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Ordinary Meeting

4th September 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 July 2023.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

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 10.1852 Ha of land at Liscartan, 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. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.
- 4.2 Disposal of 0.0008 Ha of land at Mill Race, Castle Street, Ashbourne, 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 in question are subject to No Objection from the LDA.
- 4.3 Disposal of 0.2095 Ha of land at Macetown, 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. 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 agree revised dates for General Municipal Allocation Meetings and Preliminary and Statutory Budget meetings.

5.1.2 To receive an update from the Chair of Meath Women's Caucus.

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 To consider the report of the Chief Executive prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022

For the purpose of resolving as follows:

- a) Vary the basic rate and set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period as specified by the resolution, or
- b) Not vary the basic rate

5.2.2 To note the Half Year Financial Statement as at 30th June 2023.

5.3 Transportation

5.3.1 To approve Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (Housing Estates) County of Meath Bye-laws (No 1) 2023.

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 for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to Notices of Motion 10.2 and 10.3 adopted at the June 2023 meeting of the

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full Council re. Retained Fire Service.

- 7.2 Correspondence from Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to Notices of Motion 9.7 and 9.8 adopted at the February 2023 meeting of the full Council re. Domestic Waste Water Treatment System grant schemes.
- 7.3 Correspondence from Minister for Finance in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. reversing the pension levy.
- 7.4 Correspondence from Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. reversing the pension levy.
- 7.5 Correspondence from Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in response to Notice of Motion 10.9 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. Tara Mines.
- 7.6 Correspondence from Minister for Transport in response to Notice of Motion 10.2 adopted at the March 2023 meeting of the full Council re. 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).
- 7.7 Correspondence from Minister for Transport in response to Notice of Motion 10.4 adopted at the March 2023 meeting of the full Council re. amending legislation relating to Bus Lanes to allow the introduction of high-occupancy vehicle lanes - HOV Lanes (Bus and Carpooling lanes).
- 7.8 Correspondence from Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in response to Notice of Motion 10.3 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. call to ban the practice of dual/discriminatory pricing of goods, specifically by supermarkets by means of a membership system such as Rewards/Club cards.
- 7.9 Correspondence from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) in response to Notice of Motion 10.3 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. call to ban the practice of dual/discriminatory pricing of goods, specifically by supermarkets by means of a membership system such as Rewards/Club cards.
- 7.10 Correspondence from Minister for Health in response to Notice of Motion 10.7 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. establishment of first tobacco-free generation by 2030.
- 7.11 Correspondence from Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform in response to Notice of Motion 10.1 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council

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re. implementation of a radical public procurement strategy for food.

- 7.12 Correspondence from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Notification regarding candidate Special Protection Area – North-west Irish Sea cSPA 4236.
- 7.13 Circular Fin 06/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. 2024 Budget meeting and other budgetary matters.
- 7.14 LG 04/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Maternity/Family Supports for Elected Members – Administrative Support Allowance. Local Government Act 2001 (Section 142) (Allowance for Maternity-Related Administrative Support) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 404 of 2023).

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“How much is owed to Meath County Council in rent arrears for its residential properties in tabular format per year, for the last three years?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

“Can I ask for an up to date progress report on the Boyne Greenway?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

“In respect of the provisions of the Councils Parks Bye Laws 2014 relating to restricted breeds of dog and no dogs allowed, how many inspections have taken place in parks and playgrounds under the Councils control and how many enforcement proceedings have been initiated in 2023 under these bye-laws?”

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

“How long does it take the Council to assess and then to accommodate homeless people after they first make contact?”

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8.5 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

"Can we have an update on the HVO trial please?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To call on Meath County Council to install the Tier Nextbike rental scheme on the Boyne to Lakelands Greenway without delay."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

"That Meath County Council, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works and any other relevant agencies, investigate and find solutions to areas that are at high risk to flooding within the County and that priority is given to areas where residents are at risk of flooding".

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

"I am calling on Meath County Council to assess and accommodate homeless people within 48 hours of them first making contact."

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín and Councillor Gillian Toole (Deferred from June and July Council Meetings)

"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."

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to write to Darragh O'Brien TD - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request his department to extend the First Home Scheme for self-build one off rural homes."

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10.3 Submitted by Councillor Tom Behan

“That Meath County Council support the reintroduction of the 9% Vat rate for food related businesses and that they write to the Minister for finance calling on him to extend the 9% vat rate to the end of 2024.”

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council call on the Minister for Finance to reintroduce the 9% vat rate for food related hospitality businesses.”

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

“That Meath County Council write to Dara O'Brien, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request that he increase the maximum grant payable for homes older than 12 months, under the Housing Adaptation Grant for people with disabilities from €30,000 to €40,000 and to increase the central funding of €83 million for Housing Adaptation Grants for people with a disability to €150 million in 2024.”

10.6 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

“To call on the Minister for Higher and Further Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris to reform the method by which SOLAS currently allocate college placements to apprentices, and to introduce a system that will ensure greater flexibility for apprentices when offered a placement that may not suit their needs.”

10.7 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien to resolve the issue caused whereby some financial institutions are refusing to approve mortgages to applicants for properties where there is a 2nd charge on the property.”

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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