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Ordinary Meeting

8th May 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:

		
<p>Turn on your camera</p>	<p>Ensure your microphone is on mute</p>	<p>Use the 'Hand Function' to ask for the floor and for voting</p>

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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 3rd April 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, May 8th)

4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant 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 appoint replacement County Meath Chamber sectoral nominee as member of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC.

5.2 Climate Action & Environment

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation from Hugh Coughlan, Regional Co-Ordinator, Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office on the Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy which is the

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subject of a statutory public consultation process from the 3rd of May 2023 until the 5th July 2023.

5.3 Planning

5.3.1 To receive an update on the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax.

5.3.2 To receive the Meath Economic Development Strategy Roadmap.

5.4 Community

5.4.1 To receive details and approve the allocations under the Community Grants Scheme 2023, as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 25th April 2023.

5.4.2 To receive details and approve the allocations under the Regional Festivals and Participative Events – Small Grants Scheme in Co. Meath as recommended by the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC on 25th April 2023.

5.5 Finance

5.5.1 To note the Quarterly Financial Statement as at 31st March 2023.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from Minister Simon Harris TD., Minister for Justice in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the September 2022 meeting of the full Council and Item 7.5 at the March 2023 meeting of the full Council re. amending the existing legislation to ban the sale of low alcohol and zero alcoholic drinks to all persons under the legal drinking age.

7.2 Correspondence from Minister Darragh O'Brien TD., Minister for Housing, Local

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Government & Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the March 2023 meeting of the full Council re. Local Authority Home Loans.

- 7.3 Circular LG 03/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Training Events for Elected Members.
- 7.4 Circular Letter: PL 04/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Temporary Time-Limited Waiver in respect of Development Contributions.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“How much is Meath County Council owed in overdue housing loans and rent and how many housing rent and loan accounts are in arrears for more than 3 months?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor David Gilroy

“Can Meath County Council provide an update on progress and an expected date for presentation of the Speed Limit Review?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Can Meath County Council investigate the possible use of and feasibility of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel for the fleet of council vehicles?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“To ask Meath County Council how many full-time and part-time dog and litter wardens are employed to service the entire county and what plans are now in place to employ additional litter and dog wardens following the Minister's announcement and how do the resources in Meath compare to other counties with similar population and area size?”

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council consider the webcasting of its meetings to make them available to members of the public who are very restricted in terms of access to these public meetings.”

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9.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council ban TikTok from all council owned mobile phones and devices.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“I call on Meath County Council to provide portaloos at amenities and beauty spots on a case by case basis until September.”

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council rejects the findings of the independent review of the North South Interconnector, which was recently published, on the basis that the review was a desktop study of previous reports and studies and also on the basis that the terms of reference for the review did not allow for a comprehensive cost benefit analysis on a site-specific route which would have taken all of the relevant issues into account.”

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“To write the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to jointly consider the implementation of a radical public procurement strategy for food, whereby the immense buying power of the government is directed towards ecology, friendly farming methods and local production. This will not only support our local economy here in Meath, but also promote and create a greater connection between farmers and the Irish public as we move towards a more sustainable and greener economy.”

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

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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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