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Ordinary Meeting

12th April 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 March 2021.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held from 16th November 2020 to the 6th March 2021.

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 receive the Audit Committee Annual Report 2020 as presented by Mr. Tom McGuinness, Chair of the Audit Committee.
- 5.1.2 To receive the Audit Committee Report in relation to the AFS and LG Auditor's Report 2019.
- 5.1.3 To Approve the Audit Committee Charter 2021.
- 5.1.4 To Adopt the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2021.

5.2 Finance

- 5.2.1 To receive the Draft Annual Financial Statement 2020.
- 5.2.2 To approve (i) revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31st December 2020 as set out in Table A in accordance with S104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and (ii) transfers to and from Capital as set out in Table B.

5.3 Housing

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

5.4 Community

- 5.4.1 To receive and note the Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2020.
- 5.4.2 To receive details and approve the allocations under the Community Grants Scheme 2021, as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on April 7, 2021.

6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report



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6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications in response to Notice of Motion 10.4 adopted at the February 2021 meeting of the full Council re. review of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996.

7.2 Correspondence from the Minister of State with Responsibility for Public Health, Wellbeing and National Drugs Strategy in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the October 2020 meeting of the full Council re. recommendation that a ban on the use of E-cigarettes and vaping, similar to that of the smoking ban, be implemented immediately.

7.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 9.12 adopted at the July 2020 meeting of the full Council re. parental alienation.

7.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the March 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request 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 A2 Residential and while recognising that retirement/nursing homes can be built on G1 zoned lands).

7.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Finance relating to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the December 2020 meeting of the full Council and related correspondence Item 7.2 noted at the March 2021 meeting of the full Council re. Proceeds of Crime Legislation.

7.6 Correspondence from Cllr. Mary Hoade, AILG President re. concerns in relation to the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 **Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly**



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*“To 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 townlands.”
Please include Kilcock and Drogheda County Meath*

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“To ask Meath County Council

(a) how many one/two bed properties we have in our current housing stock,

(b) how many one/two beds are scheduled for construction in our current programme,

(b) on average how much longer is a person who is entitled to a one/two bed property waiting on the housing list when compared to those entitled to a three-bed property.”

Please differentiate for each question.

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“To ask the Executive for a breakdown by LEA of long term leasing and long term leased Part V approvals for 2018, 2019 and 2020; the annual cost of each lease; the lease review period in each case; the length of each lease; and if the property remains in private ownership at the end of the lease term or ownership transfers to the local authority or AHB, in tabular form.”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“To ask Meath County Council what plans are there for a Blue Way to be incorporated into proposals for the Boyne Greenway, Navan to Oldcastle?”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty (Deferred from March Meeting)

“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



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agrees to circulate this motion to each Local Authority and the Association of Irish Local Government requesting their support for this."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore (Deferred from March Meeting)

"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".

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox (Deferred from March Meeting)

"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."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín (Deferred from March Meeting)

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

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"In light of the overwhelming success of car free beaches in Meath, from both a public and an environmental perspective, to call on Meath County Council to make this ban of vehicles from the beaches permanent, with the exception of the disability and age friendly parking provision already made."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"To call on Meath County Council to permit outdoor dining at all commercial premises until the COVID-19 vaccine programme has administered all second vaccines. This would entail the use of outdoor awnings, canopies, seating and tables on pathways along all commercial hospitality frontage. This motion will greatly assist commercial premises who had to close due to Covid-19 restrictions and can only reopen with limited socially distanced dining indoors."



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9.7 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"To call on Meath County Council to provide a range of free, adequate, safe and suitable sanitary products on all public buildings and council so as to tackle period poverty and de-stigmatise and normalise menstruation".

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

"To call on Meath County Council to adopt in full the recommendations for local authorities in the 'More Women - Changing the Face of Politics' report by Dr. Fiona Buckley and Dr. Lisa Keenan published March 2021."

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Tom Behan

"Call on Meath County Council to implement a 'Not Around Us' campaign similar to that of Limerick City and County Council which would focus on the creation of tobacco and vaping free zones, which would encourage adults not to smoke or vape in public spaces where members of the public are likely to gather, including but not limited to such locations as playgrounds, sports clubs, educational grounds and public parks."

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"That Meath County Council asks the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to investigate with the Department of Education, the potential of establishing a separate land use zoning objective specifically for educational needs, and the potential of identifying strategic educational sites in the county, and indeed across the country, to cater for the planned growth and increase in population."

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Climate Action to introduce a nationwide local authority led reusable nappy scheme; as a measure to inform, support and encourage households in reducing single-use plastic waste in line with the sustainability objectives of the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy, 2020."

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"That Meath County Council writes to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications requesting that his Department undertake an assessment of illegal



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dumping enforcement nationally and further to refer the litter fines regime to the Criminal Justice (Fixed Charge Processing System) Working Group for review.”

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“That Meath County Council asks the Minister for Transport to consider penalty points for road traffic violations as added deterrent to the fines already in place for the following parking offences:

- *In disability space*
- *On a footpath*
- *On a cycle lane*
- *Taxi rank*
- *Loading bay*
- *Within 5 m of a road junction*
- *Working 15m of a pedestrian crossing”*

9.14 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council calls on the Department of An Taoiseach and the Department of the Environment, who have committed to a review of the North South Interconnector Pylon, to complete the review and that it include the NEPPC group and the County Monaghan Anti Pylon Group, in the consultation process.”

9.15 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Education to halt the withdrawal of SUSI funding from 77 Meath students at this very difficult time during the Covid-19 pandemic and that they request a timely return of the funding to the students affected.”

9.16 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“To call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., the Department for Health and the HSE requesting that Vaccination Programme data, first doses administered, and second doses administered are displayed per the 166 Local Electoral Areas (LEA) across Ireland. This is to assist in restoring confidence in the vaccination programme by providing the citizens of Ireland accurate localised vaccine rollout data.”



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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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