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Ordinary Meeting

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

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1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 1st February 2021.

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 Economic Development and Tourism

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation from Waterways Ireland on the Royal Canal Greenway Integrated Development Plan and including the section of some 22 km within County Meath.

5.2 Housing

- 5.2.1 To adopt the draft Mid East Region Homeless Action Plan 2021-2023, as recommended by the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC.

5.3 Community

- 5.3.1 To receive and note the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2020.

5.4 Finance

- 5.4.1 Report on the Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31st December 2020 - In accordance with Article 26(2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014.

5.5 Corporate Services

- 5.5.1 To receive the 2020 Annual Report on the Municipal District Allocation Scheme (Discretionary Fund).
- 5.5.2 To note the NOAC Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2019 <https://noac.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Final-NOAC-LAPIR-2019-Complete-11-Jan.pdf>

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

- 6.2.1 To approve, as agreed by the CPG, the recommendation of the Transportation



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SPC: To review and prepare a multi-annual programme for the provision of raised tables/speed ramps at country schools, on a priority basis, and to identify the necessary sources of funding to improve safety at schools across the county.

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from Minister for Defence and Foreign Affairs in response to Notice of Motion 10.9 adopted at the February 2021 meeting of the full Council re. Jadotville and the establishment of an Independent Review Group.

7.2 Correspondence from Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the December 2020 meeting of the full Council re. Proceeds of Crime Legislation.

7.3 Correspondence from Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 10.4 adopted at the February 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request on the Government to review both the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996.

7.4 Correspondence from Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the November 2020 meeting re. income eligibility criteria for the Housing Adaptation Grants.

7.5 Correspondence from Cllr Darcy Lonergan, Chair of the Dublin City Council Women's Committee to Minister O'Gorman, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Minister O'Brien, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

7.6 Correspondence from TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) in response to Notice of Motion 10.5 adopted at the February 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request for a full audit of any structural deficits along the M3 Clonee - Kells motorway and all flyovers, bridges and junctions.

7.7 Sustainable Transport Measures Grants (STMG) 2021 Allocations.

7.8 Meath Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations 2021.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty



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“To ask if Meath County Council is paying off land loans taken on lands for Social Housing that didn’t get into the Land Aggregation Scheme. If this is the case, then to provide details of the Loan to Value and remaining term of any such loan?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“How much has Meath County Council paid out in HAP rent allowance support in 2019 and 2020 to council housing applicants?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“To ask Meath County Council to provide an update on the actions taken following my motion in June 2020 in relation to the need for a focus on mental health and wellbeing in Meath during the Covid-19 pandemic as part of the community response?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“To ask Meath County Council if all homeless accommodation being provided in Meath, particularly by private providers adheres to the National Quality Standards Framework; and if not, have any plans or timelines been formulated to transition to accommodation that does adhere to these standards; and if plans or timelines have been formulated, details of such?”

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“Is it possible to get a breakdown of the following information

- *Numbers of dog licences in the county*
- *A breakdown per district*
- *Per electoral area*
- *How many licences have chip details attached*
- *% of male/female*
- *What are the top 5 breeds?”*

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“The democratically elected members of Meath County Council voted to provide traffic calming measures at schools throughout the county. Will the Officials update members on how this motion is being implemented? How many schools have had traffic calming measures implemented by the council since the motion was passed? How many schools



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are currently having traffic calming measures implemented now? How many schools will be completed this year and for each of the next 2 years?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore (Deferred from February Meeting)

"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."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy (Deferred from February Meeting)

"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 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"

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"That Meath County Council dedicates a new website page on www.Meath.ie to provide contractors with ease of access to review all tenders uploaded to www.eTenders.ie and www.supplygov.ie"

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"That Meath County Council reviews the Casual Trading Licence's procedure for the county and the list of designated casual trading areas within."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

"That Meath County Council increases public awareness regarding the need for dog owners to keep their pets under control due to the increase in dog attacks on farm animals and the growing number of people using public parks and walkways."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray



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“That Meath County Council looks to increase the capacity at Bottle Bank/Bring Bank sites and seeks new locations for such facilities in light of the large increase in the volume of recycling at such facilities.”

9.7 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy

“That Meath County Council agrees to become a signatory to the EU Covenant of Mayors, as 20 other Irish local authorities have done to date, and in doing so commits to adopting an integrated approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation, to a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan with the aims of cutting CO2 emissions by at least 40% by 2030 and increasing resilience to climate change.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“That Meath County Council rejects the provisions contained in the Land Development Agency 2021 Bill published by the Government removing the role of the elected members of local authorities in approving the transfer or sale of lands to the Land Development Agency and in doing so agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage urging a removal of that provision and to ensure that elected members retain the right to control such sales or transfers and be able to prepare and plan for appropriate housing delivery on Council owned lands. The Council further agrees to circulate this motion to each Local Authority and the Association of Irish Local Government requesting their support for this.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“That Meath County Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage: highlighting that Section 183 of the Local Government Act is one of the most important reserved functions delegated to elected members; expressing its opposition to the provisions in the Land Development Agency 2021 Bill (to be enacted) that overrides elected members in the transfer or sale of public land; and seeking to remove these provisions from the Bill”.

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor

“That Meath County Council asks the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to investigate the potential of establishing a separate planning zone objective to cater for retirement villages and /or step down housing projects outside of the core strategy and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy population limits (other than A1 or



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A2 Residential and while recognising that retirement/nursing homes can be built on G1 zoned lands)".

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communication to allow a longer lead in period to the banning Milled Peat due to the adverse effect that a sudden ban is having on the horticulture industry."

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"That Meath County Council opposes the ratification of CETA by the Irish Government."

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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