



***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***  
***Ordinary Meeting***  
***7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Council Chamber***

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor William Carey, presided.

**Members Present:**

Councillors Joseph Bonner, Ray Butler, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Francis Deane, Anne Dillon Gallagher, Regina Doherty, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Oliver Fox, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Seamus O'Neill, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

**Officials in Attendance:**

**County Manager:** Tom Dowling

**Head of Finance:** Fiona Lawless,

**Directors of Service:** Kevin Stewart, Eugene Cummins, Ciarán Mangan, Brendan McGrath, Liam Henry, Tadhg McDonnell

**Meetings Administrator** Bill Sweeney

**Senior Planners:** Wendy Bagnall

**Senior Executive Officers:** Martin Rogers, Larry Whelan, Michael Griffin,

**Administrative Officers:** Olive Falsey, Ger Murphy

**Apologies:** Sirena Campbell

**1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The Minutes of meeting held on July 6<sup>th</sup>. 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of **Cllr. John V. Farrelly and Cllr. Shane Cassells**

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Planning Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

The Minutes of the special planning meeting held on July 24<sup>th</sup>. 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of **Cllr. John V. Farrelly and Cllr. Shane Cassells**.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Planning Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

It was pointed out that an amendment would be required re item 10 (Slane LAP) on the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup>. August. It was agreed that this would be discussed by the Slane Area Committee and that confirmation of the Minutes would be dealt with at the next meeting.

**2.0 Matters arising from the minutes**

It was agreed that the Agenda & Minutes of Meetings together with correspondence would be circulated in hard copy to Members.

**3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Expressions of sympathy were extended to:

Sean Clarke, Human Resources on the death of his brother.

Fiona Lawless, Head of Finance on the death of her mother-in-law.

The family of international cyclist, Mark Healion, Dunboyne who died in a road accident.



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- 4.0 Correspondence (all correspondence can be viewed in linked document you have received electronically)**
- 4.1 The Lisbon Treaty – Strengthening the Role of Regions. **View this document at <http://www.bmwassembly.ie/news/Publications.html>.**
- 4.2 Quality of Life in Gateways, Regions, Counties, Cities and Towns. **View this document at <http://www.bmwassembly.ie/news/Publications.html>.**
- 4.3 Correspondence from Meath Partnership re Nomination of Elected Representatives.
- 4.4 Correspondence from Department of Environment (LG 15/09) re Induction course for newly elected local authority members.
- 4.5 Circular Number WPRR 05/09 re Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No 286 of 2009).
- 4.6 Circular Number WPPR 09/09 – Waste Management Farm Plastics Regulations 2001
- 4.7 Circular HU03/2009 re SLI (Support to Live Independently) – new scheme of housing and support to progress from homelessness.
- 4.8 Correspondence from DoEHLG re Voluntary & Co-operative Housing – Capital Assistance Scheme.
- 4.9 Circular SHIP 2009/02 re Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.
- 4.10 Correspondence from DoEHLG re Assessment of Housing Need for Rent Supplement Purposes.
- 4.11 Correspondence from NRA (Circular RLRU No. 1/2009) re Management of Regional and Local Roads Programme.
- 4.12 **Circular L6/09 re Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012 Needs Assessment 2009.**  
**At the request of the Members, it was agreed that the above correspondence would be issued in hard copy.**
- 5.0 E.U. Correspondence (all E.U. correspondence can be viewed in linked document you have received electronically)**
- 5.1 EU News Bulletin Number 61 – June 2009
- 5.2 EU News Bulletin Number 62 – July 2009
- 5.3 EU Policy Review Number 4/09 – June – July 2009
- 6.0 Report from Protocol Committee**
- Amendments to Standing Orders - changes to be considered at October meeting and will be brought to full Council at November meeting.
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- It was agreed that special meetings of the Council will start at 3.00p.m., where this allows sufficient time for transaction of all business on the agenda, and that budget meetings will start at 10.00a.m.
- The Meetings' Administrator proposed the following meeting dates for agreement:
  - Special Planning – 22<sup>nd</sup>. September, 3.00p.m.
  - Workshop on River Basin Plans – 29<sup>th</sup>. September, 2.00p.m.
  - Special Finance - 19<sup>th</sup>. October, 3.00p.m.
  - Special Housing – 22<sup>nd</sup>. October, 10.00a.m.

Cllr Brian Fitzgerald asked why the special Finance meeting had been postponed, having originally been set for 11<sup>th</sup>. September. Fiona Lawless, Head of Finance explained that the meeting could go ahead on the 11<sup>th</sup>. September with available figures up to the end of June but by waiting until October the Council would receive a more up to date report on which to make decisions.

**Cllr. Shane Cassells** proposed the change of date to the 19<sup>th</sup>. October, seconded by **Cllr. John V. Farrelly**. **Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald** withdrew from the meeting in protest at this decision.

It was agreed to hold a briefing for newly elected Councillors on the budget process - 16<sup>th</sup>. September at 4.00p.m.

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

#### **8.0 Other Statutory Business**

##### **8.1 Planning and Economic Development**

- 8.1.1 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of Amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan for **Dunboyne/Clonee/Pace** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (f) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- 8.1.2 To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of Amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan for **the Environs of Kilcock** in accordance with Section 20 (3) (f) (i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The above reports were received on the proposition of **Cllr. John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Cllr. Noel Leonard**.

- 8.1.3 To agree a date for the holding of a Special Planning Meeting of the Council.

Agreed date 22<sup>nd</sup>. September, 2009, as per item 6

- 8.1.4 To receive a report on The Solheim Cup 2011 (to be held at Killeen Castle, Co. Meath – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011).

Kevin Stewart, DOS, Economic Development and Innovation gave a presentation on a fact-finding visit to the Solheim Cup in Chicago. This event will be held at Killeen Castle from 23-25 Sept. 2011. It was agreed by the Councillors that this will be a real opportunity to promote Co. Meath and local tourism. It was also noted that the major challenge will be pricing and Kevin Stewart stressed the importance maintaining a value for money approach.

##### **8.2 Infrastructure**



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- 8.2.1 To consider and if though fit to approve for public display the “Draft” Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits)(Primatestown) County of Meath Bye-Laws (No. 1) 2009. (To be circulated)

Approved on the proposition of **Cllr. Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Cllr. Regina Doherty**.

### **8.3 Environment**

- 8.3.1 To set a date for Special Briefing Session in relation to the River Basin District Management Plans prior to their consideration and adoption.

Date agreed – 29<sup>th</sup>. September, as per item 6

- 8.3.2 To receive briefing note on Pilot National Environmental Complaints Line.

Ger Murphy, Administrative Officer, presented information on above.

- 8.3.3 To receive briefing note on Business Continuity Management Plan (Major Emergency Management Planning & A(H1N1) Influenza).

Ger Murphy, Administrative Officer made a presentation on above Plan.

### **8.4 Housing, Social Community & Cultural**

- 8.4.1 To consider the Manager’s Report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 and 2006, in respect of the re-development of the existing halt site at St Martins Park, Manorlands, Trim and including the temporary re-location of residents to adjoining site during the construction period.

Approved on the proposition of **Cllr. Jimmy Fegan** and seconded by **Cllr. Tracy McElhinney**

- 8.4.2 To resolve to raise a loan of €300,000 from the Housing Finance Agency in respect of the provision of 2 additional housing units at Windtown, Navan provided by Cluid Voluntary Housing Association under the terms of the Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme.

Approved on the proposition of **Cllr. Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr. Shane Cassells**.

- 8.4.3 To agree a date for the holding of a special meeting of the Council to consider Housing related issues including the enactment of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, Social Housing Investment programme, Delivery of Services etc.

Date agreed 22 October, as per item 6

### **8.5 CS**

- 8.5.1 To receive a report on alterations to Electoral Area Boundaries.



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The Meetings' Administrator advised that there would be further reports from the individual Directorates regarding the implications of the changes.

Received on the proposition of **Cllr. John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Cllr. Ray Butler**

### **8.6 Finance**

8.6.1 To approve the raising of a loan of €2 million for the completion of the water meter installation programme.

Approved on the proposition of **Cllr. John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Cllr. Shane Cassells**.

### **9.0 Notice of Motion**

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Regina Doherty:

*“That this Council resolves to suspend with immediate effect the attendance by Councillors to all non-essential conferences. In the current economic crisis I feel that we need to lead by example and show that we have respect for how taxpayer’s money is spend and refuse to needlessly waste it.”*

**The Cathaoirleach requested that this motion would be referred to the Protocol Committee and informed that the issue is being dealt with by the DOEHLG and a reponse is pending from Minister Gormley. This was accepted by Cllr. Doherty.**

9.2 Submitted by Dunshaughlin Area Committee:  
Proposed by **Cllr. Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Cllr. Noel Leonard**.

*“That Meath Co. Council resolves to introduce a 3 ton limit weight restriction on all traffic entering Dunboyne Village from the following –*

*Newtown Bridge on R156  
The new junction on the R157 (Dunboyne/Maynooth Road)  
At Loughsallagh on the R156  
At junction of Stirling/Roske  
County Road junction – County Road 2221-2222*

*The restriction to come into operation on the opening of the road linking Pace and the Dunboyne-Maynooth Road (R157)*

*Service vehicles above 3 ton max. to Dunboyne Village must have a permit issued by Meath County Council.”*

**The Council was informed that a draft Bye Law will be prepared in conjunction with the Infrastructure Department. There will be a public consultation process and it will then be brought to the full Council for decision..**

9.3 Submitted by Councillor William Carey:

Proposed by **Cllr. William Carey** and seconded by **Cllr. John V. Farrelly**

*“That Meath County Council investigate the possibility of using our cow plots for allotments where a demand exists.”*

**This motion was debated and Brendan McGrath, DOS, Environment advised the Council that, while there was some demand for allotments, they were costly to put in place and it was a question of prioritising scarce resources.**

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Tommy Reilly & Councillor Shane Cassells:



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Proposed by **Cllr. Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Cllr. Tommy Reilly**.

*“Recognising the strategic importance of the lands in Nevinstown to the delivery of the regional hospital we call on the Senior Management team of Meath County Council to put in place a schedule which would see the necessary infrastructure – physical and social – developed as quickly as possible.”*

**The motion was debated at length and adopted subject to the co. Manager’s reply.**

**The Co. Manager stated that he supported the motion and is prepared to put a focus group to include a number of appropriate people to move this project forward.**

### **10.0 Schedule of Manager’s Orders**

- 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

Noted.

### **11.0 Presentations from Other Bodies**

- 11.1 To receive presentation on the appointment of Management Services Entity for Phase 2 of the Municipal Area Network (Broadband).

**Conal Henry from e/net made a presentation on above followed by a question and answer session.**

### **12.0 Any Other Business**

This concluded the business of the meeting.