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Ordinary Meeting

14th November 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

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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 3rd October 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, November 14th)

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 0.011 acres of land at St. Mary's Villas, Donore, 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 0.0012 Ha of land at Townparks North, 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.
- 4.3 Disposal of 0.0032 Ha of land at the Spire of Lloyd, 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.
- 4.4 Disposal of 0.0096 Ha of land at Alexander Reid, 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 0.0139 Ha of land at Alexander Reid, 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.
- 4.6 Disposal of 0.0333 Ha of land at Site 1, Lagore Road, 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.
- 4.7 Disposal of 0.0345 Ha of land at Site 2, Lagore Road, 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.
- 4.8 Disposal of 0.0344 Ha of land at Site 3, Lagore Road, 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.
- 4.9 Disposal of 0.0340 Ha of land at Site 6, Lagore Road, 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.
- 4.10 Disposal of 0.0339 Ha of land at Site 7, Lagore Road, 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.
- 4.11 Disposal of 0.0334 Ha of land at Site 9, Lagore Road, 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.
- 4.12 Disposal of 0.0329 Ha of land at Site 10, Lagore Road, Dunshaughlin, Co Meath, in



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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 the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT). Briefing paper circulated previously as part of the October Chief Executive Report.

5.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.2.1 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Regional Health Forum following the resignation of Cllr. Aisling O'Neill.
- 5.2.2 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Joint Policing Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Aisling O'Neill.

5.3 Community

- 5.3.1 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing the Health Service Executive (HSE)

5.4 Transportation

- 5.4.1 To enter into an agreement with Louth County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, whereby Louth County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Meath County Council in relation to rehabilitation works to Lambert's Bridge which is displayed in the Schedule to the Agreement.

5.5 Finance

- 5.5.1 To approve the raising of loan of €10,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) to provide finance for approved house purchase applications under the Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) Scheme, Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) Scheme, loan restructuring and other housing loan related activities, as authorised by the Housing Acts 1966 – 1992 as amended.



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5.6 Environment

- 5.6.1 To adopt the Meath County Council Litter Management Plan 2022- 2024, as recommended by the Climate Action, Emergency Services and Environment SPC.

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 Helen McEntee TD, Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 10.8 adopted at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council re. the Duty of Care legislation.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Department of Transport re. Introduction of new Fixed Charge Penalties.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Peter Burke T.D., Minister for Local Government and Planning in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request to extend the period of extension of time / duration, for previously granted, one off rural planning permissions for an additional 5 year extension of duration.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Anne Rabbitte T.D., Minister for Disabilities in response to Notice of Motion 10.4 adopted at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council re. provision of adequate personnel for the early assessment of children with disabilities.
- 7.5 Circular F.07/22 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Electoral Reform Act 2022 – Commencement of certain provisions with effect from 13 October 2022.

8 Notice of Question



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8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“How many sites is Meath County Council planning to deliver in 2022, 2023 and 2024 under the Ready to Build Scheme (Serviced Sites for New Homes)?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“In light of a recent refusal by An Bord Pleanála to grant a new ring road in Co. Galway, has Meath County Council considered the provisions of the Climate Action Plan as part of the road improvement works at Ashbourne to Kilmoon Cross (M2/N2)?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O’Neill

“Following on from the Notice of motion number 9.9 passed at the March meeting of the Council, I am enquiring how many properties providing emergency accommodation have been reviewed by the settlement officer, how many are providing cooking and laundry facilities and is there ongoing engagement re same?”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe (Deferred from October Meeting)

‘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 Brian Fitzgerald

“Due to the ever increasing housing crisis, compounded by the huge increase in population as outlined in the preliminary census report, this meeting of Meath County Council calls for all residential lands (regarded as post 2019 lands), that were dezoned or their period extended in the current County Development Plan, be reinstated by means of a variation, subject to approval by Minister Darragh O’Brien who is continuously stating that no such lands should be dezoned.”



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9.3 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council extends the motor tax office opening hours to 3:00pm, as was the case before the Covid pandemic.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“Following on from the recent "Issues Impacting Dog Welfare in Ireland" report published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, that Meath County Council engage with other local authorities in the region to establish a standard approach and central database for the register of Dog Breeding Establishments as recommended in the report to assist with tackling dog welfare in the region.”

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín (Deferred from October Meeting)

“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 (Deferred from October Meeting)

“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.”

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to consider establishing a statutory River Boyne Taskforce charged with preserving for future generations the distinctive character of The River Boyne, its ecology and biodiversity.

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan



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“Given the very high volume of ‘Fairer Fares’ submissions during the public consultation period 12 months ago, to call on the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan and the NTA to finally publish the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area, and to ensure that a Fairer Fare structure is included as a matter of priority for all rail users in the GDA.”

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

“I propose the motion to write to the Minister of Transport to introduce new legislation regarding the use of scooters, electric bicycles and bicycles on our roads. I refer in particular to speed control, licensing, lights, use of high viz attire and helmets and penalties for speeding on footpaths.”

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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