



## **Clár / Meeting Agenda**

### **Ordinary Meeting**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 0.3172 Ha of land at Eamonn Duggan 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.
- 4.2 Disposal of 0.0103 Ha of land at Claremont Estate, Townparks, 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.



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- 4.3 Disposal of 0.0009 Ha of land at Preston Place, 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 0.3947 Ha of land at Beechmount Industrial Park, 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 the 2023 Annual Service Delivery Plan.
- 5.1.2 To appoint replacement IFA sectoral nominee as member of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC
- 5.1.3 To appoint replacement IFA sectoral nominee as member of the Transportation SPC.
- 5.1.4 To appoint replacement Construction Industry Federation nominee as member of the Transportation SPC.

#### **5.2 Planning**

- 5.2.1 To receive a briefing from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the content of the Hill of Tara Conservation Management Plan.

#### **5.3 Community**

- 5.3.1 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing the Business Sector.

### **6 Reports**

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group



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6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

### **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence from the National Transport Authority (NTA) in response to Item 2 agreed at the November 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request for tripartite meeting between Iarnród Éireann, Bus Éireann and the NTA to discuss ongoing transport issues in County Meath.
- 7.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Health in response to Notice of Motion 10.7 adopted at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request that all Emergency SARS Cov 2 measures that were implemented, be fully reviewed and a risk/benefit analysis of health services, older persons' experiences and SME sector be carried out and reported upon.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Rural and Community Development in response to Notice of Motion 9.2 adopted at the October 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request to commence a review of the CLÁR Scheme.
- 7.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.2 adopted at the November 2022 meeting of the full Council re. Meath County Development Plan and de-zoning of land.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Minister for Health in response to Item 12 agreed at the December 2022 meeting of the full Council re. Our Lady's Hospital, Navan.
- 7.6 Correspondence from the National Transport Authority (NTA) in response to Notice of Motion 10.4 adopted at the November 2022 meeting of the full Council re. publication of the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area and 'Fairer Fares'.
- 7.7 Circular LGSM 01/2022 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Best Practice Recommendations for Local Authorities on the operation of Municipal Districts.
- 7.8 LG 07-2002 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Application of pay adjustments due on 2 February and 1 October 2022.
- 7.9 Circular LG 08/2022 – Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage re. Local Representation Allowance and end of year requirements.
- 7.10 Circular Letter: F.01/23 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re.



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31 January 2023 deadline for the reporting of political donations by elected members.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“What actions or inquiry process does Meath County Council engage in, in the event of it giving planning permission to an applicant where information falsely provided by the applicant and contrary to planning criteria, comes to light?”*

### **9 Notice of Motion**

#### **9.1 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga**

*“I call on Meath County Council to appoint an EU Funding Officer at a senior level, whose role will be to analyse Meath County Council’s Corporate and strategic plans, to identify where EU funding could be used to progress elements of the plan and apply for such funding to deliver the identified elements.”*

#### **9.2 Submitted by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**

*“The Members of Meath County Council are requesting the Chief Executive to initiate the statutory process to consider the variation of the County Development Plan in accordance with the Planning Guidelines issued on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 with particular reference to the de-zoning of serviced lands.”*

#### **9.3 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

*“I propose the motion that Meath County Council apply to SEAI for grants for Public Charger points so as to increase the amount of public EV charging points throughout the county.”*

#### **9.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“I call on Meath County Council to apply, without delay, for funding for street cleaning services and specialised machinery to deal with street litter and in particular cigarette*



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*butts through the new government led €85m contribution scheme from the tobacco industry.”*

### **9.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“Following a spate of attacks by dogs on the restricted breed list in Ireland, I call on Meath County Council to employ two dog wardens with specific duties related to the control and welfare of all dogs and other domestic animals. If deemed appropriate, I also call on the relevant Minister/Department to finance such roles.”*

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole**

*“To ask the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee [SPC] of Meath County Council to consider road safety in the vicinity of all schools in the County, on a case-by-case basis, reviewing and amending current policy as a matter of urgency”.*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

*“We call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland to increase the level of grant assistance paid for the remediation, repair or upgrading works to a domestic wastewater treatment system, or the replacement of such system.”*

### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox**

*“Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to extend the eligibility of the Domestic Wastewater Treatment (Septic Tank) Grant.”*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“That Meath County Council reports to the councillors on all steps that are being taken to speed up the smooth delivery of the rail line to Navan.”*

## **10 General Interest Motions**

### **10.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher (Deferred from December meeting)**



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*“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to intervene to stop the maximum increase in the Toll charges across the state.”*

### **10.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly**

*“I call on Meath County Council to write to Minister Darragh O'Brien TD - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request his department to increase Meath’s property price ceiling on the First House Scheme, from €375,000 to €475,000 in accordance with the property price ceiling for Cork City, Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin.”*

### **10.3 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole**

*“The Members of Meath County Council request the Members of Dáil Éireann to begin drafting, without delay, a Well-being of Future Generations [Ireland] Act. This Act will enshrine the rights of future generations; requiring Irish Government Ministers and the organisations they oversee, to firmly fix this commitment into everything they do.”*

### **10.4 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty**

*“That Meath County Council writes to the Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue and Minister of State Pippa Hackett to halt the development of the Irish Strategic Forestry Fund.”*

### **10.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“That Meath County Council invites the Garda Commissioner to the next full council meeting to discuss crime and anti-social activity in Meath as well as Gardaí numbers in the county.”*

## **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



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11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

### **12 Any Other Business**

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