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Ordinary Meeting 3rd December, 2012, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Niamh McGowan presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Joe Bonner, William Carey, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Francis Deane, Ann Dillon-Gallagher, John V. Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Joe Fox, Oliver Fox, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

Apologies: Cllrs. Sirena Campbell, Arian Keogan.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager Brendan McGrath

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Tadhg McDonnell, Des Foley. Joe Fahy (Acting)

Meetings Administrator Shane Donnelly

Senior Executive Officers: Larry Whelan

Administrative Officer: Olive Falsey

Planning Staff: Bernard Greene, Fiona Redmond, Pdraig O' Shea

Finance Staff: Paul Timoney

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 5th November, 2012.
The minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 5th November, 2012, were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor John V. Farrelly**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

No expressions of sympathy.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All the recipients of awards at the recent Meath Business and Tourism Awards event.
- Slane Community Forum and the Local Heroes group.
- Garda Brian Dromey on being recently awarded the Scott Medal for Bravery.
- Navan Town Council on winning the Best Town Council in Ireland at the recent Chambers Ireland Awards.
- Ratoath GAA club on being awarded 'club of the year'



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

5.0 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 To consider taking in charge of the following estate and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estate shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2011, as recommended by the Kells Area Members at the monthly committee meeting on Monday 22nd October 2012.

Ardan, Athboy, Co. Meath

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**.

- 5.1.2 To receive the Manager's Report on submissions received in respect of proposed amendments to the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 in accordance with Section 12 (8) (a) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2012.

Received.

- 5.1.3 To consider the proposed amendments to the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and the Manager's Report on submissions received in respect of proposed amendments (being material alterations) to the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 in accordance with Section 12 (9) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2012, and if thought fit to resolve to make the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 with or without the proposed amendments or to accept the amendments, subject to any further modification that may be considered appropriate in accordance with Section 12 (10) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2012.

The County Manager advised that a special meeting of the Council has been arranged for 17th December, at 2.00p.m. to deal with this item.

- 5.1.4 To consider the Draft Kells Development Plan 2013-2019 and the Manager's Report on motions to amend the Draft Plan and to resolve to place the Draft Kells Development Plan 2013-2019 on display subject to any further amendment that the members consider necessary in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2012.

The Meetings' Administrator advised the Councillors of their obligations under the Ethics legislation as provided for in Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Bernard Greene, Senior Executive Planner briefed the Councillors on the preparation of the Draft Kells Development Plan and it was resolved to



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place the Draft Kells Development Plan 2013-2019 on display on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

- 5.1.5 To receive a presentation on the Strategic Issues Papers prepared for the review of the Trim Town Development Plan 2014-2020 pursuant to Section 11 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2012.

Fiona Redmond, Senior Executive Planner, made the presentation and advised of the timeframe for public consultation. It was also noted that a public consultation session would take place in Trim Library on Thursday 6th December.

- 5.1.6 “That Meath County Council and Navan Town Council enter into an agreement pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, whereby Navan Town Council agrees to acquire or secure rights over land, including by way of compulsory purchase order, in the administrative area of Meath County Council, to achieve objectives of its development plan in relation to the road known as RT8 and other services in the vicinity of LAP 4.”
Item referred back to Navan Electoral Area committee for consideration.

5.2 Environment

- 5.2.1 To enter into an Agreement with Louth County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the provision of veterinary Services in both Counties in respect of statutory Food Safety Functions.

Tadhg McDonnell, Director of Services, advised that the proposal is related to the provision of cover for annual leave/sick leave etc.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

5.3 Water Services

- 5.3.1 To fix a date to hold a workshop on Water Services.
It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O’ Connor** that the workshop on Water Services would take place on Monday 28th January, 2013, at 2.00p.m.

5.4 Finance

- 5.4.1 Presentation on changes to Driver Licence procedure.
Pat Keogan, Administrative Officer, made a presentation on the new procedures regarding the issue of Drivers’ licences and clarified issues raised by Councillors on the matter.

- 5.4.2 To receive an update on 2012 General Purpose Grant Allocation.

Fiona Lawless, Head of Finance, reported that the Household Charge collection rate had reached 63.28%. She informed that the last tranche of



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the Local Government fund has been received with ½ % deducted. The total amount deducted as a result of the household charge collection is now at €755,259.

5.5 **Transportation**

- 5.5.1 To receive and approve Multi-Annual Non National Road Works Restoration Programme 2013-2016 as considered by the Electoral Area Committee.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Willie Carey**.

5.6 **Corporate Services**

- 5.6.1 To nominate Councillor to the Environment SPC to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Seamus O'Neill.

Councillor Arian Keogan was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Environment SPC on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

6.0 **Report from Protocol Committee**

Nothing to report

7.0 **Correspondence**

- 7.1 National Transport Authority – Proposed Maximum Fares for Taxis.
Noted
- 7.2 Louth County Council – Proposed naming of the cable bridge over the Boyne. In response to the correspondence, Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher proposed the naming of the cable bridge over the Boyne, the Mary McAleese Boyne Valley Bridge. This was seconded by Councillor Wayne Harding and agreed by the Council.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Micro-enterprise Policy Unit re. Consultation on the Reform of the National Micro & Small Business Support Infrastructure.
Noted
- 7.4 Circular Letter F. 10/12 - Amended legal requirements on political donations.
Noted
- 7.5 PL14 A Guide to Planning Enforcement.
Noted
- 7.6 Establishment of Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee.
Noted
- 7.7 Note of meeting held with IDA Ireland on 7th November 2012. Councillors welcomed the note and accompanying copy of the presentation. Following a discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor John V. Farrelly** to seek a meeting with Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation to discuss the matter further.



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- 7.8 CD 5/12 – Wind-down of CDBs in preparation for the establishment of Socio-Economic Committees and Local Enterprise Offices in each city/county council.
Noted
- 7.9 Report in respect of the findings of the Evaluation carried out on the North East Waste Management Plan 2005 -2010 as statutorily required by the European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations SI 126 of 2011.
Noted
- 7.10 Information in respect of Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First.
Noted and item to be placed on the agenda of January, 2013, meeting.

8.0 Notice of Question

- 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane:
“What percentage of the 18,000 Meath individual households with septic tanks have registered by now?”
A response was provided by Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment and Water Services.

9.0 Schedule of Manager’s & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

- 9.1 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Infrastructure
- 9.2 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Environment
- 9.3 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Housing Construction
- 9.4 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Community & Enterprise
- Noted

10.0 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies

(None)

11.0 Any Other Business

- The Cathaoirleach reminded Councillors of the forthcoming meetings:
Preliminary Budget Meeting – 10th December, 2012
Statutory Budget Meeting 17th December, 2012 at 11.30a.m.
Special Planning Meeting, 17th December, at 2.00p.m.
- Councillor O’ Connor suggested the use of technology to reduce the volume of paper documents being issued to Councillors.
- Councillor Killian raised the issue of businesses erecting signage to promote their business and appealed for leniency in this regard. It was noted that all signage must be erected within the law and the legal provisions can be made available together with the procedures and fees required.
- Councillor Catherine Yore welcomed the local allocations of grants for sports clubs.

This concluded the business of the meeting.