



Clár / Meeting Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

6th March 2023 @ 1.30p.m.

Buvinda House, 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.

Public Health Guidance

This meeting 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 Buvinda House is open to Elected Members, designated Council officials and members of the press and public;
- The wearing of a face-mask is not required but may be worn.

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.

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



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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 30th January 2023.

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, March 6th)

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 0.1454 Ha of land comprising of 0.0515Ha – plot A , 0.0885Ha – plot B and 0.0054Ha – plot C at Crosskeys, Drumree, 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 0.0010 Ha of land at Lagore Lawn, 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.
- 4.3 Disposal of 0.0019 Ha of land at Eamonn Duggan Industrial Estate, Athboy Road, 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.



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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Community

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation from Meath Comhairle na nÓg.
- 5.1.2 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, from Meath Partnership representing the Local Development Company.
- 5.1.3 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, representing Údarás na Gaeltachta.
- 5.1.4 To receive and note the Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2022.

5.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.2.1 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly following the resignation of Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald.

5.3 Transportation

- 5.3.1 To note the Road Safety Plan 2023-2024.

5.4 Finance

- 5.4.1 Report on the Schedule of Uncollected Rates for 2022 - In accordance with Article 26(2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014.

6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee
- 6.4 Briefing from Women's Caucus



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7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan, Delivery and Reform in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the November 2022 meeting of the full Council re. proposal to increase penalties for littering.
- 7.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the February 2023 meeting of the full Council re. request to increase Meath's property price ceiling on the First Home Scheme.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Garda Commissioner in response to Notice of Motion 10.5 adopted at the February 2023 meeting of the full Council re. invite to 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.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Chief Superintendent Dollard, Meath/Westmeath Division in response to Notice of Motion 10.5 adopted at the February 2023 meeting of the full Council re. invite to 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.
- 7.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council re. request a change to the existing legislation to ban the sale of low alcohol drinks and 00 alcoholic drinks to all persons under the legal drinking age.
- 7.6 Correspondence from the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform in response to Notice of Motion 10.3 adopted at the November 2022 meeting of the full Council re. establishing a statutory River Boyne Taskforce charged with preserving for future generations the distinctive character of the River Boyne, its ecology and biodiversity.
- 7.7 Correspondence from Bus Eireann re. request to attend a tripartite meeting.
- 7.8 Circular 05/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Increase to Variable Interest Rate.
- 7.9 Circular LG 02-2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Increase to elected member annual remuneration on 1 March 2023.



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8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"How long, on average, were applicants waiting on the housing list before they were offered housing units in the year 2022 for one bed, two bed, three bed and four bed housing units?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive to provide an update on the delivery of all phases of the Boyne Greenway"?

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

"That Meath County Council provides a breakdown of the percentage of paid parking payments that Apcoa Parking App purchases accounts for and the year-on-year growth figures in the usage of the App since 2019?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 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 Local Authority Home Loan, from €330,000 to €360,000 in accordance with the property price ceiling for Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, South Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Yemi Adenuga

"I call on Meath County Council to install clearly visible signages at the entrances of our Major towns in Meath that say 'WELCOME' in various languages, as an indication that Meath welcomes all migrants and refugees living in Meath or who come to visit Meath."

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole (deferred from February meeting)



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“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.”

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden (as recommended by the Transportation SPC on 15th December 2022)

“We call on the Ministers for Justice and Transportation to explore the Introduction/amendment of road traffic legislation to allow the requisite authority to deploy technologies to combat speeding and enforce speed limits within urban areas (Towns & Villages)”.

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

“That Meath County Council writes to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, calling on them to develop a grant assistance programme to help landowners identify, and responsibly manage roadside trees that pose a threat to road users and associated infrastructure in light of the growing risk of Ash Dieback and the ever-increasing severity of winter storms.”

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“To reduce the number of personal vehicle journeys and to aid with traffic management; Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to consider amending legislation relating to Bus Lanes to allow the introduction of high-occupancy vehicle lanes - HOV Lanes (Bus & Carpooling lanes). We the members suggest the R147 as a pilot project.”

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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