



# **Ordinary Meeting**

# 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Council Chamber

- 1 Confirmation of Minutes
  - 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
  - 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 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 & Fire and Emergency Services
    - 5.1.1 To consider and if thought fit to adopt the Polling Scheme in accordance with the Draft and subject to such amendments as are considered proper. The Scheme, if adopted, will come into operation on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
    - 5.1.2 To receive presentation on the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan.
    - 5.1.3 To receive a report and recommendations for 1916 Centenary Community Commemorative Grants
    - 5.1.4 To note date Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November for Annual Remembrance Mass for Deceased Councillors and Staff.
    - 5.1.5 To note date Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for Preliminary Budget Meeting at 10.00 a.m. and Statutory Budget Meeting at 2.00 p.m.
    - 5.1.6 To note dates for holding of the Municipal District budget meetings:





| Municipal District | Date                               | Time   |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Ratoath            | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November   | 9.30am |
| Ashbourne          | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November   | 2.00pm |
| Navan              | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November | 9.30am |
| Kells              | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November | 2.00pm |
| Laytown-Bettystown | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 9.30am |
| Trim               | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 2.00pm |

#### 5.2 Finance and Water Services

5.2.1 Update on the provision of Water Services in County Meath.

#### 5.3 Environment

5.3.1 To receive a report and responses to submissions made to the Draft Litter Management Plan 2015 -2017 which was on public display from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015, and to adopt if thought fit, the said plan as recommended by the Environment, Water Services, Fire and Emergency Planning SPC.

### 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 Correspondence from Leo Varadkar T.D., Minister for Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the May meeting of the Full Council re. psychiatric services at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan.
- 7.2 Circular Letter PL6/2015 Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 Commencement order.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to Notice of Motion 9.15 adopted at the September meeting of the Full Council re. 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.





## 8 Notice of Question

## 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

"Would Meath County Council consider carrying out a review of the perceived visual impact compared to the actual visual impact of a completed road scheme. For example the M3 in relation to a new application for the Slane Bypass?"

## 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I ask the executive how many social houses, are they hoping to build next year 2016 and how many houses will become available that are currently lying idle and boarded up at present throughout County Meath?"

## 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"Can the Chief Executive please advise of the amount of Capital Funding Meath County Council has on deposit/invested that was originally received under Part V of the Planning Acts, confirm if these funds are ring-fenced for social housing development by Meath County Council and of the process for releasing these funds for the early acquisition/construction of housing?"

#### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

"Can you advise as of end September 2015

- a) the number of derelict sites in the county?
- b) the number of sites classified as being on urban land?
- c) the income from the derelict sites levy over 2015?
- d) how many sites has the local authority entered into a bond with the property owner instead of the levy being charged?
- e) where a bond has been entered into what is the allowed time lag for the property to be developed?"

# 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

"What are the staffing, funding and service delivery comparisons between Meath LEO and other LEOs in the Mid East region. / Céard iad na difríochtaí idir soláthar foirne,





cistiúcháin agus soláthar seirbhísí idir Oifig Fiontar Áítiúil na Mí agus Oifigí Fiontar Áitiúil eile sa reigíun Lár na Tíre Thoir?"

## 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

"What is the estimated time of completion for the Boyne Greenway project from the estuary to the source of the Boyne. / An féidir meastachán a thabhairt maidir le cathain a chríochneofar tionscadal Féarbhealach na Bóinne ó inbhear go foinse na Bóinne?"

# 8.7 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"Subject to funding would Meath County Council work alongside housing agencies with a view to accommodating social housing on existing serviced sites in Meath County Council's charge?"

#### 9 Notice of Motion

## 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

"As very considerable concerns were raised during the course of the 2011 Oral Hearing by Dr. Doug Comer, Worlds Heritage expert, relating to the possible impact of the construction of the N2 Slane Bypass on the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site. I call on Meath County Council to consider engaging the services of a World Heritage expert at an early stage in any new planning application."

## 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council adopts a similar scheme to Bristol Council of planting one tree per child in one year to counter climate change, with the Council providing the trees and the planting being done by the Council and volunteers."

## 9.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on my fellow Councillors to support my motion calling on the Council that the County Hall, Railway Street would be developed into a County Museum, when all staff are relocated to Buvinda House in Johnstown?"





## 9.4 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"In light of Circular RSD 01/2015, Meath County Council in preparing its 2016 Budget agrees to allocate sufficient resources and funding to permit the immediate completion of the reviews required to ensure the early putting in place of the new Special Speed Limit Bye-Law for County Meath."

# 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

"That Meath County Council explore the possibility of launching a new website <a href="https://www.councilhousetransfer.ie">www.councilhousetransfer.ie</a> in order to aid the efficient management of housing transfer requests in the county. /Go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí iniúchadh ar na feidearthachtaí maidir le suíomh gréasáin nua a bhunadh é sin ná: <a href="https://www.councilhousetransfer.ie">www.councilhousetransfer.ie</a> le cabhrú le bainistiú eifeachtach ar iarratais athrú tithíochta sa Chontae."

## 9.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

"That Meath County Council writes to the Department of Education to ask that an urgent review is carried out of the school transport scheme in light of the hardship and restricted options it is placing on some families in Co. Meath. /Go scríobhfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí chuig an Roinn Oideachais le impiú orthu go ndéanfar iniúchadh ar an gcóras iompar scoile mar gheall ar an gcruatan agus roghanna srianta a chuirtear ar theaghlaigh áirithe i gContae na Mí leis."

# 9.7 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on my fellow Councillors to support my motion that this Council writes to the Minister for Finance for a 1% levy/tax be placed on all types of gambling, in the upcoming budget for 2016."

## 9.8 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

"The elected members of Meath County Council recognise the delay in publishing new windfarm guidelines as deliberate and as a complete failure by Minister Alex White and the current Government to serve the best interests of communities in Co. Meath and right across Ireland who are threatened by massive windfarm developments; we call for the publication of the new guidelines by 30th October 2015 at the very latest, or for the Minister to be replaced. /Aithníonn baill thofa Chomhairle Chontae na Mí gur theip d'aon gnó iomlán ag An Aire Alex White agus an Rialtas reatha plé le leasa na bpobal il





gContae na Mí agus trasna na tíre a bhfuil bagairt na bhforbraíochtaí feirme ghaoithe ollmhóra os a gcomhair atá sa mhoill maidir le treorlínte nua fheirm ghaoithe a fhoilsiú; éilimid go bhfoilseofar na treorlínte nua roimh an 30 Deireadh Fómhhair nó ba luaithe agus muna ndéanfar sin go roghneofar Aire nua."

## 9.9 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

"That Meath County Council requests a meeting with the Minister for Heath Leo Varadkar to ascertain what steps have been taken to progress the Fine Gael commitment to build a new regional hospital in Meath before March 2016. /Go niarrfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí cruinniú leis an Aire Sláinte Leo Varadkar maidir lena chinntiú na céimeanna a glacadh go dtí seo chun tiomantais Fhine Gael ospidéal reigiúnach nua a thógáil i gContae na Mí roimh mí na Márta 2016."

## 9.10 Submitted by the Navan MD Councillors

"That Navan Municipal District calls on Meath County Council to petition the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as well as the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Transport seeking immediate emergency funding across all three of their departments in order to carry out the necessary works to repair Old Kilcarn Bridge before any further deterioration in its condition occurs."

## 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 Any Other Business

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