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Ordinary Meeting

12th June 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 8th May 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, June 12th)

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 note the 2022 MD Allocations Scheme Report.
- 5.1.2 To adopt Meath County Council's Annual Report 2022.

5.2 Climate Action and Environment

- 5.2.1 To receive a presentation in respect of the preparation of a Climate Action Plan for County Meath pursuant to the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021.

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5.3 Finance

- 5.3.1 To approve the raising of a 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.

5.4 Community

- 5.4.1 To consider Arts Grants, Bursaries & Awards Spring 2023 recommendations.

5.5 Planning

- 5.5.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 37E(4) of the Planning and Development Acts, in relation to a Strategic Infrastructure Development application made to An Bord Pleanála, reference ABP-316212-23, for proposed development of 26 wind turbines and associated works at the Ballivor Bog Group, County Meath and County Westmeath.

- 5.5.2 To receive a presentation from EirGrid on the North South Interconnector.

Presentation by: Mr. Michael McMahon, Chief Infrastructure Officer
Ms. Sinead Dooley, Head of Public Engagement

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 Minister Jack Chambers TD., Minister of State for Transport in response to Notice of Motion 10.3 adopted at the April 2023 meeting of the full Council re. request to direct Dublin Airport Authority to implement Noise Abatement Departure Protocol One (NADP1) as standard procedure at Dublin Airport.

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- 7.2 Correspondence from TII re. M1 PPP – Road Lighting Mary McAleese Boyne Valley Bridge.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“How many dog fouling fines were issued in 2022, how many were paid, and will Meath County Council consider the installation of dog toilets as done in Dublin city this year?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty

“To ask the Chief Executive to detail the total number of queries that Meath County Council have received from tenants seeking to avail of the cost-rental backstop and how many referrals have been made to the Housing Agency arising from these queries.”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“By Municipal District, how many designated Shared Spaces Zones are in County Meath?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“How many Croí Cónaithe vacant / derelict homes grant applications has Meath County received to date and how many grants have been paid out in full to date?”

In tabular format per municipal district.

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald

*“Further to motion adopted by the members of Meath County Council on 14th November 2022 and on subsequent advice of the Minister responsible for Planning Minister Burke
“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 line with the adopted said motion and in accordance with the Planning Guidelines issued on 1st July 2022 with particular reference to the de-zoning of services lands.”*

9.2 Submitted by the Kells MD Councillors

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“That Meath County Council apply for funding to the Minister of Transport to upgrade the Local Roads in County Meath”.

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“I call on Meath County Council to apply to the Minister for Transport for increased funding to restore local class 3 roads within the County and that this funding should be prioritised by need in accordance with the pavement condition surveys.”

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“I call on Meath County Council to request the executive of the Drogheda Implementation Board, to make a presentation to a full Meath County Council meeting on the findings and action points from their report.”

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Meath County Council utilises branding on solar-powered compacting litter bins to promote local authority projects, services and other appropriate initiatives.”

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“To call on Meath County Council to commit to working towards achieving Blue Flag status for Bettystown Beach, and Green Coast Awards for Mornington, Laytown and Gormanston Beaches for the 2024 Bathing Season.”

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty (Deferred from May Meeting)

“To write to 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.”

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10.2 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the Retained Fire Service now and for future generations.”

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10.5 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor

“That Meath Council request that the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure and reform as part of the Budget discussions, give consideration to reversing the pension levy on the value of pension assets applied during the financial crisis in 2013-2015.”

10.6 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“Meath County Council calls government and regulators (Competition and Consumer Protection Commission) - to ban the practice of dual/discriminatory pricing of goods, specifically by supermarkets by means of a membership system such as Rewards/Club cards. This coercive practice unfairly discriminates and effectively forces an additional condition on the sale of goods.”

10.7 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

“Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to amend planning legislation, as a matter of urgency, to condition for the commencement of large scale/multi-unit housing developments, within 12 months of the

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grant of planning permission by Local Authorities or An Bord Pleanála, in order to ensure the delivery of homes in Ireland.”

10.8 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

“That Meath County Council calls on the Government to ensure that women as a distinct sector of society are specifically acknowledged and referenced in all future legislation on issues relating to biological women and that words like mother, maternal, womanhood are never diluted, diminished or deleted from laws or regulations going forward.”

10.9 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín and Councillor Gillian Toole

“That Meath County Council calls on the government to create a fair, just and humane asylum application process that helps those in need and identifies those who falsely apply for asylum.”

10.10 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council ask that the Irish Government and the European Commission establish the first tobacco-free generation by 2030, by commencing the process to end the sale of tobacco and nicotine products to people born on or after January 1, 2010.”

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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