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Ordinary Meeting

6th July 2020, Solstice Theatre @ 1.30p.m.

Public Health Guidance - Covid 19

This meeting is being held in line with public health guidance, with a number of measures in place to protect the health and wellbeing of all meeting attendees.

All Meeting Attendees are therefore requested to:

- Be present at the outset of the meeting and remain in your designated seat (other than for welfare breaks) once the meeting has commenced;
- Comply with the public health advice, specifically physical distancing; cough and sneeze etiquette, proper hand hygiene and to limit social interactions e.g. no hand-shaking;
- Be respectful of others' physical distancing boundaries;
- Adhere to meeting and venue housekeeping arrangements including fire safety arrangements as briefed at the start of the meeting;
- Refrain from bringing food or drink, except bottled water, into the meeting room;
- Adhere to information displayed on signage and to the advice of meeting staff.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Special meeting held on 8th June 2020.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Annual meeting held on 8th June 2020.

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 8th June 2020.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

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



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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Community

- 5.1.1 To receive an update on the Meath Digital Strategy and a briefing by National Broadband Ireland on the National Broadband Plan

6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 AILG Plenary Members Activity Report for May 2020.
- 7.2 Circular NOAC / 01 /2020 – Review of Corporate Plans – 2015-2019.
- 7.3 Circular L1/20 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Revised grant scheme paid by housing authorities towards remediation, repair or upgrading works to, or replacement of, a domestic waste water treatment system under the EPA's National Inspection Plan.
- 7.4 Circular L2/20 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Introduction of a new Domestic Waste Water Treatment System (DWWTS) grant scheme for remediation, repair or upgrading works to, or replacement of a DWWTS in a Prioritised Area for Action (in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021).
- 7.5 Circular L3/20 (V2) – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Introduction of a new Domestic Waste Water Treatment System (DWWTS) grant scheme for the remediation, repair or upgrading works to, or replacement of a DWWTS in a High Status Objective Catchment Area (in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021).
- 7.6 Circular L4/20 (V2) – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Grants for the improvement of a private water supply to a house.



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- 7.7 Housing Circular 17/2020 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Extension of the Covid-19 Emergency Period.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“How many single person families were housed last year and how many is it planned to house this year and how many are on the housing list?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“Call on Meath County Council to provide in tabular format, the social housing need per each application for every settlement in Meath’s towns, villages and town lands.”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

“Will you name the councillors who attended the meeting that took the decision to cancel democracy and all Meath County County and Municipal meetings after the Covid -19 emergency was declared by Government on March 12th?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“In reference to the Rebuilding Ireland Homeloan Scheme, in the event of people who had been approved for the above scheme, pre Covid 19, in addition to future loan applicants, will there be changes to the assessment criteria for those who were temporarily unemployed and have now returned to work? If so, to furnish the details pertaining to any amendments.”

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

“To ask the Chief Executive under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 the number of

- 1. fines issued*
- 2. the level of compliance in paying fines that have been issued to offenders*
- 3. and number of successful prosecutions that Meath County Council have obtained through the Courts*

for the years 2018, 2019 and the first half of 2020, and to ask the Chief Executive to quantify in monetary terms, as far as practicable, the costs borne by the Local Authority in the dealing with illegal dumping and fly tipping for the same periods.”



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8.6 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

"How many 'applications for retention' were submitted in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and how many of these 'application for retention' related to the retention of a dwelling?"

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O'Neill

"Is there a timeline for the submissions to be uploaded regarding the County Development plan, as there are still submissions outstanding regarding the Millbourne residents?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe (Deferred from June Meeting)

"That Meath County Council adopts a remote working policy to enable Council staff to work from home, where possible and practicable, in the future and that Meath County Council recognises the great work and commitment to public service has been demonstrated by Council staff over the past number of months."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe (Deferred from June Meeting)

"That Meath County Council develops a once off financial grant scheme, to work in addition to the Community Grant scheme to help alleviate the financial trauma being experienced by community and voluntary groups across County Meath and that we recognise the enormous value of these groups in county Meath."

9.3 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors (Deferred from June Meeting)

"This Council acknowledges the significant financing issues arising from the loss of commercial rates and other revenues due to the Covid19 emergency.

We note the Government's announcement of a three-month rates waiver for affected sectors of the economy and the commitment to provide local authorities with an additional €260m to cover this shortfall.

However, we do not believe that a three-month waiver or the funding provided will fill the growing financial deficit that Local authorities are accruing due to Covid19.



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We call on the Government to give a clear commitment to ensure that Local Authorities will not experience any loss in revenue arising from the inability of businesses to pay commercial rates or from the loss of any other revenue source such as car parking, council rents or other charges. We also believe that the initial round of funding announced be provided to Councils as a matter of urgency. We further call on government to state that they will fully fund any extension of the commercial rates waiver and any other revenue shortfall.

This Council resolves that there must be no loss of staff or reduction in front line services arising from the Covid19 restrictions and instructs the Manager to write to the Taoiseach, Minister for Finance and Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to communicate the view of the members as expressed in this motion."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons (Deferred from June Meeting)

"That Meath County Council writes to the Rateable Valuation Office seeking a change in the formula for calculating rates, in particular, to the Licencing Trade where Rates have increased at an alarming scale, with many publicans struggling to survive as a result".

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"That Meath County Council having regard to the extractive industry, that where it comes to the attention of the Council that a development is unauthorised, that the Council will immediately injunct any continuance of development/ activity at that site until such time as the issues have been determined in a court of law or otherwise and sanction the developer appropriately as they would others that transgress planning law. That Meath County Council when invited by An Bord Pleanála to comment on a planning file, that the Council shall not under any circumstances lend its support to a development which has a track record of unauthorised development."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"Call on Meath County Council, to permit Approved Housing Bodies to purchase housing stock in any town, village and townland in the county regardless of social housing need in that area, for as long as the national housing crisis persists in Ireland."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly



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“Call on Meath County Council, to begin the process of evicting anti-social tenants in the county’s housing stock. This will allow for the reallocation of this stock to respectful tenants who have being waiting over 7 years for allocations in the county.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“That Meath County Council reviews the presence of 80 km/h signs at the starting point of local roads in which an 80 km/h speed is not possible as well as being a danger to residents and road users. And to consider the replacement of such signage with "Slow / Go Mall" signs as is the case in other local authority areas.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

“Calling on Meath County Council in line with its own climate emergency policy to: plant as many verges as possible with wildflowers along Meath roads and Motorways. This would not only save the Council money on mowing costs but would also encourage biodiversity and improve our environment.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

“That Meath County Council, openly stand up against racism and lead a campaign for same, in the wake of the ongoing global fight against racism and the growing support for the #blacklivesmatter movement, and with the support of interested elected members, develop audiovisual and print materials to educate and inform the people of Meath on issues of racism, diversity and inclusion”.

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

“That Meath County Council roundly condemns the recent murder of Detective Garda Colm Horkan in county Roscommon and that we offer our solidarity and condolences to his colleagues in An Garda Síochana. And that Meath County Council wholly condemns any act of violence perpetrated against members of our emergency services and frontline workers.”

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“That Meath County Council calls on the Irish Government to recognise that Parental Alienation is “substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a care-giver - child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the



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World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases (version 11) and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System (October 2019)."

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Education to remove all literature from the school curriculum that casually and repeatedly uses offensive racial language, such as "To Kill a Mocking Bird" and "Of Mice and Men", which have no place in today's education curriculum."

10 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

10.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation

10.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment

10.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

11 Any Other Business

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