 Circular BH&AP/NLS 1/2015 – Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht re. National Landscape Strategy for Ireland 2015-2025.
- 7.4 Standards in Public Office Commission re. Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.
- 7.5 RW 13/2015 – Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport re. Additional Funding under the Restoration Improvement Programme.
- 7.6 Circular Fin 06/2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. 2015 Local Property Tax (LPT) Statistics and Property Valuation Bands – Meath County Council.
- 7.7 Circular EA 1/2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund 2015.
- 7.8 Circular Letter PL 5/2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local



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Government re. Matters relating to National WayMarked Ways – clarification between permissive trails as distinct from public rights of way.

- 7.9 Circular Letter WP 10/15 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Introduction of new primary waste management legislation.
- 7.10 Circular: Housing 33 of 2015 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 – amendments to the operation of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“Can I ask the Chief Executive at what stage will this Local Authority be in a position to seek a pre planning consultation with An Bord Pleanála regarding a new application for the Slane By Pass?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

“Could the Chief Executive please clarify that where the Council has declared a road within a housing estate a public road (such as the most recent public notice declaring the intention to take roads within Aylsbury Lodge into public charge), will the practice of clamping cars on these roads by a management company become an illegal practice?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“What is the current situation in relation to the purchase of a jet cleaner for the county of Meath by the Local Authority, or will there be a tender process for subcontractors to carry out the cleaning works associated with overgrown gullies which cause problems with surface water?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

“Can I ask the Chief Executive could the Council explore the possibility of Meath Fire and Rescue Service to co-respond with the HSE NAS for all cardiac arrest calls, echo and delta calls, as we have a number of strategically placed fire stations throughout Meath with First Responders and a number of EMT's with AED's ready to respond to these emergencies?”



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8.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"In light of Meath Co. Council sending out reminder letters for dog licence renewals, was there an increase in licences purchased as a result."

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"To ask the Chief Executive the numbers on the housing transfer list waiting for transfer from a 3 bedroom property to a 2 bedroom property?"

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

"What has the financial cost to the Council been in 2015 of placing people in emergency accommodation? Can I have a breakdown of the monies that have been paid to outside agencies such as hotels or landlords to accommodate people who are classed as homeless? How many bed nights has this sum/ these sums provided for and in these cases how many people were being provided for in this situation? Is it the opinion of the executive that the additional €50,000 budgeted for this year will be sufficient?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council produce as soon as possible a pro-active renewable energy strategy promoting technologies that are most viable to County Meath in order to address climate change."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"That Meath Co Council engage with all community groups to promote the launch of positive mental health week on 15th September at 12 noon in the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"That Meath Co Council write to the Minister for Finance requesting that he finally address the issue of upward only rent reviews, considering that, at present, approximately six thousand five hundred retailers are trapped in these flawed leases."



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9.4 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

"Following on from the publication in July of the first ever National Statement of Housing Supply and Demand by the Chairman of Housing Agency Ireland, Conor Skehan, which identified the need for infrastructural supports for the delivery of housing on zoned land banks, that Meath County Council would immediately contact the Department of Environment in order to develop a plan for the provision of the required infrastructure at our land bank at Fearganstown and subsequent construction of homes on this land."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"That this Council honours the first ever Meath Rose, Elysha Brennan to both enter and win the Rose of Tralee, and who will represent our county nationally and internationally. In respect of this, I propose that this Council hold a civic reception to mark Elysha's achievement and her year ahead."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"In response to previous motions regarding anti-social behaviour, I call on Meath Co. Council to follow other Councils and introduce "bye laws on the prohibition of consumption of intoxicating liquor on roads and public places."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

"I call on Meath County Council to initiate plans to connect a roadway between the Business Park/The City North Hotel with the village of Stamullen and its residents."

9.8 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy

"To ask Meath Co. Council to explore the possibility to require all restaurants or other business engaged in food take away to carry the name of the business clearly on all of its packaging."

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

"That the Executive and Members of this County Council recognise the importance of and will, at the earliest possible juncture, seek to appoint a Community Development Worker/ Officer assisted in their role, by a Youth Development worker/officer."



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9.10 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors

“That Meath County Council:

- understands that elected members have the authority to increase or reduce the local property tax rate by up to 15% each year

- recognises that there is an ever-worsening housing crisis in the county at this time

- commits, as an act of emergency, to increase housing funding in 2016 by an amount not less than the equivalent of 15% of the local property tax collected, this being in addition to the 2015 estimated housing expenditure outturn. / Go dtuigeann Comhairle Chontae na Mí:

-go bhfuil sé i gcumhacht na mball tofa méidiú nó ísliú 15% a dhéanamh ar an ráta cáin mhaoine áitiúil gach bliain

-go n-aithnítear Comhairle Chontae na Mí go bhfuil géarchéim tithíochta ag dul i gcónaí in olcas ann sa chontae faoi láthair.

-go ndeimhníonn Comhairle Chontae na Mí, mar chás eigeandála, an maoiniú tithíochta a mhéidiú i 2016 faoi mhéid ní ba lú ná 15% den cháin mhaoine áitiúil bailithe, é sin anuas ar tháirgreacht chaiteachas mheasta tithíochta 2015.”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

“That Meath County Council, noting the failure of broadband providers to adequately respond to requests by the Strategic Policy Committee on Planning and Economic Development, commits to renew efforts, through the Department of Communications and Government TDs, to convene a dedicated meeting in order to begin addressing the broadband deficit in Meath, same to include all relevant stakeholders and to take place before November 1st 2015. / Go dtiomnaíonn Comhairle Chontae na Mí, aird tugtha do theip soláthreoirí leathanbhanda freagra leor a thabhairt d'iarratais an Choiste um Beartais Straitéiseacha um Pleanáil agus Forbairt Gheilleagrach, d'iarrachtaí athnuaite, tríd an Roinn Cumarsáide agus Teachtaí Dála an rialtais, cruinniú tiomnaithe a chur le chéile ionas go ndéanfar plé ar easpa leathanbhanda i gContae na Mí, agus go mbeidh na páirtithe leasmhara ábhartha go léir ina measc, ba chóir an cruinniú a reachtáil roimh an 1 Samhain 2015.

9.12 Submitted by the Fianna Fáil Councillors

'That this Council resolves that the 1916 proclamation should hang in a place of prominence in the entrance of every council building and each Municipal Council



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building and that the national flag is to be flown on all these aforementioned Council buildings on St Patrick's Day, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday."

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the support of my fellow Councillors to fully support my motion of no confidence in the Minister for mental health Kathleen Lynch, regarding the proposed downgrading of acute psychiatric services 24/7 at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, for our patients and public living in Navan and Co. Meath, and a letter of this effect be sent to Minister Kathleen Lynch, and all Meath Oireachtas Members, and I am calling on the Minister to reverse this disgraceful proposal, for patient care and safety."

9.14 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox

"With the hedge cutting season now starting I am calling on landowners, farmers and householders in rural areas to ensure that their roadside hedges are cut and maintained so that motorists, cyclists and pedestrians can travel safely on our rural roads."

9.15 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to prepare a feasibility study of the costs involved to have the M1, M3 & M4 toll free for night time hours during the months from October to March."

9.16 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

"That Meath County Council notes with concern reports from residents that Irish Water has instructed workers to refuse to carry out works on "private site" water and waste water infrastructure, regardless if this relates to primary mains or not; recognises this as a major decrease in service provided compared to that offered by the local authority heretofore; further recognises this as evidence that Irish Water is not fit for purpose; and calls for Irish Water and water charges to be scrapped. / Go dtugann Comhairle Chontae na Mí dá h-aire le h-imní tuairiscí ó chónaitheoirí gur ordaigh Uisce Éireann d'oibríthe gan obair a dhéanamh ar bhonneagar uisce agus dramhuisce ar thalamh príobháideach, fiú má bhaineann sé leis na príomhlíonra uisce. Go dtugtar aird do sin mar ghearradh siar tromchúiseach ar sheirbhísí curtha ar fáil i gcomparáid leo siúd a chuireadh ar fáil ag an rialtas áitiúil roimhe sin; anuas ar sin go aithnítear sin mar fhianaise narbh fiú d'Uisce Éireann; agus go n-áirítear go gcuirfear críoch le Uisce Éireann agus muirir uisce."



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9.17 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That the elected members of Meath County Council support the call by thousands of dedicated GAA members and supporters that, when next up for consideration, the GAA ensure that all All-Ireland championship matches are available to view free-to-air on terrestrial television / Go dtacaíonn ionadaithe tofa Chomhairle Chontae na Mí leis na mílte leanúnaí agus ball tiomnaithe CLG chun, ag an gcéad uair eile a ndéanfar cinneadh, go gcinnteoidh an CLG go mbeidh cluichí ceannais na hÉireann ar fáil soar in aisce ar theilifís trastíre.”

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
- 10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Community & Enterprise

11 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies

- 11.1 To receive presentation from the Battle of Ashbourne Commemoration Committee.
- 11.2 To receive update from the County Coordinator on commemorative activities in 2016.

12 Any Other Business

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