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Ordinary Meeting

3rd July 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 Annual meeting held on 12th June 2023.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 12th June 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, July 3rd)

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 0.0020 Ha of land at Gort na Glaise, Ferganstown, 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.

4.2 Disposal of 0.0006 Ha of land at Abbey Lane, Abbeylands, 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.

4.3 Disposal of 0.1147 Ha of land, by way of lease, at Bryanstown, Beamore Road, 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.

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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.1.1 To fill the casual vacancy (1 No.), in the Membership of Meath County Council, following the resignation of Councillor Aisling O'Neill (Ashbourne Municipal District), in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
- 5.1.2 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Joint Policing Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Aisling O'Neill.
- 5.1.3 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC following the resignation of Cllr. Aisling O'Neill.
- 5.1.4 To appoint a replacement Councillor to the Corporate Policy Group representing the Ratoath Municipal District.
- 5.1.5 To appoint a replacement Councillor to Meath Comhairle na nÓg following the resignation of Cllr. Mike Bray.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Carranstown Environmental Projects Grants Scheme 2022, as recommended by the Indaver Community Liaison Committee on 8th June 2023 and endorsed by the Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District Councillors on 15th June 2023.
- 5.2.2 To receive a presentation on the activity of the Drogheda Implementation Board in relation to recommendations on anti-social behaviour.

5.3 Planning

- 5.3.1 **To note the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to the provisions of Section 13(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) in response to the following notice of motion adopted at the June Council Meeting.**

"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

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“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.”

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

8 Notice of Question

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

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

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

“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.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“We call on Meath County Council to consider the principle, and where appropriate in Towns and Villages, to implement pedestrian first/protected junctions for all future junction design and upgrade works.”

10 General Interest Motions

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10.1 Submitted by Councillor Elaine McGinty (Deferred from May and June Council Meetings)

“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.”

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

“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.”

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

“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.”

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

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

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

“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.”

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10.6 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín and Councillor Gillian Toole (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

“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.”

10.7 Submitted by Councillor Noel French (Deferred from June Council Meeting)

“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.”

10.8 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 Mortgage to Rent (MTR) positive equity limit from €35,000 to €60,000.”

10.9 Submitted by the Fine Gael Councillors

“That Meath County Council recognises that Tara Mines is a significant employer in County Meath, both directly and indirectly, and it asks relevant Government ministers to work tirelessly to ensure that all employees are adequately supported and that Boliden is enabled to resume business in an appropriate and timely manner.”

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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