

## Clár / Meeting Agenda

### Ordinary Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 <b>camera</b></p>	<p>Ensure your <b>microphone</b> is on mute</p>	<p>Use the '<b>Hand Function</b>' 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 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, October 2)

## **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 0.0202Ha of land at Derrypatrick, Grange, Kiltale, 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 0.0008Ha of land at Town Parks, Kildalkey Road, Athboy, 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.
- 4.3 Disposal of 0.075Ha of land at Folistown, Dunboyne, 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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- 4.4 Disposal of 0.4411Ha of land at Lismullin, 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.
- 4.5 Disposal of 0.336Ha of land at Jamestown, Ratoath, 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.
- 4.6 Disposal of 0.011Ha of land at Kennastown Td, (Cannistown), 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.
- 4.7 Disposal of 0.25Ha of land by way of licence at Moatlands, Abbeyland South, 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.
- 4.8 Disposal of 0.2121Ha of land at Clondoogan, Summerhill, 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.

## **5 Statutory Business**

### **5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance**

- 5.1.1 To approve Training and Development Programme for Councillors.
- 5.1.2 To approve amendments to Meath County Council Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Council.
- 5.1.3 To nominate and approve new member of Boyne Valley Tourism, following the resignation of Councillor Edward Fennessy.

### **5.2 Finance**

- 5.2.1 To consider the 3 Year Capital Programme 2024 - 2026, under S.135 of the Local Government Act 2001.

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### **5.3 Community**

5.3.1 To approve the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029.

5.3.2 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Knockharley Environmental Community Projects Scheme, as recommended by the Knockharley Community Liaison Committee and endorsed by the Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **5.4 Planning**

5.4.1 Update on Forward Planning Work Programme 2023/2024.

## **6 Reports**

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

## **7 Correspondence**

7.1 Correspondence from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the June 2023 meeting of the full Council re. variation of the Meath County Development Plan.

7.2 Correspondence from Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to Notice of Motion 10.8 adopted at the July 2023 meeting of the full Council re. request to increase Meath's Mortgage to Rent (MTR) positive equity limit from €35,000 to €60,000.

7.3 Correspondence from Minister for Transport in response to Notices of Motion 9.2 and 9.3 adopted at the June 2023 meeting of the full Council re. funding for Local Roads in County Meath.

7.4 LG 05/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Local Government Act 2001 (Section 142) (Security Allowance for Local Authority Members) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 449 of 2023).

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### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

*“To ask Meath County Council to provide the number of local authority houses that have been returned to use in each Municipal District in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 as part of the Void Programme funding allocated to the Council by the Minister for Housing, Darragh O’Brien TD?”*

#### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

*“The number of concrete footpaths that had one or more road opening licences granted in the period 2018-2023 and the number of these openings that required a concrete reinstatement?”*

#### 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

*“Has Meath County Council given consideration to implementing a campus wide ban, to include all local authority offices, of single-use plastics such as cotton bud sticks, cutlery, plates, stirrers, chopsticks, straws, expanded polystyrene single-use food and beverage containers, and all oxo-degradable plastic products in compliance with the Single Use Plastics Directive of the European Union?”*

#### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

*“What is the average time to re-let social houses which become vacant?”*

### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

*“That all references to “developer-led” commentary in Meath County Council plans, policies and objectives be amended to include the wording “developer-led whilst prioritising the common good.”*

#### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

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*“That Meath County Council host an open house to include Information seminars that would educate the public about the different housing options available to them.”*

### **10 General Interest Motions**

#### **10.1 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor**

*“That Meath County Council requests that the Minister for Finance and the Minister for public Expenditure and Reform as part of the Budget discussions give consideration to index linking the capital acquisition tax thresholds to the rising costs of house prices.”*

#### **10.2 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer**

*“That Meath County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD, to request that, due to a shortage in availability of GPs, that he amends the requirements of the HMD – Form 1 so that one healthcare professional can complete the form instead of the current arrangement that requires completion by two healthcare professionals.”*

#### **10.3 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“That Meath County Council calls on Bus Éireann and the Dept of Education to provide a school bus place to all primary and secondary school students in Meath who need them.”*

### **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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