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### **Ordinary Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014, Council Chamber**

**1 Confirmation of Minutes**

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

**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 Community**

5.1.1 To consider and if thought fit to approve recommendation from the C.P.G. in relation to the filling of 2 additional seats on the Meath LCDC.

**6 Report from Protocol Committee**

**7 Correspondence**

7.1 Irish Public Bodies Insurance re. Members Dividend Payment 2014 (Particular to 2013 Financial Reporting Period).

7.2 Circular Letter AL 05/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020.

7.3 RSD 01/2014 – Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport re. Control of Vehicle Speeds in Housing Estates.



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- 7.4 Circular LLS 1/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Implementation of “*Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services*”.
- 7.5 Circular Housing 45/2014 – Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government re. Housing Allocation Schemes – Homeless and other Vulnerable Groups.
- 7.6 Circular Fin 17/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2015 – Meath County Council – Self-Funding Amount and revised Variation Notification to the Minister.
- 7.7 Circular Fin 18/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2015 – Budget 2015.

### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

*“In the past five years what amount of money was allocated for emergency housing accommodation and if you could quantify the numbers of beneficiaries involved?”*

#### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee

*“Can I ask the Chief Executive for a full update on all data compiled in relation to the proposed Duleek Bypass; what traffic management plans are proposed for Duleek given that HGV’s are choking the small town and given that traffic flow at the junction of the R150 and R152 in and out of Duleek has reached capacity according to the EPA.”*

#### 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor

*“Can the Chief Executive and Head of Finance provide to this Council the following:*

- 1. The total amount of commercial rates collected in the County in 2013*
- 2. A break-down of this figure over the then five electoral districts.”*

#### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

*“Can the Chief Executive please outline the chain of events that have led to Meath County Council proposing to, utilise €700,000 in 2014 from the NPPR windfall received and €1.4million annually thereafter from LPT paid in County Meath, as repayments of capital and interest on the Land Aggregation Scheme Loan?*

*In compiling the reply please outline:*



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- *The dates of purchase and cost of each of the parcels of land originally acquired.*
- *The total sum presently outstanding on these loans split between original loans acquired and interest accrued.*
- *A breakdown of the €1.4million proposed annual repayment between capital and interest.*
- *The present use being made of these lands and their current market value.*
- *Clarification as to why Meath County Council are now proposing to commence making repayments on these loans."*

### 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Maria O'Kane

*"To ask the Chief Executive what funding, if any, is available to employ an Irish language officer for Meath County Council; how the Council fulfils its obligations with regards to the Irish language; and future plans to address this situation.*

### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

*"Can the Chief Executive give an update on the setting up of a Meath Joint Policing Committee, and also confirm if there will be local committees of the same set up around the county? Is there a timescale decided on setting up these structures and has there been a budget allocated for same?"*

### 8.7 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

*"Can the top soil from the Meath County Council land in Navan (Land Aggregation Scheme) be used for an engineering solution to the extension of Rooske, Graveyard in Dunboyne, which would provide some return on investment for the property tax payers in Meath from this land, as there is estimated €1.4 million in loan repayments due for this land coming from the Local Property Tax Fund."*

## 9 Notice of Motion

### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

*"This Council welcomes Circular RSD 01/2014 on the control of Vehicle Speeds in Housing Estates, issued by Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, to all Local Authorities (following his meeting with the 'Jake's Legacy Campaign') requiring an examination of speed limits in residential areas and housing estates to improve road safety for cyclists and pedestrians, especially children; and requests the Chief Executive, in line with the circular, to initiate consultation with residents across our County with a view to determine the need for new bye-laws for 30 km/h limits for residential estates and additional selected safety zones."*



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### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

*"That this Council in light of the Government decision in Budget 2015 to lift the public service recruitment embargo, requests the Minister for Environment to prioritise Meath and provide the necessary additional funding to Meath County Council to enable the County achieve the national average per capita of staff levels as a minimum."*

### **9.3 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors**

*"That this Council calls on the Government and the Department of Environment to re-introduce the Land Aggregation loan scheme or establish a new scheme with similar parameters to alleviate the financial burden that the closure of the scheme puts on Local Authorities."*

### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*"That Meath County Council prepare a plan for the commemoration of the 1916 Rising. This seminal event in Irish history should be recognised by the council."*

### **9.5 Submitted by Kells Municipal District Councillors**

*"That Kells Municipal District calls on Meath County Council, as a collective body, to request the Minister for Transport to provide compensation to any household that pays for works to be completed under a CIS by way of a monetary write down in their LPT bill."*

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

*"The members of Meath County Council agree to support the 'North East Pylon Pressure' group campaign against Eirgrid Pylons across County Meath and do not accept the decision by EirGrid and the Government to exclude the North-South 400kV interconnector project from a proper undergrounding route analysis."*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

*"Meath Sinn Féin Councillors ask that the SPC for Housing and Community review the existing structure for the allocation of housing to people with disabilities and documented medical conditions and to present a list of recommendations to ensure equality of outcome in terms of housing for many people on the current housing list who are among the most vulnerable in the county."*



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### 9.8 Submitted by Councillor Maria O'Kane

*"That all new housing developments in County Meath will have an Irish language name only."*

### 9.9 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors

*"In order to ensure good governance and transparency, and to ensure the fairest possible distribution of same, that the entire sum of the proposed €480,000 "Members Discretionary Fund" be pooled together and spent on a maximum of 6 projects in 2015; that the administration of same be overseen by an identified representative group of elected members and Council officials and that a comprehensive protocol for appropriate use of these monies be agreed in advance."*

### 9.10 Submitted by Cllrs. Eugene Cassidy, Sean Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Johnny Guirke, Bryan Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Paddy Meade & Wayne Harding

*"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."*

- 1. To limit the development of Wind Power in Meath on lower wind resource sites, deemed to have an average annual wind speed of less than 9 Metres per second at a hub height of 100 metres, to the provision of wind power for onsite consumption of electricity for commercial and residential use only, where a substantial portion of the electricity produced is used onsite, otherwise known as auto-producer production.*
- 2. To direct wind power generation development for the National Grid or for export use to sites, with an average annual wind speed in excess of 9 Metres per second at a hub height of 100 metres, in the interests of securing policy objectives of minimising the cost of wind energy, maximising efficiency of generation, and in the interests of sustainable planning and development.*

### 9.11 Submitted by the Fianna Fáil Councillors

*"We call on Meath Council members to agree that under the draft Budget Document the €3,591,596 surplus from the Local Property Tax, collected in Meath and retained for discretionary purposes, be retained exclusively for projects in the municipal areas and that the totality of this fund be divided equally among the six municipal areas for expenditure in their areas."*

## 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**
  
- 11 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies**
  - 11.1 Presentation by the Slane Bypass campaign.
  
- 12 Any Other Business**

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