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Ordinary Meeting

1st February 2021, (via Zoom only) @ 1.30p.m.

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For Members:

- If you wish to speak you should use the Hand function – you'll be given the floor by the Cathaoirleach.
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1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 7th December 2020.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

3 Statement by An Cathaoirleach, Councillor David Gilroy on the Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes

4 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

5 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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6 Statutory Business

6.1 Corporate Services

6.1.1 To adopt the 2021 Annual Service Delivery Plan.

6.2 Planning

6.2.1 To receive the Members' views in respect of a proposed development by CAP Developments LLC (PL17.308628), for development described as 110kV gas insulated switchgear substation compound, associated dropdown transmission lines, and associated development at Drogheda IDA Business and Technology Park, Donore Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath, the subject of the Chief Executive's Report to An Bord Pleanála of January 2021 (as circulated) 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.

6.3 Community (at 2.15pm approximately)

6.3.1 To receive a presentation from Meath Comhairle na nÓg.

6.3.2 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing the Health Service Executive.

6.4 Transportation (at 2.45pm approximately)

6.4.1 Presentation on the scope and approach of the Navan Railway Line Assessment Study by the National Transport Authority and the appointed Consultants.

7 Reports

7.1 Chief Executive's Report

7.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

7.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

8 Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence from Minister for Transport in response to Notice of Motion 9.2



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adopted at the November 2020 meeting of the full Council re. Greener Alternatives to Traditional Transport.

- 8.2 Correspondence from Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications in response to Notice of Motion 9.8 adopted at the December 2020 meeting of the full Council re. future of the post office network.
- 8.3 Correspondence from Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in response to Notice of Motion 9.8 adopted at the December 2020 meeting of the full Council re. future of the post office network.
- 8.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the October 2020 meeting of the full Council re. Garda vetting.
- 8.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the December 2020 meeting of the full Council re. Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).
- 8.6 Correspondence from Senator Robbie Gallagher enclosing letter received from Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage Darragh O'Brien re. Developer Provider Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme (DPI's).
- 8.7 Draft 2021 Allocations - NTA's Sustainable Transport Measures Grants - Meath Projects.
- 8.8 Correspondence from the OPR/Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to new public information leaflets on various aspects of Ireland's planning process.

9 Notice of Question

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"How much is owed to Meath County Council in rent arrears for its residential properties?"

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask MCC to illustrate in tabular form the number of one-off rural housing applications in Meath per LEA for the last 3 years (2018, 2019 and 2020) to quantify how



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many applications were successful, how many were not and to detail reasons for each refusal."

10 Notice of Motion

10.1 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors (Deferred from December meeting)

"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."

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"Call on Meath County Council to remove the two year waiting time for getting on the housing transfer list for those in exceptional circumstances or where the circumstances of the family have taken a drastic change."

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"Call on Meath County Council to support an initiative to help reduce fly tipping and costs associated with clean up by ensuring that all restaurants and takeaways with drive through facilities print car registration numbers on all packaging for food and drinks items that are purchased and to call on the Minister for Transport, Environment and Climate Change to roll out the initiative nationwide. Further that if this motion is carried it is shared with all other local authorities".

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"In light of the recent court rulings in relation to illegal dumping and littering cases using CCTV footage as evidence, that Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee to review both the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996, to ensure they are fit for purpose in order to address and secure convictions for the current illegal dumping and littering problem that is a scourge on our communities across the county, and indeed the country, using the most up to date and sophisticated detection methods such as CCTV."

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly



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“That Meath County Council writes to TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland), requesting a full audit of any structural deficits along the M3 Clonee - Kells motorway and all flyovers, bridges and junctions.”

10.6 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“That Meath County Council, as a historical financier of Dunboyne Mother and Baby Home (Árd Mhuire), allocates funding for a memorial garden in memory of the mothers and babies who were residents of this facility from (1955 -1991) in the Dunboyne Castle / Park area.”

10.7 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“That Meath County Council acknowledges the Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes; and proactively reaches out to survivors and survivor groups to understand how the council can best support their needs as well as acknowledge this dark period in our nation’s and county’s history, in a sensitive and appropriate manner.”

10.8 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“That in the spirit of inclusivity, Meath County Council replaces the prayer at the start of full county council meetings with a period of silent reflection to reflect the greater diversity that now exists within our county.”

10.9 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“This Council welcomes and supports the recent announcement by the Minister for Defence that an Independent Review Board will be appointed to examine all aspects of the battle of Jadotville involving A Company, 35th Infantry Battalion of the Irish Defence Forces ONUC contingent. Furthermore, we ask that the review board include expert historians, professional military personnel including a senior non-commissioned officer and that the review will examine and report on the psychological effects of the battle on the military personnel involved.”

10.10 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessy

“That Meath County Council stands ready to work with all statutory bodies and with civic society to plan and prepare for the referendum on Irish Unity and for a positive



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outcome to that referendum and calls on the British Government to agree to set a date for the Irish Unity referendum as provided for in the Good Friday Agreement and calls on the Irish Government to work for this outcome”.

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

11.1 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Transportation

11.2 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Environment

11.3 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Housing

11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Community & Enterprise

12 Any Other Business

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