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Ordinary Meeting 6th April 2009, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liz Mc Cormack, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Charles Bobbett, Patrick Boshell, Phillip Cantwell, William Carey, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Jenny D'Arcy, Anne Dillon-Gallagher, John V Farrelly, Oliver Brooks, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Bryan Reilly, Eoin Holmes, Jim Holloway, Tom Kelly, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Joseph Bonner, James Mangan, Seamus Murray, Patsy O' Neill, Joe Reilly, Michael Lynch.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Tom Dowling

Head of Finance: Fiona Lawless,

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Tadhg McDonnell, Eugene Cummins, Michael Killeen, Brendan McGrath

Meetings Administrator Bill Sweeney

Senior Planners: Pat Gallagher, Wendy Bagnall (A)

Senior Executive Officers: Martin Rogers, Larry Whelan, Aine Bird

Administrative Officers: Olive Falsey

Apologies:

Councillors Jimmy Fegan, Peter Higgins, Tommy Reilly, Liam Henry

Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher requested a suspension of Standing Orders, which was seconded by Councillor Nick Killian, to discuss the accident in Slane on 23.03.2009

It was suggested that HGV's should be banned from using the village and that the Minister for Transport and the NRA should be contacted regarding this matter. Eugene Cummins, DOS, Infrastructure advised that it is the Council's intention to progress the Slane by-pass. He pointed out that banning HGV's from the village would have implications for villages and roads along other routes. Contact has been made with the NRA about other interventions and there will be an update at the May meeting.

A resolution was passed to implement a ban on HGV vehicles travelling North South through Slane on the N2, proposed by **Councillor Ann Dillon Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Eoin Holmes**.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2nd March 2009.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 02 March 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of **Councillor John Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Phillip Cantwell**.

The Meetings' Administrator apologised for a printing error in the minutes and advised that the minutes would be revised to include the motion submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells.



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- 1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Planning Meeting held on 9th February 2009 (deferred from March Meeting)

The minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on the 09 February 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of *Councillor Willie Carey and seconded by Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher.*

2.0 Matters arising from the minutes

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The following expressions of sympathy were extended to:

- 3.1 The Bird family on the death of John Bird

Congratulations were extended to:

- 3.2 The Irish Rugby Team and Bernard Dunne on their recent successes.

- 3.3 Oldcastle Fire Brigade on their recent success in competition.

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 Press release regarding upcoming An Post Heritage Cycle Tour of Meath

- 4.2 Letter from Minister Gormley – Correspondence re measures to support economic activity

The Members expressed anger with the number of planning decisions overturned, which is affecting the economic life of the County. In response, the Co. Manager reiterated the Council's absolute commitment to economic development and referred to the recent discussions with the NRA, which will benefit the County in the long term. Pat Gallagher, Senior Planner advised that a report on the review of Table 6 would be brought to the May meeting.

- 4.3 Ger Murphy – Correspondence re Site Assessors Panel

Issues were raised regarding the restriction on developments in the County and Members sought an update on the Assessors' Panel. Members were informed that the panel would be in place by August 2009. The Members called for the immediate implementation of the new guidelines. In response, Brendan McGrath DOS, advised that there is the interim and transition arrangement to facilitate people who have a site characterisation report. Otherwise, the Council has no discretion and has to implement the Government Regulations as laid down.



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5.0 EU Correspondence

5.1 EU News Bulletin – Issue no 57 – February 2009

6.0 Report from Protocol Committee

The Meetings' Administrator reported that the nomination process for Local Election will commence on 9th. May.

That the next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th. May.

That a special Planning Meeting will take place on 28th. April.

The report was adopted on the proposition **Councillor Jim Mangan** and seconded by **Councillor Jimmy Cudden**.

7.0 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

8.0 Other Statutory Business

Name & Address of Purchasers	House No.
Wendy & Darren Coyle, 58 Headfort Grove, Kells , Co Meath	5
David Woods, Wintergrass, Bellewstown, Co Meath	8
Brendan Plunkett, Hermitage, Moynalty, Kells, Co Meath	10
Caroline Callaghan, 95 The Glebe, Kells, Co Meath	12

and Economic Development

8.1.1 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Carlanstown** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)

8.1.2 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Carnaross** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)

8.1.3 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Crossakiel** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)

8.1.4 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Drumcondrath** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)

8.1.5 To receive the Managers report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Kilmainhamwood** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (Report to follow)



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- 8.1.6 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Maynooth Environs** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.7 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Moynalty** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.8 To receive the Manager's reports in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Nobber** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.9 To receive the Managers report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Ratoath** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.10 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Local Area Plan for **Oldcastle** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (c) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.11 To receive the Manager's report on submissions and observations received as a result of the display of proposed amendments to the Local Area Plan for **Ballivor** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (f) (i) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.12 To receive the Manager's report on submissions and observations received as a result of the display of proposed amendments to the Local Area Plan for **Enfield** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (f) (i) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.13 To receive the Manager's report on submissions and observations received as a result of the display of proposed amendments to the Local Area Plan for **Longwood** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (f) (i) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended. (Report to follow)
- 8.1.14 To receive the Manager's report on submissions and observations received as a result of the display of proposed amendments to the Local Area Plan for **Summerhill** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (f) (i) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended. (Report to follow)

Wendy Moffett presented the above reports and advised Members of the statutory timeframe for their consideration

- 8.1.15 To enter into a partnership agreement with East Border Region Ltd in relation to the future drawdown of funding under the Interreg IVA programme.

Kevin Stewart, DOS, reported that there would be €15m. divided among 10 Local Authorities.



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Approved on the proposition of *Councillor Jim Mangan* and seconded by *Councillor Michael Gallagher*.

8.1.16 To receive a Further & Higher Education Update

Amanda Smyth, Education Officer, presented an update on activities.

8.2 **Infrastructure**

8.2.1 To consider the Manager's Report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 and 2006, to commence work on a scheme to upgrade the wastewater pumping station at Kilbride, Co Meath.

Noted on the proposition of *Councillor Charles Bobbett* and seconded by *Councillor Noel Leonard*.

8.2.2 To consider the Manager's Report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 and 2006, to commence work on a scheme to upgrade the wastewater pumping station at Ashbourne.

Noted on the proposition of *Councillor Charles Bobbett* and seconded by *Councillor Joe Bonner*.

8.2.3 To consider the Manager's Report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 and 2006, to construct works in connection with Dunshaughlin Water Supply Scheme Production Wells Numbers 2 and 7.

Noted on the proposition of *Councillor Charles Bobbett* and seconded by *Councillor Nick Killian*.

8.2.4 To adopt the 2009 Roadworks Programme.

Eugene Cummins, DOS, updated Members on the possible implications of the current economic situation on the Road Works Programme and the possible implications of the imminent Budget. It was agreed to write to the Dept. of Transport seeking a release from the multi-annual programme for 2009, and to allow available funding to be used for maintenance works.

It was agreed on the proposition of *Councillor Willie Carey* and seconded by *Councillor Michael Lynch* to adjourn adoption of the programme until the special meeting of 28th. April.

8.3 **Housing, Social Community & Cultural**

8.4.1 To consider the raising of a loan of €40 Million from the Housing Finance Agency to fund the acquisition of Affordable Houses secured under the Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended.



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Larry Whelan, SEO, made the presentation.

Approved on the proposition of **Councillor Jenny D'Arcy** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon –Gallagher..**

It was agreed to suspend SO No. 5 to allow meeting to continue to 6.45p.m. on the proposition of **Councillor Jenny D'Arcy** and seconded by **Councillor Noel Leonard.**

9.0 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Slane Electoral Area Members (deferred from March Meeting)

“The Slane Area Members call on the support of the Members of Meath County Council in seeking funding from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to alleviate the growing housing crises in County Meath in light of the increase on numbers on the Council’s housing list”.

Adopted on the proposition of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** and seconded by **Councillor Eoin Holmes..**

9.2 Submitted by Slane Electoral Area Members

“The Slane Area Members call on the support of the Members of Meath County Council in seeking an assurance from the NRA / Department of Transport that the proposed Slane By-Pass will be fast tracked as a matter of urgency in light of the recent major road traffic accident in Slane Village”

Approved on the proposition of **Councillor Eoin Holmes** and seconded by **Councillor Jimmy Cudden.**

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“That the County Manager reports on the impact of the decision by the Government to prevent Local Authorities from spending monies from development levies in the Council’s own bank account for the purpose they were raised – provision of roads, footpaths, facilities etc. That the County Manager also provides a report on how much Meath County Council has presently in its account from development levies, how much has been allocated for spending, and provide a breakdown on both the type and geographical area of spending.

Also that this Council condemns the Government decision and calls on them to reverse it”

Adopted on the proposition of **Councillor Joe Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**



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10.0 Schedule of Manager's Orders

- 10.1 Schedule of Manager's Orders - Infrastructure
- 10.2 Schedule of Manager's Orders - Environment
- 10.3 Schedule of Manager's Orders – Housing Construction

Noted

11.0 Any Other Business

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