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Ordinary Meeting 2nd July 2012, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Niamh McGowan presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Sirena Campbell, 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, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Seamus O'Neill, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore, Eoin Holmes, Joseph Bonner.

Apologies:

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager Tom Dowling

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Tadhg McDonnell, Brendan McGrath, Des Foley

Meetings Administrator Ger Murphy

Senior Executive Officers: Larry Whelan, Michael Griffin

Planning Staff: Wendy Bagnall

Administrative Officer: Olive Falsey, Jimmy Young (A)

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting held on 11th June 2012.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th June 2012 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor J.V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Councillor Gerry O'Connor on death of father-in-law George Branigan.
- The family of John Ward, former Councillor.
- Councillor John V. Farrelly on death of his aunt.
- Sean Fleming, Environment Section on the death of his sister, Mary Keenan.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Meath Football Manager on the team's success at Croke Park



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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 receive the Manager's report on Indavers SID application for Amendments to existing permissions for Waste to Energy plant at Carranstown Duleek (Ref 17.PA0026) and if appropriate to resolve to attach to that report, and the recommendations of the Councillors on the proposed development as recorded by the Meetings Administrator, in accordance with Section 37E (6) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2011.

Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, outlined the report in the form of a presentation.

The Councillors raised a number of issues and it was agreed, on the proposal of **Councillor Eoin Holmes** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**, that the Planning officials would record the issues and proceed with the submission to An Bord Pleanála.

5.2 Transportation

- 5.2.1 To receive and consider report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 to 2012, to carry out development on the R156 Jenkinstown to Mullagh Cross Road Improvement Scheme, in the townlands of Jenkinstown and Mullagh.

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald welcomed the proposed work but sought clarification on a number of issues and requested a meeting between the Senior Engineer and the stakeholders. Brendan McGrath, Director of Services for Transportation, informed the meeting that the issues raised will be considered in the detailed technical planning of the project and it was agreed to arrange a consultation session between the Senior Engineer, the consultant and the landowners at the earliest opportunity.

The report was approved on the proposal **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

- 5.2.2 To receive a report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 to 2012 to carry out development on the N52 realignment in the townlands of Fringestown, Stephenstown and Castletown, Navan.

Received on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.



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5.3 Finance

- 5.3.1 To approve the raising of a loan of €3,000,000 from the HFA to finance approved Housing Loan applications, authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Nicholas Killian**.

- 5.3.2 Briefing on Corporate Governance and Risk Management.

Claire King, Administrative Officer, Finance Section, made a presentation regarding the progress to date on Corporate Governance and Risk Management.

Following the presentation, **Councillor Nicholas Killian** suggested that Community Groups in Co. Meath would benefit from information in relation to Corporate Governance. It was agreed that a briefing would be organised for Community Groups.

5.4 Economic Development

- 5.4.1 Position paper on the proposed role of the local authority led cross border groups in the INTERREG VA Programme.

Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, Economic Development, gave a summary of the information in the position paper.

The position paper was endorsed on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Willie Carey**.

5.5 Environment, Water Services & Emergency Services

- 5.5.1 To consider and approve the Amenity and Lawnmower Grants 2012 as agreed by the Navan, Slane, Kells, Dunshaughlin and Trim electoral area members.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

6.0 Report from Protocol Committee

The Meetings' Administrator outlined the following:



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1. That it was agreed to accept the invitation of the Sister Cities' Association of Cary, on the proposal of **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor Willie Carey**, subject to confirmation of a proposed agenda and associated arrangements.
2. That it was agreed to recommend to the Council the amendment of the wording of Standing Order 29 from *'except with the permission of the Cathaoirleach no member shall address the Council for more than five minutes on any issue'* to *'except with the permission of the Cathaoirleach no member shall address the Council for more than four minutes on any issue'*

Councillor Cassells outlined his opposition to the proposed amendment of the wording. It was agreed to include the on the agenda of the September meeting with associated wording as recommended by Protocol Committee.

Councillor Cassells raised the issue of the meeting sought with the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and that there should be a follow-up to this matter as soon as possible. The Meetings' Administrator agreed to do so.

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from NRA re: proposal to formally name the bridge spanning the River Boyne on the M1 at Drogheda the "Mary McAleese Bridge".

Correspondence welcomed and it was agreed that the naming of the bridge should be arranged as soon as possible. **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher** suggested that the wording 'Boyne Valley' should be added to read 'The Mary McAleese Boyne Valley Bridge'. It was noted that the original motion adopted by the Council and submitted to the NRA did not include this wording.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the wording should not be changed but that the 'Boyne Valley' brand should be incorporated in the wording on the plaque.

- 7.2 Correspondence from Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport re: National Cycle Network Funding Scheme.

Councillor Willie Carey suggested that the Meath section of the Royal canal Cycleway should be included.

- 7.3 Correspondence from Dept. of Environment, Community & Local Government re: additional allocations from the Local Government Fund (LGF) in relation to Water Services.

Noted.

- 7.4 Submission by Meath County Council to An Bord Pleanála re: College Proteins Strategic Infrastructure Development Application (to be circulated).

Noted.

- 7.5 Local Area Plan Guidelines issued by the Dept. of Environment, Community & Local Government for public consultation.

Brendan McGrath, Director of Services for Planning, outlined that the matter will be brought to the Planning SPC and that any member of the Council may attend.



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- 7.6 Departmental planning review report in relation to Bryanstown Area Action Plan.
Noted.
- 7.7 Correspondence from Dept. of Education & Skills re: Student Grant Scheme 2012.
Noted.
- 7.8 Update on quarry review process pursuant to S261A of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2011.
Noted.
- 7.9 Update on implementation of the Planning Change Programme.
Noted.
- 7.10 Domestic Wastewater System Registration FAQ's.
Noted.

8.0 Notice of Question

- 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane:

“In relation to the extensive demand and growing waiting lists for social housing in the county can I ask the Manager what the plans are for the 240 acres of zoned land in the county and whether the Council could investigate the feasibility of releasing some of this land for social housing development agencies such as Cluid Housing or Respond!?”

A written response was provided to the Councillors by Brendan Fulham, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section.

- 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Niamh McGowan:

“Can the County Manager advise on the current status of the 2012 Speed Limit review including a completion date for same; what role if any the Area Committees have in the procedure; and whether the roads in Housing Estates form part of the review process?”

A written response was provided to the Councillors by Joe Fahy, Senior Engineer, Transportation Section.

- 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor:

“Can the County Manager advise on the role Area Committees have in amending Speed Limits where there are issues of Health & Safety caused by excessive speed through housing estates?”



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A written response was provided to the Councillors by Joe Fahy, Senior Engineer, Transportation Section.

9.0 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly:

“I call on Meath County Council and Department of Education & Skills to undertake a safety audit of all rural schools within the administrative area of County Meath as a matter of urgency”.

Deferred.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly:

“In relation to the establishment of the National Water Authority to operate water services I request that my colleagues support this motion calling on the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government Mr. Phil Hogan TD to indicate his proposals in relation to group water schemes in the context of the proposed legislation”.

Deferred.

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Eoin Holmes:

“In the interest of children's health, and a cleaner and more pleasant environment, this Council will, with immediate effect, erect in all local authority owned and operated playgrounds large clear signage prohibiting smoking within the boundaries of these playgrounds”.

The Motion, proposed by **Councillor Eoin Holmes** and seconded by **Councillor Jenny McHugh**, was adopted.

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor:

“I would request that this Council calls on the Minister of Environment, Community & Local Government to investigate the restoration of the capital budget programme for Co. Meath in view of the 4,111 households, which equates to 6.5% of the total population, identified as in need of housing”.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Motion, proposed by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**, was adopted.

10.0 Schedule of Manager's & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

10.1 Schedule of Manager's Orders - Infrastructure

10.2 Schedule of Manager's Orders - Environment



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10.3 Schedule of Manager's Orders – Housing Construction

10.4 Schedule of Manager's Orders – Community & Enterprise

Noted.

11.0 Presentations

There were no presentations.

12.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Fitzgerald acknowledged that the NRA has agreed to erect signage on M3 indicating the town of Dunshaughlin within a timeframe of six to eight weeks.

The meeting then concluded.