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Ordinary Meeting

3rd April 2023 @ 1.30p.m.

Buvinda House, Navan (and online via zoom)

Presiding

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Nick Killian

Councillors Present:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Joseph Bonner, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Sean Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Tommy Reilly, Alan Tobin, Gillian Toole.

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Councillors Tom Behan, Mike Bray, Noel French, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Niamh Souhan, Emer Toibin, Sharon Tolan, Conor Tormey

Apologies:

Councillors Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Ronan Moore, Amanda Smith

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Martin Murray

Senior Executive Officer: Larry Whelan

Financial Management Accountant: Sheila Harkin

Meetings Administrator: Elaine Daly

Apologies: Dara McGowan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 6th March 2023.

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 6th March 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

3.1 Expressions of Sympathy were extended to:

Eoin O'Leary, Water Services Section on the death of his brother, Dónal (Dan) Ó Laoire (O'Leary).

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The family of the late Brian Matthews, former employee.

Padraig McDonnell, Housing Department on the death of his mother, Esther McDonnell.

The family of the late Cyril Cole Snr, former Cathaoirleach Kells Town Council

3.2 Expressions of Congratulations were extended to:

Evan Ferguson, Bettystown, on his first senior goal for Ireland in their friendly against Latvia, and for starting for the Ireland v France Euro 2024 Qualifiers.

All the Darkness Into Light Committees around the county, particularly the Laytown-Bettystown Darkness Into Light Committee who hosted this year's county launch at the beginning of March.

Senior Gaelic football team of St. Michael's Loreto, Navan who became the first team from Meath to win the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Senior 'A' Competition.

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 2.5484 Ha of land at Lagavooren Platin, Drogheda, 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. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on February 14, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.1.1 To consider the Audit Committee Annual Report 2022 from Mr. Tom McGuinness, Chair of the Audit Committee.

The report was noted by the elected members.

- 5.1.2 To consider the Audit Committee Report in relation to the AFS and LG Auditor's Report 2021.

The report was noted by the elected members.

- 5.1.3 To adopt the Audit Committee Charter 2023.

The Audit Committee Charter was adopted on a proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

- 5.1.4 To adopt the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2023.

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The Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2022 was adopted on a proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

The Chief Executive thanked the members of the Audit Committee for their ongoing commitment and engagement with the Council and she further acknowledged the valuable oversight that they provide to the Council. **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** thanked the staff of the Council for their support, and he acknowledged the excellent working relationship that existed between the executive and the Audit Committee.

5.1.5 To appoint a replacement member to the Protocol Committee following the resignation of Councillor Sarah Reilly.

On the proposal of **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, seconded by Councillor **Paul McCabe** and agreed, **Councillor Joe Fox** was appointed as a member of the Protocol Committee.

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 To receive the Draft Annual Financial Statement 2022.

The Draft Annual Financial Statement for 2022 was introduced by the Chief Executive. She noted that there was a small surplus recorded at the end of year and she thanked the elected members for their continued support.

Ms. Sheila Harkin, Financial Management Accountant, provided an overview of the draft Annual Financial Statement for 2022. She noted that the accounts recorded a small net surplus of €104,096. An analysis of the revenue expenditure set out that 32% of overall expenditure related to payroll, 55% was operational costs (including exceptional rates waiver), 3% was administration costs and 9% related to miscellaneous expenditure. The summary of major revenue collections for 2022 was noted.

There were interventions and queries from **Councillors Brian Fitzgerald; Gerry O'Connor; Sean Drew; Michael Gallagher; Tommy Reilly; Gillian Toole; Alan Tobin; Paddy Meade; Noel French; Elaine McGinty** and **An Cathaoirleach**. The elected members broadly welcomed the positive financial report and acknowledged the cumulative general reserve surplus of €151,175. There were queries regarding specific items in the report, as well as general queries regarding funding for road maintenance and winter gritting programmes. Government supports were noted, particularly, during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was also noted that Meath County Council remains the lowest funded council per head of capita.

The Head of Finance and Finance Staff were thanked for their work to date and the Chief Executive was commended for her leadership and prudent financial management over the past 10 years. The Head of Finance and Chief Executive thanked the members for their positive comments and thanked the staff of the Finance Section for their work in preparing the draft AFS.

5.2.2 To approve:

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- (i) revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 as set out in Table A in accordance with S104 of the Local Government Act 2001

The revised expenditure for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 as set out in Table A, in accordance with S104 of the Local Government Act 2001 was approved on a proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

- (ii) transfers to and from Capital as set out in Table B.

The transfers to and from Capital as set out in Table B was approved on a proposal of **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

5.3 Community

- 5.3.1 To receive and note the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2022.

The Chief Executive introduced the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2022, which outlines the progress made in respect of the various LCDC functions during 2022. She noted that the LCDC had again been accepted as the LAG for the Leader Programme and she acknowledged the good relationship between the Council and Meath Partnership.

There were interventions of support from **Councillors Mike Bray; Elaine McGinty** and **Yemi Adenuga**. The role of the Committee during the Covid-19 pandemic and the supports provided to the Ukrainian Programme were acknowledged and commended.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

There were interventions from the following Elected Members: **Gillian Toole; David Gilroy; Aisling O'Neill; Elaine McGinty; Alan Tobin; Trevor Golden; Edward Fennessy; Padraig Fitzsimons; Paul McCabe; Sean Drew; Joe Bonner; Maria Murphy; Alan Tobin; Michael Gallagher; Paddy Meade** and **An Cathaoirleach**. The issues raised included:

Emergency Services: Civil Defence K9 Unit; Recruitment retained fire-fighters.

Housing: Homeless figures; Standards in rented accommodation; Affordable housing; Housing loans.

Environment: Climate Action Plan.

Transport: Kennedy Plaza works; road opening licences.

Community: Community support fund; National Broadband Plan.

Planning: Judicial reviews.

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Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Martin Murray, Mr. Larry Whelan, Mr. Des Foley and Ms. Fiona Lawless.

On the proposal of **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** it was agreed to invite representatives of National Broadband Ireland to a council meeting to update the elected members on the National Broadband Plan.

Mr. Des Foley outlined the salient points of the judicial review proceedings currently ongoing. He noted that the Council was still awaiting the final orders in relation to the case - Protect East Meath Ltd. versus Meath County Council and others.

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Meetings Administrator reported that the CPG met on Friday, March 31, 2023, and reviewed the agenda for the April Council Meeting, including notices of motion not included on the agenda. She further noted that the arrangements for the tripartite meeting with the Transport Representatives were discussed and these were outlined to the elected members. Finally, it was noted that the draft minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC meeting which took place on March 24, were noted and there were no recommendations to the CPG.

There were interventions from **Councillors Gillian Toole; Sharon Tolan** and **David Gilroy** in relation to the tripartite meeting. Clarification on matters raised was provided by Mr. Martin Murray.

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

The Meetings Administrator noted that the Protocol Committee met on Friday March 31, 2023, and reviewed the practical arrangements for the April Council meeting, including the seating arrangements. It was noted that the final date for submission of documentation in relation to the Local Representation Allowance 2022 is April 14, 2022. It was noted that the Protocol Committee had discussed correspondence from the Women's Caucus relating to a Notice of Motion of Councillor Toibin and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed further by the Protocol Committee following the conclusion of the considerations by the Joint Party Oireachtas Committee who were tasked with reviewing the recommendations contained in the Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality. The Conference and Training Schedules were agreed and circulated to the Elected Members. It was also agreed that minutes of Protocol Committee meeting would be circulated to all Elected Members and included on MD agendas.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to provide, in tabular format, the social housing need for each housing application for every settlement in Meath's towns, villages and townlands."

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Response

The table below sets out by Municipal District and areas therein the number of approved applications for social housing support (gross need) by house type:

Gross Housing Demand Per 1st Preference Area of Choice by House Type

Municipal District	Area	NO. OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Ashbourne MD	Ardcath	5	2	0	3	0
	Ashbourne	479	191	204	74	10
	Bellewstown	8	3	4	0	1
	Julianstown	5	1	4	0	0
	Kentstown	23	12	8	2	1
	Kilbride	2	0	1	1	0
	Skryne	4	2	0	1	1
	Stamullen	23	6	12	4	1
Ashbourne MD Total		549	217	233	85	14

Municipal District	Area	NO. OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Kells MD	Athboy	120	61	39	13	7
	Carlanstown	39	15	16	7	1
	Carnaross	15	6	6	2	1
	Cortown	12	5	3	3	1
	Crossakiel	7	5	1	1	0
	Drumconrath	14	7	5	1	1
	Fordstown	1	1	0	0	0
	Kells	242	118	86	22	16
	Kilberry	8	2	6	0	0
	Kilmainhamwood	7	2	3	2	0
	Meath Hill	1	1	0	0	0
	Moynalty	17	7	7	3	0
	Nobber	10	2	5	2	1
	Oldcastle	36	23	8	4	1
Kells MD Total		529	255	185	60	29



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Municipal District	Area	NO. OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Laytown/ Bettystown MD	Bettystown	278	118	121	31	8
	Deepford	1	1	0	0	0
	Donore	20	7	9	4	0
	Drogheda (Meath)	16	4	7	5	0
	Duleek	53	23	26	2	2
	Grangerath	29	10	15	2	2
	Laytown	23	16	6	1	0
	Lobinstown	5	2	2	1	0
	Mornington	16	6	7	3	0
	RathKenny	3	2	1	0	0
	Slane	31	12	9	10	0
Laytown/Bettystown MD Total		475	201	203	59	12

Municipal District	Area	NO. OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Navan MD	Bohermeen	7	4	3	0	0
	Castletown	8	3	1	3	1
	Dunderry	5	2	3	0	0
	Navan	1416	637	514	196	68
	Robinstown	3	0	2	0	1
Navan MD Total		1439	646	523	199	70

Municipal District	Area	NO. OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Ratoath MD	Batterstown	10	5	5	0	0
	Clonee	66	25	33	8	1
	Dunboyne	95	39	32	16	8
	Dunsany	10	3	6	0	1
	Dunshaughlin	110	49	42	14	6
	Kilmessan	15	4	5	4	2
	Ratoath	47	15	19	6	7
Ratoath MD Total		353	140	142	48	25

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Municipal District	Area	NO. OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM
Trim MD	Ballinabrackey	2	2	0	0	0
	Ballivor	53	19	26	7	1
	Clonard	6	2	3	1	0
	Enfield	65	29	21	7	8
	Kilcock	11	5	3	3	0
	Kildalkey	6	2	3	0	1
	Longwood	18	5	6	4	3
	Rathmolyon	10	4	6	0	0
	Summerhill	26	13	9	3	1
	Trim	241	121	90	24	6
Trim MD Total		438	202	167	49	20
Meath Total		3783	1661	1453	500	170

Councillor Edward Fennessy requested clarification on the figures relating to one bedroom properties and it was agreed that Mr. Barry Lynch would provide the clarification to Councillor Fennessy.

The response was noted by the Elected Members.

8.2 Submitted by Cllr Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive to provide the following information: the number of tenant-in-situ applications since the scheme reopened in April 2022; the number of properties purchased; currently with the valuers office; currently with the Councils law department; and the number of properties refused by the Council; and the number of properties withdrawn by the landlord."

Response

In 2022, Meath County Council developed a policy through the Housing, Social, Cultural and Community SPC outlining what the Council will take into consideration to potentially acquire a property when a tenant in situ is issued with a notice of termination by their landlord including:

- Applicants time on the housing list and in HAP;
- Housing Need including medical or disability needs;
- Condition the property and purchase price;
- All other options have been exhausted including HAP Transfer;

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- Garda Clearance.

To date Meath County Council has completed 2 no. tenant-in-situ acquisitions and 2 no. properties are at sale agreed. Further opportunities are currently being assessed.

There is no application process and a decision to pursue the acquisition of a property can only be made after a homeless assessment has been completed by the Settlement Team, including verification of the notice of termination. It should be noted Meath County Council cannot, however, purchase every property where a HAP tenant has been issued a Notice of Termination and in some cases the property may not be available for sale for example where the landlord requires the property for their own use or for a family member.

Councillor Edward Fennessy sought clarification in relation to the process for tenant-in-situ applications. Mr. Barry Lynch outlined details of the process in place.

The response was noted by the Elected Members.

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

“Where a van or heavy vehicle is required to be weighted for tax purposes, please advise what criteria is required for service providers to be added to the list which is acceptable to Meath County Council.”

Response

Services providers require authorisation under Section 4(1)(a) of the Finance (Excise Duties) (Vehicles) (Amendment) Act 1960 and if to be used by An Garda Síochána also require authorisation under Section 15(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1961. Service providers should consult with the Planning Authority regarding specifics of the weighbridge structure or any ancillary structures to the weighbridge.

Noted by the Elected Members.

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Can Meath County Council provide details of all dedicated bus lanes within the County.”

Response

Please see table below:

Bus lanes in Co. Meath are on the R147 (Dublin-Navan Road).

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Location	Direction	Length (m)
R147 Bracetown	North bound	700
R147 Piercetown	South Bound	425
R147 Piercetown	North Bound	425
R147 Piercetown	North Bound	835
R147 Dunshaughlin South	North Bound	1100
TOTAL		3485 (3.485 km)

Councillor Trevor Golden sought clarification in relation to the figures provided. Clarification was provided by Mr. Martin Murray.

The response was noted by the Elected Members.

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Aisling O'Neill

“What measures are Meath County Council putting in place to respond to the potential increased demand in homeless presentations when the ban on evictions is lifted at the end of the month and what advice will the Council be giving to the people who present to the Housing Section?”

Response

The Council’s Homeless Settlement Team will continue to support households who have been issued a notice of termination to source alternative accommodation, which may include HAP, emergency accommodation or, where appropriate and possible, acquisition of the property. It should be noted Meath County Council cannot, however, purchase every property where a HAP tenant has been issued a Notice of Termination and in some cases the property may not be available for sale, for example where the landlord requires the property for their own use or for a family member.

The Council has been engaging with tenants in private rented accommodation who have been issued with notices of termination and have contacted the Council’s Homeless Settlement Team over recent months. Every effort has been made to source alternative accommodation and provide appropriate advice and supports to these families and individuals. During the period October 1, 2022 to date 40 households have exited emergency accommodation through various housing supports including allocation of social housing, HAP and RAS. To date in 2023, 22 HAP Place Finder Tenancies have been set up as either preventative measures or to exit families from emergency accommodation; a further 5 are pending set up and every effort is being made to source additional properties suitable for HAP Place Finder tenancies.

A further 73 Households exited Emergency Accommodation during the period October 1, 2022 to date, for reasons including returning to family; staying with friends, entering

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treatment, prison, or for reason not made known to the Council. However, it must be noted that during this time households continued to present for and were supported with emergency accommodation.

While, several households have been assisted to date, it is unknown exactly how many are likely to present to the Settlement Team in the coming weeks. Meath County Council will continue to explore and source options for emergency accommodation for both short term immediate needs and over the longer term and will utilise existing housing stock to provide for additional shared accommodation which will allow some capacity with existing accommodation providers.

The Council has recently advertised via local print and social media an Expression of Interest for the provision of Emergency Accommodation, details of which are available on the Council's web site. We are also engaging with service providers to explore what additional capacity may be provided.

The response was noted by the Elected Members.

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“To call on Meath County Council to designate bathing site status at certain appropriate locations along the river Boyne, similar to those on our beaches, and in doing so to increase water quality testing and safety measures around such designated bathing locations.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The 2008 Bathing Water Regulations set out the specific requirements on the part of local authorities in relation to the identification of bathing water areas and including consideration of submissions from members of the public and the submission of a bathing water profile to the EPA by the 24TH March each year.

The process for seeking to have a river site designated as a bathing water would be the same process as for a coastal water but the following actions and considerations would have to be taken into account:

1. The exact river locations being proposed and evidence of peak daily numbers swimming at those locations.

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2. The need for advices from Irish Water Safety on the suitability of locations on water safety grounds and particularly having regard to river flows and currents
3. A detailed appraisal on safe access, parking, toilet facilities, and lifeguard facilities.
4. Any proposals for sites on the River Boyne which are in the SAC or SPA, would need Screening for Appropriate Assessment and consultation with National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)
5. Water quality – is the river vulnerable to episodes of microbial contamination after heavy rainfall.
6. Resource implications for the Council associated with water quality testing and the provision of lifeguard facilities.

It is suggested that following the receipt of the information in respect of point 1 above, the motion can receive further consideration.

Councillor Wayne Harding introduced the motion. He noted that he had submitted the motion previously. He referenced a recent visit to the Devenish Lands at Dowth, where extensive research is being undertaken in relation to water filtration. He also noted that he had identified a suitable location previously and he asked that this matter be considered further.

There were interventions of support from **Councillors Sharon Tolan; Elaine McGinty and Alan Tobin**. Mr. Larry Whelan highlighted the infrastructural and resource concerns around access, parking and the provision of lifeguards.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** was agreed.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Tom Behan

"To call on Meath County Council to increase awareness around the 'Not Around Us Quit Smoking Campaign', to include erecting appropriate signage in all its playgrounds and other areas where young people are likely to congregate".

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The "Not Around Us" Campaign was launched in Meath in May 2021. The aim of the campaign was to promote an environment where it is easier for those who smoke to quit and stay quit and help to de-normalise smoking for the next generation. At the time, the Healthy Meath Co-ordinator led the campaign with a range of stakeholders, including the

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HSE's Health and Wellbeing Division, HSE QUIT team, Meath County Council's Climate Action, Meath PPN, Meath Libraries, CYPSC Meath, Meath Comhairle na nÓg, Youth Work Ireland Meath and Healthy Ireland.

As part of this campaign, "Not Around Us" signage was provided and erected in the Meath County Council playgrounds to create an awareness of the initiative.

In 2022 the current Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator contacted schools, preschools and sports clubs and the following additional organisations signed up to NAU: 3 GAA clubs, 2 Primary Schools, 3 Preschools/creches, 2 soccer clubs and 1 family resource centre, each of these has signs and stickers sent to them to hang on their premises. Enfield Celtic FC used the Not Around Us campaign as their theme for the St Patricks Day Parade. In addition, the Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator will work with the Council's Communication Dept. to further publicise the scheme on the Council's social media platforms.

Councillor Tom Behan introduced the motion. He noted that more needed to be done to change young people's attitude to smoking. **Councillor Paddy Meade** supported the motion.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was agreed.

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

"To ask the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to engage with Toll Plaza Management Companies with regards to an introduction of toll-free travel for HGVs, prior to the June 30th toll price increase."

Councillor Elaine McGinty introduced the motion. She noted that there are considerable price increases due to be implemented in the near future including a 9% increase on tolls and restoration of the excise duty on carbon tax. She noted that toll avoidance was a significant cause of traffic congestion in East Meath and suggested that a pilot programme could be undertaken where HGVs would be exempt from tolls for one month and traffic congestion in affected towns could be monitored during this time. There were interventions of support from **Councillors Paddy Meade; Gillian Toole; Michael Gallagher; Alan Tobin and Emer Toibin**. **Councillors Trevor Golden and Gerry O'Connor** expressed concern around targeting only one road user and suggested the motion should be extended to include all road users.

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The motion, proposed by **Councillor Elaine McGinty** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** was agreed by a show of hands vote with 18 members in agreement, no members not in agreement and no abstentions.

10.2 Submitted by Sinn Féin Group

"This Council calls on the Government to extend the ban on evictions until the end of the year; to expand the tenant in situ scheme for social and affordable cost rental tenants; and to use emergency planning and procurement powers to target vacant and derelict properties and new building technologies to deliver additional social and affordable homes above the targets for this year."

The motion was introduced by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**. He expressed his dissatisfaction that the eviction ban had been lifted. There was a heated discussion and a number of elected members participated in the debate, including **Councillors Edward Fennessy; Michael Gallagher; Wayne Harding; Gerry O'Connor; Elaine McGinty; Emer Toibin; David Gilroy; Aisling O'Neill; Joe Fox; Paul McCabe; Trevor Golden** and **An Cathaoirleach**. There was a mix of views, with some members supporting the motion and others vehemently opposed to it, while others favoured some modifications to the motion.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** was not agreed on a show of hands vote, with 6 members in agreement, 14 members not in agreement and 4 abstentions.

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Transport Eamonn Ryan, to direct Dublin Airport Authority to implement Noise Abatement Departure Protocol One (NADP1) as standard procedure at Dublin Airport."

Councillor Alan Tobin introduced the motion. He noted the economic benefits of the airport, as well as the significant employment generated by the airport. He noted that there are procedures which could be implemented that would reduce the noise of aircraft which would not impact noise levels in other locations. There were interventions of support from **Councillors Suzanne Jamal; Gillian Toole; Trevor Golden; Aisling O'Neill** and **An Cathaoirleach**.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** was agreed.

11 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

11.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation
Noted by the Elected Members.

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11.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment
Noted by the Elected Members.

11.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing
Noted by the Elected Members.

11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise
Noted by the Elected Members.

12 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 5.25pm