



## **Clár / Meeting Agenda**

### **Ordinary Meeting**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 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 4th April 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

## 5 Statutory Business

### 5.1 Finance

- 5.1.1 To receive the Draft Annual Financial Statement 2021.



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- 5.1.2 To approve (i) revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31st December 2021 as set out in Table A in accordance with S104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and (ii) transfers to and from Capital as set out in Table B.

### **5.2 Community**

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation from Cultúr Migrant Centre
- 5.2.2 To receive details and approve the allocations under the Community Grants Scheme 2022, as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- 5.2.3 To receive details and approve the allocations under the Regional Festivals and Participative Events – Small Grants Scheme in Co. Meath as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- 5.2.4 To consider Arts Grants, Bursaries & Awards Spring 2022 recommendations.

### **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. Peter Burke T.D., Minister for Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.3 adopted at the March 2022 meeting of the full Council re. review of the National Planning Framework.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the April 2022 meeting of the full Council re. rural nodes.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation in response to Notice of Motion 10.1 adopted at the April 2022 meeting of the full Council re. respite services.



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- 7.4 Circular LG 03/2022 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Attendance requirements for elected members.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Irish Water following request from members of Meath Co. Council to attend the May Full Council meeting.
- 7.6 Correspondence from the Regional Waste Management Plan Office re. preparation of New National Waste Management Plan.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**

*“How many families are on the waiting list and what is the average waiting time for emergency accommodation in Fr Mc Verry's HUB on Flower Hill?”*

#### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“To ask Meath County Council what the number of presentations for homelessness to the Housing (Settlement) Officers is this year to date and how this number compares to the last 4 years.”*

### **9 Notice of Motion**

#### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“That Meath County Council install a bike for hire scheme in major towns and visitor attractions throughout the county and commence a pilot project at Trim and at the Royal Canal.”*

#### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

*“In line with provisions in the Joint Louth Meath Integration strategy, and to further equip elected councillors in Meath with the required knowledge and skills to support long-resident and newly arrived migrants in the county with their varied request for representation, I call on Meath County Council:*



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- a) *To forward soft copy of the Joint Louth Meath Integration Strategy to all 40 elected representatives in Meath County Council.*
- b) *To expedite action on the delivery of stakeholders' training to all elected representatives in Meath on topics highlighted in the Integration Strategy such as Diversity, Integration and Racism."*

### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

*"In actioning the Motion on Period poverty passed exactly a year, I call on Meath county council to pro-actively engage with Retail supermarkets in Meath and collaborate/partner with them to facilitate the provision of a range of free, adequate, safe and suitable sanitary products on all public buildings and council in Meath."*

### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**

*"I am calling on Meath County Council to make an equal effort to help all vulnerable homeless people whether they be from Ukraine, Ireland or anywhere else."*

## **10 General Interest Motions**

### **10.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*"That this council calls on the Government and Minister of Social Protection to introduce a pilot scheme for artists with disabilities, to co-exist for the duration of the Basic Income for Artists pilot scheme, which would remove the weekly earnings limit & means test from those in receipt of disability supports."*

### **10.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*"To write to the Minister and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request An Bord Pleanála to prioritise decisions on all appeals regarding renewable power generation on solar and wind generation applications to help speed up our transition to energy independence during this energy crisis. Currently all decisions are taking at least 6 months instead of the normal 3 months."*



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### **10.3 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

*“That Meath County Council call on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary excavation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Michael Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffery Tim and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard in Killmainham Goal and to have them reinterred in consecrated grounds at Glasnevin Cemetery.*

### **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**

**NB Please ensure mobile phones are switched off during council meeting.**