



### **Ordinary Meeting** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Council Chamber

#### 1.0 **Confirmation of Minutes**

- Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012. 1.1
- 2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 3.0 **Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**
- 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
    - Review of existing Kells Development Plan 2007 2013 and Preparation 5.1.1 of a new Kells Development Plan 2013-2019.

'To receive the Manager's Report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Strategic Issues Paper for the Kells Development Plan 2013 – 2019 in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2011'.

- 5.1.2 To receive an indicative timetable for the review of Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019.
- 5.1.3 To receive an update on Variation No. 12, to incorporate a Core Strategy into the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and if thought fit:

'To consider the proposed variation and the Manager's Report on submissions received in respect of proposed material alterations and to resolve to make the variation, or to further modify the variation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 -2011'.

5.1.4 To receive a Quarterly Review Report in respect of the Planning and Strategic Transportation Department.

#### 5.2 Transport

5.2.1 To adopt the 2012 Roadworks Programme.

#### 5.3 Housing, Social, Community & Cultural

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5.3.1 Having considered a grant application from the Kentstown Village Project Committee, as agreed by the Knockharley Community Liaison Committee and recommended by the Navan Electoral Area Committee at their Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, that the Kentstown Village Project Committee procure Consultants for the purpose of commissioning the preparation of a Master Plan (to include as part of this, the examination of the provision of a Community Meeting Centre) on a section of lands in Kentstown, Navan, Co. Meath and if thought fit to approve same.

#### 6.0 **Report from Protocol Committee**

#### 7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence regarding proposals in relation to the future of micro-enterprise supports and structures including CEB restructuring.
- 7.2 Household Charge Publicity.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government re Local Authorities New "One Stop Shop" will Support Job Creation.
- 7.4 Spatial Planning & National Roads (Guidelines for Planning Authorities).

#### 8.0 **Notice of Question**

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding:

> "Can I ask the Manager to get an update from the Office of Public Works on the tender for the tourist information office at the Bru na Boinne centre? It is now five months since Fáilte Ireland indicated its intention to close the office."

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane:

> "During the current academic year (2011-2012) 937 new applications for Higher Education Grants were processed by Meath County Council.

> Taking in to consideration the importance of advice clinics during the application process, will Meath County Council be in a position to accommodate applications locally in 2012-2013 or are there plans in place to centralise the process?"





### 9.0 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian:

"Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Education to reverse the shortsighted education cuts in the interest of equity of access to education and prioritising expenditure in areas likely to be of major benefit to our society and economy in the long term."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells:

"That Meath County Council seek to have an immediate meeting with the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Richard Bruton and his staff in Kildare Street to discuss an appraisal of recent IDA strategy for Meath, to seek financial and practical supports for a specific jobs investment programme and a capital structural package for County Meath. This delegation to include the Cathaoirleach, representatives from each of the elected members' groups, the County Manager and the Director of Economic Development."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly:

"That Meath County Council challenge the legal status of anonymous planning objections received on planning files in this county in order to stamp out this practice of these un-named and often 'mischievous' pieces of correspondence."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly:

"That Meath County Council seeks an immediate meeting with Minister for Tourism Leo Varadkar along with the relevant senior staff of Fáilte Ireland to discuss the tourism booking strategy for this county whereby thousands of visitors are being shipped into our main tourist sites for a period of hours and re-directed back to Dublin for their hotel accommodation. The delegation to include the Cathaoirleach, members from all of the groups, Meath Tourism and the Director of Economic Development and Tourism to attend this meeting with the Minister and Fáilte Ireland."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells:

"That Meath County Council and our Economic Development Team in conjunction with Meath Tourism, Navan Town Council and Meath CLG put in place an immediate plan of action across all areas of communication, transport and media to ensure as many of the confirmed 20,000 American visitors to Ireland for the Notre Dame/Navy American football game in the Aviva Stadium come to Navan for the series of games to be hosted in Pairc Tailteann on August 31<sup>st</sup> and that a detailed package on the county is circulated to visiting parties well in advance of their trip."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor John V. Farrelly:

"The Members of Meath County Council call on the Minister for Communications Mr. Pat Rabitte to recommend to the Government to underground the cables for the Batterstown Tyrone Eirgrid power lines especially now that it has been established





by the independent commission set up by the Minister that it is only double the cost to do so."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald:

> "In view of the decision by An Bord Pleanála to refuse planning permission to build the new Children's Hospital on the Mater site, this meeting of Meath County Council calls on the Government to consider the building of this hospital at Dunboyne close to the M3 Rail Station. This meeting further calls on the County Manager to request a meeting with the Minister for Health to explore the proposal further."

#### 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
- 10.3 Schedule of Manager's Orders - Housing Construction
- 10.4 Schedule of Manager's Orders - Community & Enterprise

#### 11.0 **Presentations**

12.0 **Any Other Business** 

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