



# **Ordinary Meeting**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- 2 Matters arising from the Minutes
- **Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations** (Standing Order 11.5 Expressions of Congratulations to be submitted in writing by 10am, October 3<sup>rd</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 0.6490 Ha of land at Roestown, Dunshaughlin, 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.





- 4.2 Disposal of 0.2876 Ha of land at Hermitage, Moynalty, Kells, 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 0.0173 Ha of land at Bailis, Athlumney, 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.
- 4.4 Disposal of 0.0124 Ha of land at Mullaghboy, 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.
- 4.5 Disposal of 0.3172 Ha of land at Corporation Land 3<sup>rd</sup> Division / Eamonn Duggan Industrial Estate, Trim, 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.
- 4.6 Disposal of 0.0031 Ha of land at Johnstown Road/Glen Abhainn Avenue, Enfield, 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 Planning

5.1.1 To receive a presentation on Planning for Solar Farms in County Meath.

### 5.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation on proposed Council Chamber, Buvinda.
- 5.2.2 To receive a verbal update from the Meath Women's Caucus.
- 5.2.3 To receive a presentation on proposed temporary chamber, Buvinda

### 5.3 Finance

5.3.1 To consider the 3 Year Capital Programme 2023 - 2025, under S.135 of the Local Government Act 2001.





### 5.4 Community

5.4.1 To approve the allocations under the Community Amenity Scheme as recommended by the Members of each of the Municipal Districts at the September Municipal District meetings.

## 6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee
  - 6.3.1 To approve recommendation from the Protocol Committee

### 7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from Minister for Health in response to Notice of Motion 10.3 agreed at the June 2022 meeting of the full Council re. Our Lady's Hospital, Navan.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Irish Rail in response to Item 7.5 agreed at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request for Irish Rail to meet with some members of Meath County Council in relation to car parking at Dunboyne train station.
- 7.3 Circular LG 05/2022 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Allowances and Expenses of Elected Members.
- 7.4 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund: Ready to Build Scheme (Serviced Sites for New Homes).
- 7.5 East Border Region Ltd Funding for Meath County Council.

#### 8 Notice of Question

### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"What progress has the council made with regard to addressing period poverty?"





### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"Can Meath County Council provide in tabular format, per Municipal District, the number of Meath council houses / units, Peter McVerry Trust, manages or provides support to within the county?"

## 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

"What is the extra cost to the Council to have to the monthly Hybrid meeting in the Solstice compared to the meeting in the Council Chamber?"

### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

"To ask the number of parking fines issued on behalf of Meath County Council for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and so far in 2022, in what town and how many fines remain unpaid, and how many Court cases have been taken for unpaid parking fines during the same period?"

# 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council to outline its Social Media Policy on foot of significant disappointment that it did not seek to support and disseminate information to the people of Meath about a public protest gathering, organised by Save Navan Hospital Committee?"

### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

"In tabular form, the total number of properties provided by Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) and Meath County Council. This information is sought for each of the last 4 years (2018, 19, 20 & 21)?"

#### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

'That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment Eamon Ryan TD to immediately increase the penalties laid out in the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended





in 2017) for persons found to be carrying out illegal dumping to: €1500 for first offence; €3000 for second offence & €5000 for any subsequent offence."

### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"We call on the Minster for Rural & Community Development Heather Humphreys to commence a review of the CLÁR Scheme."

#### 10 General Interest Motions

### 10.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"That Meath County Council supports the redrafting of the Work Life Balance Bill to include the words woman, female and mother, in the clauses that relate to maternity protections."

### 10.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden and Councillor Alan Tobin

"Meath County Council calls on the Government to amend the Electricity Regulation Act and associated legislation to allow for the consideration and possible implementation of nuclear power generation in Ireland."

### 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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