



## **Clár / Meeting Agenda**

### **Ordinary Meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 @ 1.30p.m.**

**Solstice Theatre, Navan (and online via zoom)**

#### **Hybrid Meeting**

This meeting is a hybrid meeting, Elected Members may attend in-person or online. These meetings are regulated by the Council's Standing Orders.

#### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

Please adhere to the public health latest advice should you experience symptoms of Covid-19 or if you are a close contact of a confirmed Covid case.

#### **Public Health Guidance - Covid 19**

This meeting has been risk assessed and is being held in line with the *Transitional Protocol – Good Practice Guidance for Continuing to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19*, which outlines advice and best practice guidance to maintain infection prevention and control and other measures for the safe operating of workplaces.

Please note the following:

- Attendance at the Solstice Theatre is open to Elected Members, designated Council officials and members of the press and public;
- The seating arrangement for the meeting will maintain a physical distance, in line with best practice.
- The wearing of a face-mask is not required but may be worn in line with best practice.

Meeting attendees are requested to:

- Adhere to public health best practice in relation cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene and sanitation;
- 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.

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### Online Attendance – Please Note:



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.

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### 2 Matters arising from the Minutes

### 3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations (Standing Order 11.5 – Expressions of Congratulations to be submitted in writing by 10am, March 7<sup>th</sup>)

### 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 0.01 acres of land at Townparks 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.



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- 4.2 Disposal of 0.036 acres of land at Townparks 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.
- 4.3 Disposal of 0.009 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.

### **5 Statutory Business**

#### **5.1 Transportation**

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation from Flexibus on Local Link and Connecting Ireland.

#### **5.2 Finance**

- 5.2.1 Report on the Schedule of Uncollected Rates for 2021 - In accordance with Article 26(2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014.

#### **5.3 Corporate Affairs and Governance**

- 5.3.1 To note the establishment of the Meath Women's Caucus and its draft Terms of Reference.

### **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 Circular: WP02.22 – Department of Environment, Climate and Communications re. Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI No. 51 of 2022).



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- 7.2 Circular Letter: NRUP 01/2022 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Launch of the Town Centre First Policy.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media re. Local Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Meath Comhairle na nÓg re. goals for 2022.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Mr. Joe O’Brien T.D., Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in response to Notice of Motion 10.3 adopted at the February 2022 meeting of the full Council re. small community-based groups and the Charities Governance Code.
- 7.6 Correspondence from Mr. Joe O’Brien T.D., Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in response to Notice of Motion 10.4 adopted at the February 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request for a greater input from and consultation with voluntary community-based organisations when preparing strategies such as the National Volunteering Strategy.
- 7.7 Correspondence from Mr. Joe O’Brien T.D., Minister of State for Community Development and Charities in response to Notice of Motion 10.5 adopted at the February 2022 meeting of the full Council re. insurance costs for community groups.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

*“To ask Meath County Council to provide a breakdown of (a) the number of houses it owns in private housing estates in the county and (b) the number of housing estates across which these houses are located?”*

#### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“How many fines were issued in 2021 for littering and how many of these were paid? How many fines were issued for dog fouling and how many of these were paid? How much in total is Meath County Council planning to spend on litter and dumping prevention and remediation in 2022?”*



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

*"A couple that are on the housing waiting list for a one bed apartment for 10 years with Meath County Council and with such accommodation in short supply, can such people on the list for long periods for one bed apartments be offered a two-bed apartment if it arises?"*

### **8.4 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*"What are the avenues available for youth participation in the council presently?"*

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

*"Has Meath County Council received any infrastructural funding for the development of the 50 rural nodes in Meath from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage?"*

## **9 Notice of Motion**

### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín (Deferred from February Meeting)**

*"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."*

### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

*"That Meath County Council formally recognises the local Women's Caucus. This organisation is a group of women Elected Councillors, whose membership is committed to ensuring that women members are supported in the Local Government system."*

### **9.3 Submitted by the Technical Group**

*"Meath County Council declares that the National Planning Framework is now a failed entity due to: the ever-increasing housing shortage; the constant stressors families are dealing with; and the economic impact it has on the state. We the members now call on the Government to immediately initiate a review of the National Planning Framework by the relevant committee of the Oireachtas."*



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### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**

*“That Meath County Council writes to the Minister of Agriculture requesting a specific fund for County Councils / Municipal Districts to deal with the replacement, felling and pruning of trees and address an ever-increasing problem, particularly in urban areas, where trees have become dominant thereby preventing growth, restricting light and pushing up pavements etc.”*

### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly**

*“That Meath County Council forms a working group to actively promote Bremore as the new optimal location for Dublin Port.”*

### **9.6 Submitted by the Fianna Fáil Councillors**

*“Calls on Meath County Council to act upon the objective that the Fianna Fail group successfully had included in the County Development Plan which states: “To support the installation of appropriate traffic management measures on a case-by-case basis on the approach roads to all schools throughout the county in the interest of road safety.” (MOV OBJ 35)”*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox**

*“In light of the damage caused by fallen trees during recent storms which is a Health and Safety issue, the elected members call on Meath County Council to be more proactive in encouraging landowners in removing dangerous and overhanging trees from our roadsides.”*

### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*“That Meath County Council introduces a 'Story Trail' - similar to that at Ardgillan Castle - at a suitable location or locations within the county.”*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O’Neill**

*“Given that emergency accommodation is being used for periods far longer than anticipated in what is accepted as a housing crisis, the Elected Members ask that Meath County Council ensures that all emergency accommodation has cooking and laundry*



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*facilities so that the people accessing emergency accommodation do not have to use their limited resources on eating out and using launderettes.”*

### **10 General Interest Motions**

### **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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