



# **Ordinary Meeting**

13th June 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.







#### 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 9th May 2022.
- 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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 0.017 Ha of land at Lismullin, 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 Corporate Affairs and Governance

5.1.1 To adopt Meath County Council's Annual Report 2021.

#### 5.2 Environment

5.2.1 To receive a presentation in respect of a draft Litter Management Plan 2022-2024 and to agree as statutorily required under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to put same on public display as part of the consultation process – recommended by the Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting held on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5.3 Finance

5.3.1 To note the Quarterly Financial Statement as at 31st March 2022.

# 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

#### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"Can I ask when a review of protected structures and buildings will take place in Meath and in order to help inform the public and representatives on such a review, can the preservation team present an update at full council on how to initiate a preservation or section 57?"





### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"How many houses have been offered from the Choice Based Letting system from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022? Could the answer be broken down by unit type per Municipal District. Please also set out the rate of refusal during the period outlined?"

# 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council what hope (or otherwise) can we offer council tenants that they will be offered a timely transfer in the event of living next door to dangerous and persistent anti-social and criminal behaviour, as current demands on housing stock means there are little or no alternatives available?"

### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"How many Ukrainian refugees have been accommodated in Co Meath to date?"

#### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

"To ask that the Council write to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications seeking clarification on what legislation should be applied or given priority by either the Council or EPA when assessing applications for waste water treatment licences; the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1993 or the EU Water Framework Directive - European Communities (Water Policy) Regulation 2003 (S.I. No 722 of 2003)."

### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

"That Meath County Council establishes a programme to assist and advise community groups and residents associations with the creation and maintenance of wildflower meadows."

#### 10 General Interest Motions

#### 10.1 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes





"I am calling on Meath County Council to call on the Minister for Housing to introduce an immediate increase in the income thresholds for people to qualify for social housing".

### 10.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"That this Council opposes any attempt by the Government and the HSE to remove A&E and critical care services from Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and that we write to the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar to demand of the government; the full retention of A&E and critical care services at Our Lady's Hospital Navan and the removal of any reference to the closure of A&E services at Our Lady's Hospital Navan from the Small Hospital Framework (2013)."

### 10.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"That Meath County completely opposes Government plans to close the A&E in Navan and to reverse their decision and protect and invest in A&E services in Our Lady's Hospital Navan."

#### 10.4 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister of Health and the Minister of Public Expenditure and the Irish Dental association to resolve their financial differences to restore dental services to patients with Medical Cards."

### 10.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"I am calling on Meath County Council to demand the Irish Government not only condemn the killing of Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh but to also impose the severest sanctions possible on the perpetrators, as we cannot allow any state or person threaten the lives of journalists and the freedom of the press.

### 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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