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Ordinary Meeting

6th September 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 5th July 2021.



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1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance meeting held on 30th August 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

4.1 Disposal of 0.1502 Ha of Land by way of transfer at Vocational School Townparks, Bective Street, Kells, 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.

4.2 Disposal of 0.2007 Ha of Land by way of transfer at Blackwater Park, 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.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

5.1.1 To agree the Schedule for the Special Planning Meeting to consider the Chief Executive's Report on Material Amendments and to adopt the County Development Plan 2021-2027

The following dates/times are proposed:

Date	Times	
Monday, September 20	9.30-13.00 and 14.00-17.00	
Tuesday, September 21	9.30-13.00 and 14.00-17.00	
Wednesday, September 22	11.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00	Workshop – Rural Housing
Monday, September 27	9.30-13.00 and 14.00-17.00	
Tuesday, September 28	14.00-17.00	



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5.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation from Foras Na Gaeilge
- 5.2.2 To receive the Meath County Council Irish Language Scheme 2021-2024.
- 5.2.3 To agree the name of the R150 Laytown to Bettystown Road as Tara Road, following the outcome of the public poll on the road name.
- 5.2.4 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) following the resignation of Councillor Emer Tóibín.

5.3 Finance

- 5.3.1 To receive a year to date Financial Statement for Meath County Council as at 30th June 2021.

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 Norma Foley, Minister for Education in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request 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.
- 7.2 Correspondence from the Joint Committee on Disability Matters in response to Notice of Motion 9.12 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. support for 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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- 7.3 Correspondence from Stephen Donnelly, T.D., Minister for Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.13 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. Covid Vaccination Programme.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Anne Rabbitte T.D., Minister for Disabilities in response to Notice of Motion 9.14 adopted at the June 2021 meeting of the full Council re. establishment of the Transport Support Scheme.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Peter Burke T.D., Minister for Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the July 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request to review the role of An Taisce in the planning process, as part of a full review of all planning legislation.
- 7.6 Correspondence from Eamon Ryan T.D., Minister for Transport in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the July 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request to permit newly built homes in Meath without Eircode's to apply for the EV Home Charger Grant
- 7.7 Correspondence from the Department of Rural and Community Development re. 2021 Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2021 (TVRS).
- 7.8 Correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) re. TII's Role in relation to Greenway Delivery and Development of the National Cycle Network Strategy.
- 7.9 Circular RW 09/2021 - Department of Transport re. Community Involvement Schemes.
- 7.10 Circular RW 12 of 2021 – Department of Transport re. Speed Limits Appeals Procedure.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“What is the carbon footprint of Meath County Council?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

“Under what policy of Meath County Council or what legislation of Government would Meath County Council refuse to offer emergency accommodation to a homeless family with children?”



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9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“To call on Meath County Council to designate bathing site status at certain appropriate locations along the river Boyne, similar to those on our beaches, and in doing so to increase water quality testing and safety measures around such designated bathing locations.”

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

“To call on Meath County Council to carry out a review of playgrounds, per Municipal District area, in the interests of combatting vandalism and anti-social behaviour and enhancing safety in public playgrounds in the county.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“That Meath County Council reviews the carbon footprint of all future developments to ensure their footprint will not negatively impact national carbon reduction targets as specified in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021 and that sufficient existing electricity generating capacity exists in the national grid to power the development in order for planning permission to be granted.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Agriculture to take control and responsibility for the eradication of Japanese Knot Weed. Local authorities across the country invested heavily to eradicate this weed from the sides of the roads. Yet the Department of Agriculture has no policy in place to control this weed on agriculture land or private property.”

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Health to carry out a public investigation into the decisions taken at government level that led to thousands of elderly patients being moved out of hospitals and placed into nursing homes last year at a time when the CMO was calling for the doors of nursing homes to remain open leading to over 2000 lives being lost or two thirds of all Covid outbreak deaths in the country.”



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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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