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### Ordinary Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> July 2021, (via Zoom only) @ 1.30p.m.

#### Presiding

Councillor Seán Drew, Cathaoirleach

#### Councillors Present:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:** Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

#### Officials in attendance:

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Martin Murray, Dara McGowan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Sean Clarke, Larry Whelan, Fiona Fallon

**Finance Staff:** Sheila Harkin

#### 1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Annual meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

#### 2 Matters arising from the Minutes

An Cathaoirleach made a statement following receipt of a recent media query, which was circulated to all elected members:

*"I should inform you that the Chief Executive also referred the query to the Council's Ethics Registrar, who in turn notified me formally.*



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*“As your Cathaoirleach, I have undertaken a review in accordance with the Local Government Act and having assessed the facts and considered the information available to me, I can confirm that the Chief Executive has no conflict of interest or beneficial interest, as inferred in the media query.*

*“I am also certain that she has at all times acted with integrity and impartiality throughout the County Development Plan review process and all her recommendations to us, as members, have been based on the professional, technical and legal advices that she received.*

*“I consider the matter to be dealt with and ask that this statement be recorded in the minutes of today’s meeting.”*

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The Browne family on the death of Seán Browne, Security Officer, Buvinda House
- The Brady family on the death of Sean Brady
- The Conlon family of the death of Hugh Conlon, former councillor in Louth County Council

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor David Gilroy on his recent engagement to Maura Jennings
- All involved in the Boyne Valley twinning ceremony;
- Jane Wright for her book ‘Notions’
- Conor Murray on being named Captain of the British and Irish Lions
- Councillor Sarah Reilly for her Clean Cup Campaign in Kells
- The Council’s Communications Team for its #YourCouncilDay campaign

### **4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

4.1 Disposal of one (1) property, under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) Cost Reduced Housing Units Scheme, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The subject property is situated at The Way, Broadmeadow Vale, Ratoath, Co. Meath.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on June 17, 2021, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

4.2 Disposal of one (1) property, under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) Cost Reduced Housing Units Scheme, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The subject property is situated at The Way, Broadmeadow Vale, Ratoath, Co. Meath.



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The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on June 17, 2021, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

- 4.3 Disposal of one (1) property, under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) Cost Reduced Housing Units Scheme, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. The subject property is situated at The Avenue, Broadmeadow Vale, Ratoath, Co. Meath.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on June 17, 2021, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

- 4.4 Disposal of 2.4593 Ha of Land by way of lease at Limekilnhill, Navan, Co Meath for enterprise purposes, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on June 24, 2021, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

- 4.5 Disposal of 0.022 acres of land at Claremont Estate, Navan, Co. Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on January 20, 2021, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**.

## **5 Statutory Business**

### **5.1 Finance**

- 5.1.1 To receive and note the 3 Year Capital Programme 2021 - 2024, under S.135 of the Local Government Act 2001.

The Head of Finance, Ms Fiona Lawless made a presentation providing an overview of the Capital Programme, which included an up-date on the levy collections and projections, the proposed expenditure by each division, the sources of income and a more detailed overview of capital projects for each service area, with the vast majority of the programme being spent on Housing and Transportation.

There were a number of interventions, including from **Councillors Gerry O'Connor; Nick Killian; Ronan Moore; Brian Fitzgerald; Sharon Tolan; Sarah Reilly; Aisling O'Neill; Michael Gallagher; Joe Bonner; Gillian Toole and Elaine McGinty**.



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**Councillor Alan Lawes** requested a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss a housing matter, which was ruled out of order by An Cathaoirleach.

The majority of interventions welcomed the Capital Programme and there were a number of specific questions and queries on the detail in the programme, with responses to these provided by members of the Management Team.

The Capital Programme was noted by the elected members.

5.1.2 To agree that Meath County Council meets on August 30, 2021 to consider the report of the Chief Executive prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

On a proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** it was agreed to meet on August 30, 2021.

5.1.3 To approve the raising of a loan of €10,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency to provide finance for approved house purchase applications under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) scheme, as authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992 as amended.

On a proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** this was agreed.

5.1.4 To approve the raising of a loan of €10,000,000 to provide finance for the County Wide Public Lighting Project under the 2009 National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) and the Public Sector Efficiency Strategy (2017).

On a proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** this was agreed.

## **5.2 Community**

5.2.1 To receive an up-date presentation on the ambition of DkIT to be a Technological University (TU) campus of a multi-campus regional Technological University

A presentation was made by the President of DkIT, Dr Michael Mulvey, Mr. Patrick W. Malone, Chairman of the Governing Body and Ms. Irene McCausland, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Communications and Development, DkIT. This provided an update on progress since the approval of DkIT's Strategic Plan 2020-2022, the vision as a campus of a Multi-Campus Regional TU and an update on TU metrics and the Technological University Transformation Fund Submission.

As part of the discussion, An Cathaoirleach included consideration of Item 9.5, the motion proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.

There were interventions by **Councillors Sharon Tolan; Wayne Harding; Joe Fox; Nick Killian; David Gilroy; Michael Gallagher; Alan Tobin;** and **Yemi Adenuga**. The Chief Executive acknowledged the support that the Council receives from DkIT and underlined that the college is major stakeholder in



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the region. The representatives from DkIT responded to the queries raised and thanked the elected members, the Chief Executive and the Council generally for the support received.

5.2.2 To receive details and approve the allocations under the Regional Festivals and Participative Events – Small Grants Scheme in Co. Meath as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (details to follow)

On a proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** this was agreed.

5.2.3 To consider Arts Grants, Bursaries & Awards Summer 2021 recommendations.

On a proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** this was agreed.

### **5.3 Planning**

5.3.1 To agree the date for the Special Planning Meeting to be held on Monday, September 20, 2021, to consider the Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received.

On a proposal of **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** this was agreed.

### **5.4 Corporate Services**

5.4.1 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) following the resignation of Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith.

**Councillor Paul McCabe** was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**. No other member was nominated and Councillor McCabe was appointed by the Council to the Louth Meath Education and Training Board.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Chief Executive's Report**

There were comments and clarifications sought by **Councillors Nick Killian** and **Gillian Toole** focusing on:

- Housing Changes to application process for PUP recipients;
- Environment Anti-littering funding and social media posts; Picker-Pal initiative;
- Planning Planning Enforcement cases by MD area.

Responses were provided by Mr Des Foley and Mr Barry Lynch, Directors of Services. The Chief Executive also reminded members about the Climate Action training organised for members by the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

### **6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group**



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The Meetings Administrator informed the meeting that the CPG had agreed that the July series of Municipal District meetings will revert back to online meetings only, given the current rise in Covid cases numbers, and that all planned meetings of the Council will remain online for the foreseeable future. The CPG also received reports from the Transportation SPC and Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC, which were noted and would be circulated to all members.

### **6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee**

There was no report from the Protocol Committee.

## **7 Correspondence**

7.1 Circular Fin 15/2021 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2022 – Meath County Council.

Noted by the Elected Members.

7.2 Circular LU 03.21 – Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications re. Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme.

Noted by the Elected Members.

7.3 Correspondence from Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media re. Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021.

Noted by the Elected Members.

7.4 Circular LG02/2021 Remuneration and Expenses of Local Authority Elected Members and the Local Government (Remuneration of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 312 of 2021) and Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 313 of 2021)

**Councillor Nick Killian** requested that a workshop be organised for the elected members on the new expenses scheme. **An Cathaoirleach** informed the meeting that Departmental Guidance on the new vouched expenses scheme was expected and this should assist understanding of how the new scheme will work.

Noted by the Elected Members.

7.5 Correspondence from Minister for Finance in response to Notice of Motion 9.3 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. German Sparkasse Community Banking model.

Noted by the Elected Members.

7.6 Correspondence from the State Examinations Commission in response to Notice of Motion 9.12 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for State Examinations for students with epilepsy.



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Noted by the Elected Members.

- 7.7** Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection in response to Notice of Motion 9.12 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. Access to Free Travel for people with epilepsy.

Noted by the Elected Members.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith**

*“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of Meath County Council's plans to provide additional public EV charge points across Meath; whether an audit of required infrastructure has been carried out; whether the installation of charge points on lamp posts has been explored; where any proposed new public charge points will be located and when they will be installed; and what provisions will be made to provide for domestic charge points for residents with shared parking in residential complexes such as apartments or townhouses.”*

#### **Response**

The Electricity Supply Board maintains an interactive map of all public charging points in Ireland, so details on those available in County Meath can be accessed using the following link: <https://esb.ie/ecars/charge-point-map>

The National Climate Action Plan launched in June 2019 sets out a series of actions and targets including the development of an Electric Vehicle charging network necessary to support the growth of EVs to at least 800,000 by 2030 and set a target for the supply of infrastructure to stay sufficiently ahead of demand.

The Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) for the Eastern & Midlands Region, led by Kildare County Council, has examined funding streams to go towards the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points and the Council will work closely with the CARO and other agencies in increasing the number of such facilities throughout the County.

With this in mind, a Local Authority EV Charging Infrastructure Working Group has been set up with a Director of Services from Fingal chairing. Both the CCMA Environment Committee and the LUTS Committee are represented. Fingal is leading out on the development of a strategy for EV charging for the four Dublin local authorities, which may inform the position of the sector from a national perspective. The Council is awaiting guidance documents from the EV Working Group to be issued.

In the meantime, the Transportation Department is proposing to provide two 7KW and one 22KW chargers in the car park currently being constructed as part of the R150 Laytown-Bettystown Spine Road and will apply for funding from the SEAI towards these works. This is part of a pilot project pending the outcome of the LUTS/LGMA sub committee recommendations for the sector. As part of



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the refurbishment of the car park at Laytown, the Council installed ducting to accommodate future charge points in that car park.

Similarly, the Park & Ride which is currently being designed, with a view to commencing construction later in 2021, on the N51 in Navan adjacent to St Patrick's Classical School, includes for 10% EV spaces.

In relation to new residential complexes, the amended Chapter 11 of the Draft County Development Plan states the following:

***DM OBJ 93: New residential development should take account of the following regarding car parking:***

***Vehicular parking for detached and semi-detached housing should be within the curtilage of the house;***

***Vehicular parking for apartments, where appropriate, should generally be at basement level. Where this is not possible, parking for apartments and terraced housing should be in small scale informal groups overlooked by residential units;***

***The visual impact of large areas of parking should be reduced by the use of screen planting, low walls and the use of different textured or coloured paving for car parking bays;***

***Consideration needs to be given to parking for visitors and people with disabilities; and,***

***Provision of EV Charging points.***

***and***

### ***11.9.2 EV Charging Points***

***The Climate Action Plan, 2019 acknowledges that the pricing structure for EV vehicles is a major factor in consumers decision making. However the Plan also acknowledges the importance of 'ensuring the EVCharging network underpins public confidence.' The Council will encourage the provision of EV charging points in all developments for future proofing.***

***DM OBJ 94: All car parks shall include the provision of necessary wiring and ducting to be capable of accommodating future Electric Vehicle charging points, at a rate of 10% of total space numbers.***

***DM OBJ 95: In any car park in excess of 20 spaces where public access is available, one fully functional charging point for Electric Vehicles shall be provided in accordance with IEC 61851 Standard for Electric Vehicle Conductive Charging Systems.***

Noted by the Elected Members.



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### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

"To ask the council to provide in tabular form and broken down by municipal district the number of vacant residential dwellings that have been identified in Meath over the last 3 years and the number of these that have come back into usage over the same period."

#### Response

There are a number of strands in advancing the Vacant Homes Action Plan, including: (i) the continuous review of vacant privately owned units, that may be of interest to Meath County Council, in its capacity as a Housing Authority, (ii) Buy & Renew acquisitions, (iii) derelict unit site opportunities, and (iv) the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders, where deemed necessary.

A Vacant Homes Register has been created to record private vacant homes that have been identified through the Vacant Homes Officer, which are located within areas of demand of social housing. Since the establishment of the Register 231 vacant properties have been identified in areas of demand. This would include some properties logged on the vacanthomes.ie website. 99 units have been removed from the register thus far, with the following key reasons noted for removal: i) occupied following subsequent inspection (39%), ii) sold (32%) and iii) AHB acquired (15%). There are currently 132 units recorded on the Vacant Homes Register, and their distribution per Municipal District is outlined below.

<b>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
NAVAN	19
LAYTOWN / BETTYSTOWN	17
TRIM	33
KELLS	47
ASHBOURNE	6
RATOATH	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>

In terms of progressing vacancy to the provision of social housing over 130 units have either been brought back into use or are part of on-going regeneration projects as follows:

- A total of 31 units have been acquired on the open market, under the Buy & Renew Scheme over the past three years;
- The Environment Section has compulsory purchased four derelict units that have been transferred to Housing in order to complete refurbishment works and return to productive use, while the Housing Section has compulsory purchased one unit (in Trim);
- Seven brownfield derelict unit sites (Navan/Trim/Kells/Athboy) are currently being progressed under the auspices of the Vacant Homes Action Plan, and are at various stages of the



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acquisition and the Department's approval process. In addition, the design for the regeneration of Carrick Street, Kells is well advanced, and will incorporate the respective agendas of age friendly, universal design and community dividend. These sites combined will yield in the region of 73 social units on completion;

- Approved Housing Bodies have been provided with support to acquire 23 units, that were vacant, and have now been returned to productive use.

**Councillor Ronan Moore** sought clarity on the figures set out in the response. Mr Barry Lynch, Director of Services provided a response.

Noted by the Elected Members.

### **9 Notice of Motion**

#### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox (Deferred from June Meeting)**

*"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."*

In introducing his motion Councillor Fox proposed an amendment, which was seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and agreed. There was an extensive debate on the motion with the following members speaking in favour: **Councillors Eugene Cassidy; Brian Fitzgerald; Damien O'Reilly; Elaine McGinty; Wayne Harding; Nick Killian; and Paul McCabe**. There were also a number of speakers that spoke against the motion, including **Councillors Ronan Moore; Alan Tobin; David Gilroy and Gillian Toole**.

The amended motion as follows: *"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, as part of a full review of all planning legislation."* was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox**, seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and agreed by a show of hands vote by 23 votes to 6 votes. The following members voted against: Councillors Noel French; David Gilroy; Alan Tobin; Ronan Moore; Emer Tóibín and Sarah Reilly.

#### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O'Neill**

*"That Meath County Council puts in place appropriate road markings to enable An Garda Síochána to address illegal parking, particularly in light of the recent celebrations of the Summer Solstice at the Hill of Tara where residents were greatly disrupted due to campervans and caravans blocking their access and egress"*.

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

Whilst regulatory road markings may be a more visible deterrent to prohibit parking, the situation as described by Cllr O'Neill may not necessarily need these as section 36 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 already prohibits vehicles parking:



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1. within 5 metres of a road junction;
2. in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;
3. on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;
4. in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;

Enforcing this and the resources required would seem to be the problem in this case.

The OPW is currently developing a "Tara Conservation Management Plan" which will consider such matters as visitor traffic. The publication of the plan is the responsibility of the OPW.

As Councillor O'Neill was not present to propose her motion and no other member had received written authorisation to propose her motion under Standing Order 18.3 the motion fell.

### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*"That Meath County Council commits to providing public toilets in certain urban high-demand areas across Meath over the next number of years to meet the demand in an affordable and sustainable way."*

#### **Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.**

From a review of the Customer Relationship Management system it appears that demand for the provision of additional public toilets prior to the COVID 19 Pandemic was very low. Of the calls that were received during COVID almost all related to existing facilities or where the Council is already planning for changing rooms and toilets to be constructed. It is considered that as the services and retail sectors continue to re-open that any current demand for public toilets is likely to abate.

The provision of public toilets in urban centres requires careful consideration. Toilets need to be in convenient locations while not detracting from the urban experience and they require an amount of active frontage to prevent anti-social behaviour. The provision of public toilets as a stand-alone service can be expensive to supervise and manage to an appropriate level of service that will not detract from the overall public realm experience. It would therefore be preferable to provide public toilets within public building locations where their operation could be more easily managed and supervised and would provide a more sustainable and cost effective service.

The motion was introduced by Councillor Tóibín who considered that there is an over-reliance on businesses to provide toilet facilities to the public rather than having more public facilities, which could be financed by charges. The motion was supported by interventions from **Councillors: Sarah Reilly; Gerry O'Connor; Alan Tobin; and Paddy Meade**. Councillor Reilly proposed an amendment to delete the word 'urban', which was seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**. Director of Services, Martin Murray stated that careful consideration was required as the Council's experience with public toilets in the past had shown the high costs involved. He proposed that further research could be



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undertaken in terms of private operators and that a report be prepared for the SPC. He further informed the meeting that the Council is increasingly designing-in toilets into public buildings.

The motion, as amended, and the supporting information, proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was noted.

### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Stephen McKee**

*“That Meath County Council formally recognise the achievements of the Meath Ladies Senior Gaelic Football Team in winning the 2020 Intermediate All-Ireland Final by hosting a formal Civic Reception for the players and management team when Covid and health guidelines allow for such an event to safely take place.”*

The motion was introduced by Councillor McKee, with the following speaking in favour of the motion, **Councillors: Paddy Meade; Alan Tobin** and **Paul McCabe**. An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that if agreed the motion would be submitted to the Protocol Committee for consideration.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was agreed.

### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan**

*“That Meath County Council fully supports DkIT in its ambition to secure Technological University status, and to promote the importance of TU status for the county and for the region in every way possible, and to write to the Minister for Higher Education, Simon Harris to confirm this support.”*

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**, seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and discussed under item 5.2 and agreed.

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

*“That Meath County Council writes to the Minister for Transport, Environment, Climate and Communications and SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) requesting they permit newly built homes in Meath without Eircode's to apply for the EV Home Charger Grant.”*

The motion was introduced by Councillor O'Reilly with the following speaking in favour of the motion, **Councillors: Joe Fox; Gerry O'Connor; Sharon Tolan** and **David Gilroy**. The motion proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** was agreed.



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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

**Councillor Gillian Toole** sought clarity on a Housing CEO, which was provided by Mr. Barry Lynch, Director of Services.

Noted by the Elected Members.

### **11 Any Other Business**

**Councillor Tom Behan** raised the issue of the resumption of indoor dining and the difficulty for the hospitality sector in implementing the arrangements proposed by Government. He asked that the Council write to Ministers Leo Varadkar TD and Stephen Donnelly TD to stress upon them the importance of there being no separation between vaccinated and unvaccinated people and emphasising the sheer impracticability of managing this. He was supported by interventions by **Councillors Padraig Fitzsimons, Wayne Harding** and **Gillian Toole**. It was agreed to write to the Ministers.

**Councillor Nick Killian** asked if the Council was planning to mark the national commemoration on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> locally. An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that he hoped there would be a low-scale appropriate event and that members would be informed accordingly.

**Councillor David Gilroy** reminded members of the Climate Action training that was being organised by the CARO for Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.