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### Ordinary Meeting

**7<sup>th</sup> September 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:

- **Wear a face covering on entering the Theatre and continue to do so while in an indoor setting;**
- 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 Ordinary meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 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**

#### **5 Statutory Business**

5.1 Finance



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- 5.1.1 To note the report on Budget Process 2021.
- 5.1.2 To consider the report of the Chief Executive prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014.

For the purpose of resolving as follows:

- a. Vary the basic rate and set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period of one year from the next Local Property Tax liability date, or
  - b. Not vary the basic rate.
- 5.1.3 To receive a year to date Financial Statement for Meath County Council as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
  - 5.1.4 To note the dates for Municipal Districts to consider and adopt the draft Budgetary Plan.

### **5.2 Planning**

- 5.2.1 To receive the Members' views in respect of a proposed development by Indaver (ABP-307433-20), for development described as increase in annual total waste for treatment from currently permitted 235,000 tonnes to 250,000 tonnes, increase in annual amount of hazardous waste from currently permitted 10,000 tonnes to 25,000 tonnes, development of aqueous waste tank farm, hydrogen generation unit, bottom ash storage building, development of a single storage warehouse, new concrete yard, weather canopy demolition and rebuilding of an existing single storey modular office and ancillary site works at Carronstown, Duleek, the subject of the Chief Executive's Report to An Bord Pleanála of September 2020 and, if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report in accordance with Section 37(E) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2019.

### **5.3 Corporate Services**

- 5.3.1 To approve the Terms of Reference for the Protocol Committee
- 5.3.2 To note the Schedule of Council Meetings for the remainder of the year including the date for the Budget 2021 meetings.

### **5.4 Community**

- 5.4.1 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Knockharley Environmental Community Projects Scheme 2020, as recommended by the Knockharley Community Liaison Committee and endorsed by the Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



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- 5.4.2 To receive details and approve the supplementary allocations under the Community Grants Scheme 2020, as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- 5.4.3 To approve a representative of Údarás na Gaeltachta, as a member of the Meath LCDC and LAG.

### **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 Correspondence from Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport in response to Notice of Motion 9 adopted at the July 2020 meeting of the full Council re. M3 Parkway to Clonsilla service.
- 7.2 Correspondence from the National Roads Authority in response to Notice of Motion 9 adopted at the July 2020 meeting of the full Council re. M3 Parkway to Clonsilla service.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Irish Rail in response to Notice of Motion 9 adopted at the July 2020 meeting of the full Council re. M3 Parkway to Clonsilla service.
- 7.4 Correspondence from the Valuation Office in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the July 2020 meeting of the full Council re. review in the formula for calculating rates, in particular, to the Licencing Trade.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Minister for Education in response to Notice of Motion 9.13 adopted at the July 2020 meeting of the full Council re. review, in light of the Black Lives Matter movement, of all literature on the school curriculum and how the curriculum is delivered in our schools.
- 7.6 Circular Fin 12/2020 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2021 – Meath County Council
- 7.7 Correspondence from Derry City and Strabane District Council.



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- 7.8 LG 04-2020 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Elected Members' Annual Expenses Allowance.

### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

*"To ask the Chief Executive (a) how many public lights are there in the County (b) how many of them are LED Lights (c) how many are we converting to LED on a weekly basis?"*

#### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

*"To ask the Chief Executive the financial position of the Council with regard to the Covid 19 crisis and if the CEO will state: the amount of revenue lost to the Council due to the crisis, the additional expenditure incurred and the central Government additional funding received to date?"*

#### 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian

*"Can the Chief Executive please give an outline as to the implementation of "The Flemish Decree on Land and Real Estate Policy is contrary to EU law", by the Court of Justice of the European Union, [case no C-197/11 and C-203/11 with regards to one-off Planning in County Meath. This decree was issued on the 8th May 2013. In addition what is the current view of the Department of Housing in relation to this decree?"*

#### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

*"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full list of all parks and the size of parks across the County of Meath."*

#### 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

*"To request Meath County to provide the development levies received per municipal district in tabular format for the last 5 years."*

#### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

*"What strategies or incentives have Meath County Council adopted in relation to attracting consumers into our main county towns (Trim, Navan and Kells) for the 4th*



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*quarter of 2020 in an effort to exploit the stay local/shop local theme and will the issue of discounting paid parking/allowing grace periods, be included in the plan? Local retailers and business owners deserve and require our best support if they are to survive in the present stagnant economic climate?"*

### **8.7 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray**

*"To provide in tabular form the number of pothole complaints received by Meath County Council for each Municipal District in 2017, 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020."*

### **8.8 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**

*"How many council tenants were on the transfer list in County Meath in 2018, 2019 and 2020 and how many tenants actually completed a transfer in those years?"*

## **9 Notice of Motion**

### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty**

*"That Meath County Council engages with Facebook about the proliferation of bogus waste collectors advertising on the platform, with a view to ensuring that such advertisements must in future contain a permit number, be reportable by members of the public and should be removed by Facebook where illegal services are being offered. The Council commends on-going efforts by legitimate waste collectors and members of the public to address this issue and will continue to support and complement these efforts, where possible. Further, given the nationwide impact of this issue, that Meath County Council shares this campaign with all other local authorities, as appropriate."*

### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*"That Meath County Council – recognising the role that the Comhairle na nÓg plays in our local authority, giving children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies – extends an invitation out to the Comhairle to present to this chamber at the February County Council meeting; and that a standing order be created to invite the Comhairle to speak to the council at the first full County Council meeting of each calendar year going forward."*



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### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“To call on Meath County Council to change the agenda order of full council meetings forthwith, to allow motions to be addressed earlier in the meeting when attendance is higher and more time can be allotted to allow for measured unhurried discussion and decision-taking.”*

### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*“That Meath County Council – recognising the long-term importance both culturally, socially and economically of the evening and night-time economy, and in light of the acute challenges that it is currently facing – agrees to implement a role of Nightlife Mayor as soon as is feasible to promote, stimulate and add value to this industry.”*

### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“Call on Meath County Council’s Environment Section to insist that ton bags sold in retail outlets like service stations, supermarkets and hardware stores are fully paid for and not sold for a fraction of the actual collection cost. This has led to a large increase in the dumping of bags in hedgerows, beaches and laneways.”*

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Aisling Dempsey**

*“To call on Meath County Council to commence investigating potential areas suitable for casual trading across the county, particularly in areas of heavy footfall and near tourist attractions. Casual trading licences should be first and foremost available to our town's and village's existing traders who wish to diversify and respond to Covid-19 by taking their trade outdoors.”*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O’Neill**

*“In the interest of transparency and fairness, that Meath County Council's housing allocation policy, when re-constituted, will adopt a numbered system. This system should be applied to all particular categories i.e.: Disability, health need, family unit types etc.”*



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### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**

*"That Meath County Council sets up a special emergency covid-19 cross-party committee. The main focus of this committee will be to explore all avenues and work in partnership with all state agencies on ensuring that County Meath is not the next county to lock down."*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole**

*"That Meath County Council seeks "Garda vetting for one [organisation], Garda vetting for all" with a two-year review, as a way to ensure the continuation and participation of community volunteers in improving the quality of life of Meath residents."*

### **9.10 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

*"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Health to meet with Mary Bartley Meehan and to authorise an Independent Enquiry in to the circumstances leading to the death of her husband Ultan Meehan."*

### **9.11 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox**

*"That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide additional resources to enable the establishment of a stock management unit in each local authority area to manage their housing properties and better support their tenants."*

### **9.12 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*"Meath County Council requests that the Minister for Agriculture, Food & Marine review food labelling to make it easier for consumers to make informed decisions regarding environmental impact including resources used, carbon footprint and distance from source to Ireland. This will allow consumers to make more informed decisions that will have a positive impact on the environment and buying or sourcing local produce."*

### **9.13 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

*"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to conclude the baseline review of local authority funding models and include*



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*the findings as part of his Department's submission to the 2021 Budget discussions soon to commence."*

### **9.14 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

*"That Meath County Councillors calls on the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to immediately fund the LPT Equalisation Fund from the Central Exchequer and leave the 20% that is currently withheld from Local Authorities in the areas where the LPT is generated."*

## **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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