



Clár / Meeting Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

7th December 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. The organisation of this meeting also has regard for the latest Standard Operating Guidance (SOG) agreed by the LGMA, AILG and LAMA on the holding of Council meetings.

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;
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- Be respectful of others' physical distancing boundaries;
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- 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.

In line with the SOG, this meeting will have a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 2nd November 2020.
- 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Preliminary Budget meeting held on 30th November 2020.
- 1.3 Confirmation of minutes of Statutory Budget meeting held on 30th November 2020.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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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 Corporate Services

5.1.1 To adopt the 2021 Protocol for the Municipal District Allocation Scheme.

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 To receive Quarterly Financial Statement at 30th September 2020.

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To receive an update on the schedule of the Special Planning Meeting and progress in considering the Chief Executive's Report.

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 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 9.13 adopted at the September 2020 meeting of the full Council re. baseline review of local authority funding models.

7.2 Correspondence from Monaghan County Council re. resolution passed at their November meeting.

7.3 Correspondence from Senator Victor Boyhan enclosing letter received from Peter Burke T.D., Minister for Local Government and Planning re. Flemish Decree.



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- 7.4 Launch of Illegal Dumping Communications Campaign by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan T.D.
- 7.5 Correspondence from the National Transport Authority re. Navan Railway Line Assessment Study.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

"To ask Meath County Council to provide the number of Repair and Leasing Schemes entered into in each Municipal District for 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of refused applications; and the number of properties leased through Approved Housing Bodies (AHB)."

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to provide in tabular format for the last 2 years the amount of refusals of housing offers / allocations per Municipal District from applicants on Meath's social housing list."

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

"To ask the Chief Executive how many Strategic Housing Developments have been approved and have received planning permissions in Meath by An Bord Pleanála (ABP); how many of those that have been approved are of a density that is above the density currently permitted under our present County Development Plan; and how many of those that have been approved have had their permissions activated?"

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"How many people were taken off the housing list in 2017, 2018 and 2019 for not filling out the Housing Needs Assessment form?"

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

"Has Meath County Council implemented social clauses in public procurement contracts? If so, what clauses have been used?"



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8.6 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council to detail in full the terms of reference of the investigation into the possible breach of the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service by a Councillor in relation to the rezoning of lands at Liscarton, Navan"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

"Calls on Meath County Council to consider the implementation of the 'See Something, Say Something' initiative, which is already in operation in a number of counties in partnership with An Garda Síochána".

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council to offer 3 hours of free parking to shoppers in all Meath towns for the month of December to help both shoppers and shop owners who have lost so much to Covid and the restrictions."

9.3 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors

"Despite the tremendous efforts of the IT Section in Meath County Council, Councillors are still experiencing persistent and multi-faceted issues with their tablets, that are undermining our ability to perform our role in an effective and professional manner. Hence, Fine Gael Councillors call on the Executive to replace all devices as a matter of priority."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor

"Meath County Council requests the National Transport Authority to publish the scope and key parameters of the re-appraisal of the Dublin to Navan rail line and ensure that the executive and members of Meath County Council have an opportunity to input into the process on behalf of their constituents, due to the significant importance of the project for the development of the county in economic, transport and climate action terms."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly



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“Calls on Meath County Council to write to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to highlight the inadequate Housing Assistance Payment rate that currently applies in county Meath with regard to single adult households, and request an increase in this rate and/or an increase in the discretionary powers of Meath County Council to extend the existing rate beyond its current 20% discretion, both as a necessary homeless preventative measure, and to facilitate exit from emergency accommodation, for this particular cohort of applicants.”

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

“Meath County Council writes to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to:

- 1. Make provisions for monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation to be redirected from the exchequer back into local addiction services, youth organisations, and community initiatives to resource prevention, education and supportive projects.*
- 2. The necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen.”*

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“In light of the very positive news recently, in relation to a number of Covid-19 vaccines, to call on the Government to reassess its decision to reschedule Census 2021 out to April 2022, and to now look at the feasibility of it taking place at the original date in April 2021.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“Meath County Council calls upon the Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan, T.D, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Paschal Donohoe T.D and Mr. Michael McGrath T.D, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, to urgently enact the private members' motion previously passed in November 2016 by the previous Government regarding the future of the Post Office Network. This is a matter of urgency to ensure the sustainability of our existing community Post Office Network.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín



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“Meath County Council calls on government leaders to demand that Eirgrid desists from all works related to the North-South Interconnector, that the procurement and progression of contracts for pylons and construction be suspended until a comprehensive, independent and updated report on the technical feasibility and cost of undergrounding of the North-South Interconnector is carried out.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“Meath County Council calls on Eirgid to run the 400KV proposed powerline that will run from Woodlands, Dunshaughlin to Moy, county Tyrone completely underground.”

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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