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Ordinary Meeting 7th October 2013, Council Chamber

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 2nd September, 2013.

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

- 5.1.1 To consider the proposed amendments to the Draft Kells Development Plan 2013-2019 and the Manager's Report on submissions received in respect of proposed amendments (being material alterations) to the Draft Kells Development Plan 2013-2019 in accordance with Section 12 (9) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2013, and if thought fit to resolve to make the Kells 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 2000-2013.

- 5.1.2 To receive the Manager's Report on the submissions and observations received following the publication of the proposed Variation no. 1 to the Meath County Development Plan 2013 - 2019 in accordance with Section 13 (4) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2013.

(Report to be circulated)

- 5.1.3 To receive the Manager's Report on submissions received in response to the publication of development proposals pursuant to Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 - 2012, for the construction of circa. 320 metres of a 3 - 4 metre wide shared footpath /cycle path, within Kells, commencing at the existing VEC school grounds (St. Ciaran's Community College) adjacent to the swimming pool at Jim Brunnock road (L28116) within the townland of Townspark connecting into the proposed footpath /cycle path from the Gardenrath Road (L-2813).

5.2 Corporate Services



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- 5.2.1 To receive an update on the proposed Sub-County/Municipal Reorganisation within County Meath.
(Report to be circulated)

5.3 Transportation

- 5.3.1 To consider declaring a road to be a public road in accordance with section 11 Roads Act 1993 as amended, in respect of the following; the laneway leading into Elm Grove, Summerhill, from its junction with the Regional Road R156-1341 to its junction with Elm Grove estate as recommended by the Trim Area Members at a Special Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th September 2013.

5.4 Environment, Fire & Emergency

- 5.4.1 To receive an update on Keeping Communities Safe Programme --- National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.

6.0 Report from Protocol Committee

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 To note correspondence from Department of Education and Skills – Reply re Eureka Girls School, Kells ***(in response to Notice of Motion passed at the July Monthly Meeting)***.
- 7.2 To note correspondence from Department of Health – Reply to letter re suicide prevention ***(in response to Notice of Motion passed at the June Monthly Meeting)***.
- 7.3 To note correspondence from Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Public Libraries Strategy 2013-2017.
- 7.4 To note the proposed Winter Maintenance Plan 2013/2014.
(Report to be circulated)

8.0 Notice of Question

- 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“With regard to commercial water rate arrears following the takeover by Irish Water will the local authorities be responsible for collection of outstanding debts?”

See response attached

- 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor



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“Can Meath County Council advise if it has any plans to allow the Taxing of Commercial vehicles ONLINE? Private vehicles can do this but currently no such facility is available for commercial vehicles which causes unnecessary time loss and cost for the self employed etc.”

See response attached

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

“Given Drogheda United’s plan to dispose of their Hunky Dory Park stadium for use as a medical centre complex, which it is hoped by Drogheda representatives will enhance the prospect of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital being recommended as the Regional Hospital for the North East, can the County Manager please inform members of the up to date position of the request for an urgent meeting with Meath Oireachtas members made in May 2013 to discuss plans for the development of the Regional Hospital in Navan.”

See response attached

9.0 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Dunshaughlin Electoral Area Committee

“That Meath County Council enter into discussions with MABS, Citizens Advice, and Meath Partnership with a view to facilitating these services from the Area Offices in Dunshaughlin and Ashbourne.”

See Item 5.2.1

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Bryan Reilly

“That this Council as the elected representatives of the people of County Meath request Greenwire Ltd and Element Power Ltd, in writing, that they do not submit any planning application in respect of the proposed Wind Farm in North Meath until such time as the updated Wind Energy Development Guidelines come into force.”

This is a matter for the Council – General Information attached

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor

“That the Council endorse and support the “Turn Off the Red Light” campaign to end prostitution and in particular to end the trafficking of women and minors for the sex industry into Ireland.”

This is a matter for the Members

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Tracy McElhinney



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“That this Council would seek an immediate meeting with, as well as a presentation to the full Council from Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority in relation to the severe cuts in routes and general public transport services in the County in recent years and their plans to replace and enhance services.”

This is a matter for the Members

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“Meath County Council congratulates and recognises the historic appointment of Reverend Patricia Story as the new Church of Ireland, Bishop of Meath and Kildare and as the first woman to be appointed as a bishop in Ireland. Meath Co Council will recognise her appointment by the hosting of a civic reception in her honour.”

To be considered at Protocol Committee

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

“That Meath County Council, recognising that the latest figures from the Department of Education relating to primary school class sizes show that County Meath has the second highest average class size in the state, that more than 27% of all primary school pupils in the county are being taught in classes of 30 pupils or more, that St. Mary’s NS in Ashbourne is the most crowded school in the state, calls on the Government to protect and enhance the Education budget in the upcoming Budget, 2014, and to immediately address the ever-increasing pupil teacher ratio in Co. Meath.”

This is a matter for the Members

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

“Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government to reinstate the National Disability Strategic Funding towards capital expenditure in 2014. This funding was last available in 2010 when €215k was allocated to Meath County Council.”

This is a matter for the Members

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

“That Meath County Council bid to host the Irish Technology Leadership Group Forum in Meath in an effort to drive economic investment in this area by bringing the senior executives from the world’s leading global corporations to Meath and promoting our county as a technological base.”

This is a matter for the Members.



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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 by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies

12.0 Any Other Business

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