



## ***Clár / Meeting Agenda***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***1<sup>st</sup> December 2014, Council Chamber***

**1 Confirmation of Minutes**

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 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 Corporate Services**

5.1.1 To receive presentation on the Corporate Plan 2014-2019.

5.1.2 To agree revision of Standing Orders.

**5.2 Planning**

5.2.1 To receive the Councillors' views in respect of a proposed development by North Meath Windfarm Ltd, the subject of the Chief Executive's report to An Bord Pleanála of November 2014 (as circulated) and if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report in accordance with Section 37(E) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014.

**6 Report from Protocol Committee**

**7 Correspondence**

7.1 Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in response to Notice of Item 8.7 - Notice of Motion (Housing) passed at the September Monthly Meeting.



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- 7.2 LG 24/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Part 15 – Local Government Act 2001 – Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service.
- 7.3 Launch of the Eastern-Midlands Draft Regional Waste Management Plan 2015 -2021.
- 7.4 Circular Letter PL 5/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. 'Matters relating to the Taking in Charge of Residential Developments'.
- 7.5 Circular Letter EM 01-14 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. 'Severe Weather and Emergency Management for Winter 2013/14'.
- 7.6 Circular Letter LG 25/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. 'Local Authority Corporate Plans 2015-2019 – Supplementary Guidelines'.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox**

*"Can I ask the Chief Executive if there are figures available to show the overall decrease in usage of water since the 1st October?"*

#### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*"May I ask the Chief Executive what services can people living in rural parts of Meath expect to receive for the payment of their local property tax, compared to people living in urban areas, towns, and villages in County Meath?"*

#### **8.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**

*"With regard to the Brown Bin initiative, which was rolled out in July 2013:  
a) in relation to EU targets, what percentage of householders availed of the scheme?  
b) how many permit holders have been issued with licenses to collect the waste?"*

#### **8.4 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly**

*"To detail all the legal cases currently involving Meath County Council; for a breakdown of same based on 1) start date; 2) cost to date; 3) legal firm(s) engaged; and 4) general issue /*



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*Sonraí a chur ar fáil maidir le gach cás dlíthúil a bhfuil baint ag Comhairle Chontae na Mí leis mar aon le 1) dáta tosaith é; 2) costas go dtí seo; 3) comhlacht(aí) dlíthúil(a) fostaithe agus 4) cúrsaí ginearálta?"*

### 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke

*"Given the need to ensure a maximum return for Meath County Council and residents of County Meath, and understanding the very challenging economic circumstances that many people find themselves in, to ask what system is in place to allow individuals with outstanding planning/development levies negotiate with Meath County Council; to what degree discretion is available and under what authority and if an individual point of contact is in place or will be in case /*

*lonas go gcinnteofar am toradh is fearr do Chomhairle Chontae na Mí agus do mhuintir na Mí, agus glactha go bhfuil tuiscint ar na deacrachtaí dúshlánacha eacnamaíochta ar dhaoine áirithe táthar ag iarraidh ceist a chur faoin gcóras atá i bhfeidhm chun ligint do dhaoine aonair le tobhaigh pleanála nó forbartha gan íoc plé le Comhairle Chontae na Mí; cén leibhéal lánrogha atá ar fáil agus faoi cén údarás a chuirtear ar fáil é. An bhfuil pointe teagmhála aonaireach i bhfeidhm agus muna bhfuil, an mbeidh?"*

### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

*"To ask the estimated number of septic tanks in Co. Meath and the extent to which a programme of septic tank inspections in the county has been undertaken; for a breakdown of the number of inspections carried out since 2012 and the results of same; finally, to ask if there is a programme of supports for those households that fail inspections and for the details of same, including the number to avail of it thus far / Ceist a chur maidir leis an méid dabhaigh searachais atá ann i gContae na Mí agus cén cuid den chóras iniúchtaí don chontae atá críochnaithe go dtí seo mar aon le miondhealú ar an méid iniúchtaí a rinneadh ó 2012 agus torthaí dóibh siúd. Ar deireadh, an bhfuil córas tacaíochta ann do na teaghlaigh a theipeann ar na iniúchtaí ar a ndabhaigh searachais agus sonraí faoi, mar aon leis an líon ar bhain siad úsáid as go dtí seo?"*

### 8.7 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

*"Can the Chief Executive please advise how the NPPR windfall income of €2,000,000 received by Meath County Council during the year ended 31 December 2014 has been expended and of the input of the elected members of this Council into how it was spent? This €2,000,000 income was not included in the 2014 budget adopted by the previous Council?"*



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### 8.8 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

*"Can Meath County Council implement bye-laws like hedging ordering relating to 'drains and ditches' to impose a fine on land owners who do not maintain them?  
I believe many homes would have been saved from the recent flooding in Ratoath and Ashbourne Municipal District if ditches and drains had been maintained by some land owners."*

## 9 Notice of Motion

### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

*"I call on Meath County Council and the National Roads Authority to undertake a full traffic analysis between Slane & Ashbourne (N2), particularly at the Primatestown traffic lights and the Kilmoon Junction, where there is huge congestion and inability of movement at peak times."*

### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

*"To ask Meath County Council to provide emergency provisions including salt, grit, grit bins, sand, sand bags and adequate road closure/diversion/flood signage in all districts including Ashbourne with immediate effect."*

### 9.3 Submitted by Councillor Eimear Ferguson

*"That Meath County Council elevate the Gleann na Rí Boyne Valley Greenway as the priority tourism project for the county with the objective of its completion by 2020 / Go n-ardóidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí stádas An Bhealaigh Ghlas Ghleann na Rí Bhrú na Bóinne mar thionscadal turasóireachta chun chinn sa Chontae agus go mbeidh sé mar chuspóir é a chríochnú faoi 2020."*

### 9.4 Submitted by Councillor Paddy Meade

*"Cllr. Paddy Meade calls on Meath County Council to seek a detailed report from Louth County Council as well as Irish Water in regards to any past, current and future potential leaks from all water treatment and sewerage plants within the catchment area of the River Boyne. Current reported leaks are causing serious concern to the people from Mornington, Bettystown and Laytown."*



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### 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*"I call on Management of Meath County Council, and seek the full support of my fellow County Councillors, to write to the Garda Commissioner, seeking a meeting to discuss the huge increase in anti social behaviour, with a view to seeking, more Gardaí for all parts of County Meath."*

### 9.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

*"I call on Management of Meath County Council, and seek the full support of my fellow Councillors, to write a letter, to seek a meeting with Minister Richard Bruton, to discuss the lack of jobs, coming to County Meath."*

### 9.7 Submitted by Councillors Claire O'Driscoll and Sean Smith

*"That the Chief Executive meets with the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to negotiate, in the interest of fairness to LPT payers in Co. Meath, that the €1.4m due for payment in 2015 for the Land Aggregation Scheme loan is deducted from the Equalisation Fund contribution from Meath County Council."*

### 9.8 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

*"I move that Meath County Council call on Minister Jimmy Deenihan, the first ever Minister for the Irish Overseas and Diaspora, to exert all diplomatic and political efforts on President Barack Obama in the formulation of the impending Executive Order on Immigration due to be signed by him in the coming weeks, to ensure the provision for a 'humanitarian visa' that would allow the estimated 50,000 undocumented Irish as well as the estimated 12 million undocumented people - living in the United States to leave and return to the US if they are in need to travel to their home countries to be with family members in times of distress, illness or bereavement."*

### 9.9 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

*"That Meath County Council condemns the ongoing programme of direct provision in Meath and across the state and calls on the Minister to end this project immediately/  
Go gcáineann Comhairle Chontae na Mí an córas leanúnach soláthar díreach i gContae na Mí agus trasna an stáit agus go n-éilídh sí ar an Aire Deireadh a chur leis an gcóras láithreach."*

## 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 To receive a presentation from Comhairle na nÓg on their completed work programme on Youth Facilities in Meath.
  
- 12 Any Other Business**

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