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Ordinary Meeting

7th February 2022 @ 1.30p.m.

(This is an online only meeting via Zoom)

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1 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6th December 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

- 4.1 Disposal of 0.000708 Ha of land at Seaview Terrace, Bettystown, 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 Housing & Community

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation from National Broadband Ireland (NBI) (@1.45pm)
- 5.1.2 To receive a presentation from Meath Comhairle na nÓg (@2.45pm)
- 5.1.3 To appoint a replacement member on the Local Community Development Committee following the resignation of Councillor Yemi Adenuga.
- 5.1.4 To approve the appointment of Ms Sharon Curran as a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG representing the Department of Social Protection.
- 5.1.5 To approve the Draft Estate Management Policy as approved by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC at its meeting held on 26th November 2021.

5.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.2.1 To appoint Ms. Kim Reilly as a member of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC following the resignation of Ms. Karen Mahon.
- 5.2.2 To adopt the 2022 Annual Service Delivery Plan.
- 5.2.3 To note the 2021 MD Allocation Scheme Annual Report.

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 ComReg in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the December 2021 meeting of the full Council re. request to introduce legislation and measures to address the serious issue of spam calls and texts.

7.2 Correspondence from Iarnród Éireann in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the December 2021 meeting of the full Council re. M3 Parkway & Dunboyne train stations.

7.3 Correspondence from the NTA in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the December 2021 meeting of the full Council re. M3 Parkway & Dunboyne train stations.

7.4 Correspondence from Thomas Byrne T.D., Minister for European Affairs re. European Network of EU Councillors.

7.5 Correspondence from the EPA re. National Inspection Plan for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems 2022-2026.

7.6 Circular PL 13/2021 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Large-scale Residential Development Act and Regulations 2021.

7.7 Circular Letter: NRUP 06/2021 - Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Active Land Management Measures.

7.8 Circular: Housing 1/2022 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Re. Changes to the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016.

7.9 LG 01/2022 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Ethical Framework for Local Government - Annual Declaration Forms.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French



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“What plans has Meath County Council for increased chargers for electric vehicles both slow and quick chargers over the next year, 2 years, 5 years and has a bye-law been considered in relation to policing electric vehicle charging points to prevent blocking of charging units by drivers not using charging units appropriately?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“How much is Meath County Council owed in unpaid council house / unit rent in tabular format, per year for the last 5 years?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O’Neill

“To provide the waiting periods for housing in all areas of Meath, including a breakdown in relation to house or apartment size.”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“With the large increase in dog ownership, does Meath County Council intend increasing resources for the dog warden section and use these resources for additional public educational programmes on proper, responsible dog ownership, on rules around our public parks and on school education programmes?”

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“With almost two hundred thousand houses vacant in the Country during a serious housing crisis, how many vacant houses are on the Meath County Council vacant sites register and how much has been collected by the Council from the vacant sites levy in the last 5 years?”

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“To ask Meath County Council, as this is the second year in a row that government-led Covid-19 restrictions has forced the Irish Language Colleges in the Gaeltacht to be cancelled, can it increase the amount and its awarding of Gaeltacht scholarships to all schools in the county, especially to DEIS schools, noting that only 12 scholarships in total were awarded across all schools in Meath in 2019?”

8.7 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy



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“Where a planning application is submitted for a private development on private land which also includes work to public roadways and space under the control of Meath County Council at what point or who declares that the planning application for the public space is insufficient and a Part 8 is required.”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That Meath County Council, similar to other large organizations like the NTA, AIB and Lidl, becomes JAM friendly through a structured process akin to that taken by South Dublin County Council.”

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“That Meath County Council embraces “Housing for All” by accelerating the eviction of anti-social tenants in the county’s housing stock and reallocate these units to the thousands of good people waiting on housing units in Meath.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“That Meath County Council conducts a review of road safety in County Meath following the unacceptably high numbers of fatalities in 2021 (10.3% of the national total), and in doing so to request the input of the Department of Transport, the Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána, as well as the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to ensure that sufficient funding is made available to put additional road safety measures in place and to mount a ‘Meath specific’ road safety campaign.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“That Meath County Council phases out the lease back of housing from vulture funds and seeks the necessary funding to buy or build new housing directly.”

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes



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"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Health to introduce antigen testing for all health care staff entering our hospitals and nursing homes".

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

"Meath County Council highlights that there are 82 children with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus currently requiring urgent orthopaedic intervention and calls on the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD to fast track these children for surgical review as a matter of urgency and to ensure that provision of services to disabled children is made within elective hospital settings, as well as, acute hospital settings to minimise the future need for such complex surgeries."

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Conor Tormey

"That Meath County Council writes to Mr Joe O'Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities asking that his Department acknowledge the difference in the various types of community organisations and exempt the small community-based groups from registering with the Charities Regulator under the Charities Governance Code."

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"That Meath County Council writes to Mr Joe O'Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities requesting a greater input from and consultation with voluntary community-based organisations when preparing strategies such as the National Volunteering Strategy, given the reliance on the community sector to implement such strategies."

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian

"That Meath County Council writes to Mr Sean Fleming TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance and to Mr Joe O'Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities to take action to reduce insurance costs for community groups."

10.6 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin



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“That Meath County Council supports the “Women of Honour” campaign for a statutory Commission of Investigation into alleged issues within our Defence Forces surrounding dignity in the workplace, bullying, harassment, discrimination, assault, sexual harassment and sexual assault.”

11 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

11.1 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Transportation

11.2 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Environment

11.3 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Housing

11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Community & Enterprise

12 Any Other Business

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