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Ordinary Meeting

14th June 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 10th May 2021.



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- 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 Transportation**
 - 5.1.1 To receive an update on the Navan Railway Line Assessment Study.
 - 5.2 Corporate Services**
 - 5.2.1 To adopt Meath County Council's Annual Report 2020.
- 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 9.1 and 9.2 adopted at the April 2021 meeting of the full Council re. Land Development Agency Bill.
 - 7.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 9.7 adopted at the November 2020 meeting of the full Council re. anti-social behaviour.
 - 7.3 Correspondence from Minister for Environment, Climate & Communications in response to Notice of Motion 9.12 adopted at the April 2021 meeting of the full Council re. illegal dumping and litter fines.



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- 7.4 Correspondence from Minister for Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the April 2021 meeting of the full Council re. land zoning for educational needs.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re. Motion – Protection of Native Honeybees.
- 7.6 Circular Letter LU 02.21 – Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment re. €5m Anti-Littering Infrastructure / Capital Supports - Outdoor Spaces and Covid 19.
- 7.7 Circular NRUP 02/2021 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Residential Densities in Towns and Villages, as set out in Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009).
- 7.8 Circular NRUP 03/2021 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Ministerial Planning Guidelines under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing.
- 7.9 Circular Fin 10/2021 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Allocation for facilitating an Outdoor Summer.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“To ask the Council to update councillors on the progress of the Navan to Dublin Rail line review.”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by the Technical Group (Deferred from May Meeting)

“This council calls upon the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to make provision in law for elected members of local government to have access to independent legal advice in the discharge of their duties either through the office of the chief state solicitor or otherwise; and in addition to have provision made in law for elected members of local government to have funded access to independent planning consultants to support them in the delivery of better local government.”



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9.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor (Deferred from May Meeting)

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Finance and the Government to explore with our European partners, the potential to finance the exceptional Covid 19 expenditure by setting up a reparation fund, similar to those previously set up after major wars, with a fixed interest rate for the duration of the scheme, and which does not affect current National Capital expenditure by excluding the fund from European Fiscal Rules regarding limits on National spend."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Connor (Deferred from May Meeting)

"That Meath County Council call on the Government to explore the German Sparkasse Community Banking model, to provide balance for the Irish Banking system and to avoid potential banking monopolies which could damage availability at reasonable cost, to necessary finance for our citizens."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes (Deferred from May Meeting)

"Meath County Council calls on the Government to fully comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), ratified by Ireland in March 2018, and specifically to support, through legislation if necessary, the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals".

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee (Deferred from May Meeting)

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Education to reinstate the Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative, which ended in 2012, to promote foreign language skills for young children and furthermore, to fully implement the Languages Connect Strategy, launched in 2017, which sets out that Ireland should be among the top ten countries in Europe for the teaching and learning of modern foreign languages."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Noel French (Deferred from May Meeting)

"That Meath County Council writes to the Chinese Ambassador asking him to request his government to carry out an enquiry into the treatment of Uighur citizens of their country."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy



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“To call on Meath County Council to enforce the legislation which obliges businesses to keep the immediate area, and up to 100m, of their premises litter free.”

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“To call on the Council to identify alternative ways of increasing awareness of prospective election candidates so as to help eliminate the need for election posters in the 2024 local and European elections.”

9.8 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“In order to maximise the number of utility services and to provide as much fair competition that will benefit households and businesses, to call on Meath County Council to implement a planning policy to ensure that shared services are accommodated in a shared facility at a dedicated, designated location within new planned development over 9 units. The intention of this motion is to reduce the number and sometimes dangerous or unsightly locations of utility boxes.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council insists that telecommunications companies share sites and co-locate masts with other telecommunication companies, where possible to do so.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“In light of the current biodiversity and climate crisis, to call on Meath County Council to give greater clarity in terms of its duty to enforce planning matters in relation to unauthorised development at Oristown Bog, Drakerath including large scale drainage and excavation works on Coillte owned lands and to explain in detail how the current enforcement delay fails to comply with the judgement of An Bord Pleanála (Case number ABP-305340-19).”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council supports the campaign of Epilepsy Ireland to address long-standing issues that continue to impact on people with epilepsy and their families in Ireland today, namely: (1) Access to Free Travel; and (2) Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for State Examinations for students with epilepsy.”



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The Motion, if agreed, to be then sent to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, Michael Moynihan TD (Chair, Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters) and to other local authorities for correspondence purposes."

9.12 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"That Meath County Council writes to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., The Department for Health and the HSE requesting that the Vaccination Programme data, first doses administered and second doses administered are displayed per the 166 Local Electoral Areas (LEA) across Ireland."

9.13 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

"To call on the Department of Health to prioritise the establishment of the Transport Support Scheme, which will replace the Motorised Transport Grant, and to ensure that access to this grant is widened to include eligibility for parents/guardians of children who need specially adapted vehicles."

9.14 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox

"In view of recent actions, that Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to review the role of An Taisce in the planning process."

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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