



Clár / Meeting Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

4th April 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 to 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 7th March 2022.

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 0.0286 Ha of land at Castletown, 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



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5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.1.1 To consider the Audit Committee Annual Report 2021 as presented by Mr. Tom McGuinness, Chair of the Audit Committee.
- 5.1.2 To consider the Audit Committee Report in relation to the AFS and LG Auditor's Report 2020.
- 5.1.3 To adopt the Audit Committee Charter 2022.
- 5.1.4 To adopt the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2022.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive and note the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2021.
- 5.2.2 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing the Social Inclusion pillar of the PPN.
- 5.2.3 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing the Health Service Executive (HSE).
- 5.2.4 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing Údarás na Gaeltachta.

5.3 Tourism

- 5.3.1 To receive a presentation and update on Boyne Valley Tourism Activities.

5.4 Transportation

- 5.4.1 To enter into an agreement with Cavan County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, whereby Meath County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Cavan County Council in relation to a cycle and walking scheme namely the Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway linking Navan through to Kingscourt which is displayed in the Schedule to the Agreement.



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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 Mr. Stephen Donnelly T.D., Minister of State for Health in response to Notice of Motion 10.1 adopted at the February 2022 meeting of the full Council re. antigen testing for healthcare workers.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Mr. Stephen Donnelly T.D., Minister of State for Health in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the February 2022 meeting of the full Council re. Orthopaedic care for children with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Mr. Sean Fleming T.D., Minister of State for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance in response to Notice of Motion 10.5 adopted at the February 2022 meeting of the full Council re. insurance costs for community groups.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Ballinamore Municipal District of Leitrim County Council re. resolution passed at their February meeting.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Thomas M. Wilson PhD, Professor of Anthropology, Binghamton University, State University of New York.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I request Meath County Council to provide an updated Vacant Sites Register, in tabular format by Municipal District, including site valuation."

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty



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“Will the Community Call Service be retained by Meath County Council and expanded to help support Ukrainian people fleeing the war?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“In light of increasing energy costs, would it be possible to light every 2nd public light where feasible. This could be undertaken on a temporary or pilot basis, while taking account of Health and Safety matter?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

“How many men, women and children have been refused emergency accommodation because of no local connection by Meath County Council in the years covering the world’s worst pandemic. That is 2019 2020 2021 and so far in 2022?”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, requesting the department to provide infrastructural funding for the development of the 50 rural nodes in Meath.”

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, requesting that his department begins the process of updating the National Planning Framework in preparation for the publication of the upcoming census population figures.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“That Meath County Council considers modular homes as part of the solution to assist with accommodating the influx of refugees fleeing the war and atrocities in Ukraine over the coming weeks.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore



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"That Meath County Council seeks to increase the participation of children and young people in the development of local services and policies in the county by including stakeholders from this cohort at Strategic Policy Committee Meetings."

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

"That Meath County Council supports the call by families for further respite services for adults with intellectual disabilities to be provided for in County Meath and we write to the HSE and Minister for Health outlining our support for these vital services."

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

"That Meath County Council will call on the Ministers for Justice; Education; and Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to immediately implement an Operation Encompass-style programme between An Garda Síochána and schools."

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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