



Ordinary Meeting 2nd September 2013, Council Chamber

1.0 **Confirmation of Minutes**

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual meeting held on 1st July 2013.
- Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 1st July, 2013. 1.2

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

Statutory Business 5.0

5.1 **Corporate Services**

- 5.1.1 To receive and note Annual Report 2012. (Report sent by email)
- 5.1.2 To receive and consider 2012 Annual Review Report in respect of the performance of the County Meath Joint Policing Committee. (Report sent by email)

5.2 Planning

To consider the Draft Trim Development Plan 2014-2020 and the 5.2.1 Manager's Report on motions to amend the Draft Plan and to resolve to place the Draft Trim Development Plan 2014-2020 on display subject to any further amendment that the members consider necessary in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2013. (Report to be circulated)

5.3 Finance

- To receive the Statutory Audit Report for year ended 31st December 2012. 5.3.1
- 5.3.2 To approve the raising of a loan of €1,200,000 from the HFA to finance approved Housing Loan applications, authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992.
- 5.3.3. To receive Half Year Financial Update.





5.4 Water Services

- 5.4.1 To receive an update on Irish Water.
- 5.4.2 To receive a presentation on Water Treatment in Co. Meath.

5.5 Transportation

- To consider any objections/representations made to the proposal to 5.5.1 extinguish the Public Right of Way on a section of Regional Road R150 and if thought fit to resolve to make an Order extinguishing the public Right of Way on the section of Regional Road R150 in the townland of Flemingstown, Curtis Cross, Navan, Co. Meath.
- 5.5.2 To resolve to enter into an Agreement in the terms set out with Drogheda Borough Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, whereby Meath County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Drogheda Borough Council in relation to the carrying out of works to the section of Drogheda Ramparts leading from St. Dominic's Park to the boundary between Drogheda Borough Council and Meath County Council as part of the Boyne Greenway Scheme, which is described in the Schedule to the Agreement and to affix the Seal of the Council to the said agreement.

5.6 Environment

5.6.1 To consider and approve the Amenity and Lawnmower Grants 2013 as agreed by the Navan, Slane, Kells, Dunshaughlin and Trim electoral area members.

6.0 **Report from Protocol Committee**

7.0 Correspondence

- Polling Day Order for the Abolition of Seanad Éireann (32nd Amendment) and the 7.1 Court of Appeal (33rd Amendment) referendums.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (In response to Notice of Motion passed at the June Monthly Meeting).
- 7.3 Correspondence from Eirgrid re. North-South 400kV Interconnection Development.





Notice of Question 8.0

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

> "Can the Manager confirm if there is a Restoration and Aftercare Plan in place in respect of the Knockharley Landfill Site Kentstown, also what type of financial security is in place and how it impacts on the Receivership process for the Greenstar Company."

(See response)

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

> "Can the Manager please provide Members with an update on when the work on the Mound of the Hostages at the Hill of Tara, which has been going on for some 20 months, will be completed, and when will the railings encasing the mound be removed to allow the public full access again to this national monument?"

(See response)

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

> "In the context of the programme of work having been agreed upon by way of contract to have water meters installed in County Meath, what if any arrangements are in place to ensure that in a situation where it becomes evident the water line to which the meter is to be attached has not been laid to the required depth, to have the matter rectified and the Local Authority notified of this?"

(See response)

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Bryan Reilly

> Can the Manager answer the following in relation to O'Carolan Crescent, Carlanstown, Kells Co Meath?

- 1(A) What is this Council's position / future intention regarding un-sold private sites?
 - (B) What is this Council's position/ intention regarding safety precautions on these sites and also on-going position regarding grass cutting, security fencing etc?
 - (C) Is it this Council's Intention to advertise these sites for sale and when?

2. What is this Council's position In relation to private sites, which have been sold and where some building works commenced, now left derelict resulting in serious health and safety issues, infestation and dumping.

(See response)





8.5 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor

> "In light of significant debate on the merits and potential concerns with water fluoridation, that the Council provide a report on best practice in this area nationally and internationally, and address any potential concerns with the ongoing policy of fluoridation."

(See response)

9.0 **Notice of Motion**

9.1 Submitted by Councillor William Carey

> "That Meath Co. Council call on the Department of Education and Skills to update the 2004 survey of Post Primary School needs along N 4 in Meath and Kildare as a matter of extreme urgency. This survey correctly stated that Enfield would need a 650 pupil school by 2008 and that need has long been surpassed. This need was also highlighted in July 2011 by a submission to the Meath Co. Development Plan by Co Kildare V. E. C. and the provision of a Post Primary school in Enfield is an objective of the current County Development Plan."

Response - (This is a matter for the Council)

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Tracy McElhinney

> "As part of the campaign to ensure that the perspectives and fears of rural families are addressed, I am calling on this Council to write to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to hold public hearings on the new statutory wind energy guidelines, which are being published later this year. It is vital that all voices are heard, particularly those of rural families who will have to live with any wind farms that are built, not to mention the impact on the landscape as a visual and tourist amenity."

Response - (This is a matter for the Council)

9.3 Submitted by Kells Electoral Area Committee

> "That the budget allocated in 2014 for Road Maintenance and Restoration be apportioned to the length and condition of roads within each Area."

(See response)

9.4 Submitted by Councillors Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Oliver Fox, Bryan Reilly, Shane Cassells, Jenny McHugh, Tommy Reilly, Wayne Harding, Jimmy Fegan

"That Meath County Council supports the campaign of the Restaurants' Association of Ireland to keep the VAT rate for tourism and hospitality at 9% into 2014 and beyond."

Response - (This is a matter for the Council)





9.5 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

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Response - (This is a matter for the Council)

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor

> "That the Council centralise graveyard and burial records as part of the genealogical research service in order to build on The Gathering initiatives and that a report or short presentation on current genealogy services be provided."

(See response)

9.7 Submitted by Councillors Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Eugene Cassidy, John V Farrelly, Catherine Yore, Jim Holloway, Suzanne Jamal, Sirena Campbell, Ann Dillon- Gallagher, Joe Fox

"That in view of the increasing need for housing in the County, this Council requests the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, Housing section to consider the re opening of the House building Programme to alleviate the growing housing lists and at the same time stimulate local economies by providing opportunities for local employment."

Response - (This is a matter for the Council)

9.8 Submitted by Councillor William Carey

> "That Meath County Council ask the Minister for Finance to consider extending a reduced rate of V A T on food and tourism services for another year."

Response - (This is a matter for the Council)

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





Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies 11.0

- 11.1 Retailers Against Smuggling
- 12.0 **Any Other Business**

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