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Ordinary Meeting

4th October 2021 @ 1.30p.m.

Solstice Theatre, Navan (and online via zoom)

Public Health Guidance - Covid 19

This meeting has been risk assessed and is being held in line with public health guidance, with a number of measures in place to protect the health and wellbeing of all meeting attendees.

Attendance at the Solstice Theatre is restricted to Elected Members and designated Council officials. Members of the press and public can attend remotely.

All Meeting Attendees are therefore requested to:

- Present their vaccination certificate or proof of immunity, to comply with the Theatre's event requirements;
- Wear a face covering on entering the Theatre and continue to do so until seated. A face covering must be worn while circulating within the Theatre;
- Be present at the outset of the meeting and remain in your designated seat (other than for welfare breaks) once the meeting has commenced;
- Comply with the public health advice, specifically physical distancing; cough and sneeze etiquette, proper hand hygiene and to limit social interactions e.g. no hand-shaking;
- Be respectful of others' physical distancing boundaries;
- Adhere to meeting and venue housekeeping arrangements including fire safety arrangements as briefed at the start of the meeting;
- Refrain from bringing food or drink, except bottled water, into the meeting room;
- Adhere to information displayed on signage and to the advice of meeting staff.

Hybrid Meetings – Please Note:

The holding of online meetings is provided for by legislation and the Council's Standing Orders govern how these meetings should be conducted.



Turn on your **camera**



Ensure your **microphone** is on
mute



Use the '**Hand Function**' to ask for
the floor and for voting

For Members:

- If you wish to speak you should use the Hand function – you'll be given the floor by the Cathaoirleach.
- This Hand function will also be used for voting, unless a roll call vote is used.



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For All Participants:

- All participants must have their camera on during the meeting and you should have your microphone on mute at all times, unless called upon by the Cathaoirleach to speak
- It is the personal responsibility of all participants to ensure that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be present for this meeting
- Recording of the meeting or any part thereof is not permitted.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6th September 2021.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Special Planning meeting held from the 20th to 22nd September 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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Services

5.1.1 To adopt the revised Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Council.

5.2 Housing

5.2.1 To adopt the Revised Housing Allocation Scheme.

5.3 Finance

5.3.1 To note the dates for Municipal Districts to consider and adopt the draft



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Budgetary Plan which will take place online via zoom as follows:

Municipal District	Date	Time
Ratoath Municipal District	Wednesday 10 th November	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Ashbourne Municipal District	Wednesday 10 th November	4.00pm – 5.30pm
Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District	Thursday 11 th November	9.00pm – 10.30am
Navan Municipal District	Thursday 11 th November	11.00am – 12.30pm
Kells Municipal District	Thursday 11 th November	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Trim Municipal District	Thursday 11 th November	4.00pm – 5.30pm

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 Minister of State for Transport, Hildegard Naughton TD in response to Notice of Motion 9.3 adopted at the May 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request to consider stricter penalties for road traffic violations to the fines already in place.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D. in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the September 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request to carry out a public investigation into the handling of the epidemic.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Senator Victor Boyhan received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. procuring of legal advice by local authority elected members to aid them in the exercise of their reserved functions.

8 Notice of Question

- 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore



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"To ask the Council to provide in tabular form the number of data centres currently operational and being proposed (by way of the planning process) in County Meath and the energy usage associated with each."

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

"To ask Meath County Council to provide the number of local authority houses that have been returned to use in each Municipal District in 2020 and to date in 2021 as part of the Void Programme funding allocated to the council by the Minister for Housing."

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"Can you please advise if consultants have been appointed to draft the Meath Coastal Protection Strategy, and provide members with an update on the schedule of same?"

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"Is there a specific list of all buildings in Meath that have a preservation order placed upon them?"

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask MCC how many heritage buildings/structures are in their ownership of the Council across the county and how many are currently awaiting funding for renovation and/or repurposing and to outline the budget for all works carried out in the area of Council owned heritage buildings/structures for the last 5 years?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy (Deferred from September Meeting)

"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."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan



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"I call on Meath County Council to introduce new 'Hidden Disability' parking spaces at popular family locations across the county, similar to the very successful Hidden Disability Sunflower Spaces provided by Waterford County Council."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin and Councillor Aisling O'Neill

"To ask Meath County Council's Transportation Department to put in place a formal application form or advisory to ensure that home owners in residential estates that are taken in charge with grass verges and associated landscaping cannot alter those verges without permission and consultation with Meath County Council. Failure to consult would result in a fine and order to return to original specifications".

9.4 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors

"To ask corporate services to review and change, if possible, the arduous and time-consuming steps and barriers in place due to GDPR needed by Councillors to represent people in need of vital housing services and our representation". This should take into account easier methods undertaken in other authorities in the state."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

"To ask Meath County Council to increase its usage of Irish Sign Language (ISL), where practical, in its public communications; and if it has not already done so, to draw up a strategy and timeline to increase the level of information the council provides in ISL to help us meet our duties as a public body under the Irish Sign Language Act 2017."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore & Councillor Mike Bray

"To ask Meath County Council to write to the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) and the Minister of Justice asking them to provide free WIFI throughout Mosney Village, so that it's residents can more readily access information to services."

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

"To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport to urgently address the need for greater interagency co-operation between our local Councils, An Bord Pleanála, EirGrid, Irish Water, Department of Finance and other state agencies to ensure that Ireland meets its commitments to the Climate Action and Development Bill 2021."



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9.8 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

“That Meath County Council calls on the Ministers for Finance, Public Expenditure, Environment, Climate and Communications and Rural and Community Development to ensure that additional resources are allocated to the rollout of the National Broadband Plan in the upcoming budget and that Meath County Council invite representatives of National Broadband Ireland to provide an update on rollout progress in county Meath at an upcoming monthly meeting.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray and Councillor Paul McCabe

“That Meath County Council calls on the NTA and Bus Éireann to reinstate the pre-existing 109A bus service timetable which would operate regular services from Kells to Dublin Airport via DCU, recognising the huge numbers of Meath students that attend DCU, and that the 109A service and route is reviewed in order to make it more passenger friendly and time efficient.”

9.10 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

“The Members of Meath County Council request the Members of Dáil Éireann to begin drafting, without delay, a Well-being of Future Generations [Ireland] Act. This Act will enshrine the rights of future generations; requiring Irish Government Ministers & the organisations they oversee, to firmly fix this commitment into everything they do.”

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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