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Ordinary Meeting

2nd October 2023 @ 1.30p.m.

Buvinda House, Navan (and online via zoom)

Presiding

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tommy Reilly

Councillors Present:

Councillors Tom Behan, Joseph Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Sean Drew, Eddie Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Helen Meyer, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Amanda Smith, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Noel French, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Suzanne Jamal, Sarah Reilly, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Conor Tormey.

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Fiona Lawless

Directors of Service: Des Foley, Barry Lynch, Dara McGowan

A/Head of Finance: Sheila Harkin

Senior Engineer: Nicholas Whyatt

Meetings Administrator: Elaine Daly

Apologies:

Martin Murray, Director of Services

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tommy Reilly paid tribute to the late Councillor Damien O'Reilly RIP. He noted that Councillor O'Reilly was a valued friend, colleague and a committed public servant. The Chief Executive noted that Councillor O'Reilly was a highly respected and valued member of Meath County Council and he provided an outstanding service to the people of County Meath. Tributes were paid to Councillor O'Reilly by **Councillors Aisling Dempsey; Joe Fox; Eugene Cassidy; Sharon Tolan; Padraig Fitzsimons; Brian Fitzgerald; Nick Killian; Gerry O'Connor; Ronan Moore; Maria Murphy; Conor Tormey; Yemi Adenuga; Eddie Fennessy; Wayne Harding; Alan Tobin; Mike Bray; Tom Behan; Elaine McGinty; Alan Lawes; Sarah Reilly; David Gilroy; Noel French; Suzanne Jamal; Paddy Meade; Sean Drew; Niamh Souhan and Paul McCabe.** Condolences were offered to Councillor O'Reilly's fiancée Lisa, daughter Carly, step-son Kyle, mother Phil and extended family, friends and colleagues.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes.

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1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 4th September 2023.

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 4th September 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Maria Murphy acknowledged Meath County Council's efforts in resolving the issue in relation to mortgage refusals for properties which would incur a 2nd charge, and she queried whether any response had been received from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien TD.

Councillor Gillian Toole requested further reports in relation to school wardens at schools in the Ratoath MD.

Councillor Helen Meyer queried whether correspondence had issued to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to the candidate Special Protection Area – North-west Irish Sea cSPA 4236.

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Nicholas Whyatt and Mr. Dara McGowan.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

3.1 Expressions of Sympathy were extended to:

The family and friends of the late Cllr Damien O'Reilly.

Frank (Sam) Kenny, Water Services Section (M&E Maintenance Unit Farganstown) on the death of his brother, John Kenny.

Charles Duff, GO, Laytown/Bettystown MD and Charlie Duff, Former GSS, Kells Area on the death of their brother/son, James Duff recently retired GSS, Kells MD.

Carol O'Hare, Housing and Stephen O'Hare, Motor Tax on the death of their father/father-in-law, Patrick (Patsy) McKenna.

Aaron Smith and Tommy Smith, Transportation (Kells MD) on the death of their father, Thomas (Tommy) Smith.

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The family and friends of the late Robin Kane, Emmet Terrace, Navan, Co. Meath.

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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 17, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 17, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 24, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 29, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**.

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- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 24, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 17, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 22, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**.

- 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.

The disposal, in accordance with the statutory notice issued on August 17, 2023, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.1.1 To approve Training and Development Programme for Councillors.

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The Training and Development Programme for Councillors was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

- 5.1.2 To approve amendments to Meath County Council Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Council.

Ms. Elaine Daly briefly outlined the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders and it was noted that they had been approved by the Protocol Committee and the CPG. There were queries from **Councillors Helen Meyer, Joe Bonner, Gillian Toole, Paddy Meade** and **Brian Fitzgerald** regarding the protocol for AGM and Budget meetings and responses to Notices of Question. Responses to queries raised were provided by Ms. Elaine Daly.

On the proposal of **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** the amendments to the Meath County Council Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Council were approved.

- 5.1.3 To nominate and approve new member of Boyne Valley Tourism, following the resignation of Councillor Edward Fennessy.

As proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and agreed, **Councillor Helen Meyer** was appointed to Boyne Valley Tourism.

5.2 Finance

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

In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Acting Head of Finance presented the Capital Investment Programme 2024 – 2026 to the Elected Members. She noted that the capital investment programme gave priority to capital works on Meath County Council assets, projects of strategic importance, projects where external funding sources can be leveraged and projects that provide for job creation. She further outlined the salient points in relation to the proposed overall spend of almost €847m, which included inter alia provisions for Housing and Building, Economic Development and Climate Change.

An Cathaoirleach Councillor Tommy Reilly left the meeting at 3.40pm and the **Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor Paul McCabe** presided in his absence.

A number of elected members spoke in response to the presentation. These included **Councillors Gerry O'Connor; Brian Fitzgerald; Alan Tobin; Joe Fox; Sean Drew; Nick Killian; Padraig Fitzsimons;**

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Michael Gallagher; Edward Fennessy; Joe Bonner; Yemi Adenuga; Gillian Toole; Mike Bray; Sharon Tolan; Alan Lawes; Maria Murphy; Helen Meyer; Eugene Cassidy; Emer Toibin and Stephen McKee.

The elected members welcomed the ambitious capital programme and thanked the Head of Finance and the Finance Staff for their diligence in the preparation of the programme. Responses to queries raised were provided by Ms. Sheila Harkin, Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Nicholas Whyatt, Mr. Dara McGowan, Mr. Des Foley and the Chief Executive.

An Cathaoirleach Councillor Tommy Reilly returned to the meeting at 4.40pm and presided over the meeting.

5.3 Community

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

Ms. Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Officer, Community Section introduced the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029. She noted that the Plan sets out the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development of local and community development of the County over the next 6 years. She further noted that the draft Plan was presented at each of the Municipal District Meetings during June and July at which consistency with the County Development Plan was confirmed. The economic element of the LECP was approved by the SPC for Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs on July 6, 2023. The community element of the LECP was approved by the LCDC at their July meeting on July 28, 2023.

Councillor Gillian Toole requested that the Members be provided with a hard copy of the Plan. Ms. Fiona Fallon agreed to arrange same.

On the proposal of **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**, the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029 was approved.

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 5th September 2023.

On the proposal of **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**, the allocation under the Knockharley Environmental Community Projects Scheme was approved.

5.4 Planning

5.4.1 Update on Forward Planning Work Programme 2023/2024.

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Mr. Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner, noted that there were several matters which had impacted the work programme of the Forward Planning Section. These included the introduction of Development Plan Guidelines, Residential Zoned Land Tax Guidelines, Draft Sustainable and Compact Settlement Guidelines, Local Area Plans, as well as the impact due to the judicial reviews of the County Development Plan and the upcoming Supreme Court cases. In addition, he outlined some of the provisions of the Land Value Sharing & Urban Development Zone Bill and the Draft Planning Bill. Mr. Russell further noted that the 2-year progress report on the County Development Plan would be presented to the Elected Members at the December Council Meeting.

There were interventions and queries from **Councillors Nick Killian; Sharon Tolan; Maria Murphy; Brian Fitzgerald; Alan Tobin; Gillian Toole; Joe Fox; Sean Drew; Michael Gallagher; Padraig Fitzsimons** and **An Cathaoirleach**. Queries included the provisions of the Land Value Sharing Contribution, Transport Oriented Development Sites, Serviced Sites Initiative and staffing levels in the Planning Section. It was proposed that a special meeting of the Council should take place to discuss the implications of the Draft Planning Bill once the Bill was published.

Responses to queries raised were provided by Mr. Des Foley, Mr. Padraig Maguire, Senior Planner and Mr. Alan Russell.

On a proposal from Councillor Alan Lawes and seconded by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons it was agreed to take a 15-minute extension to 6.15pm.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's Report was noted by the Elected Members.

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Meetings Administrator reported that The CPG met on Friday September 29, to review the draft agenda and the practical arrangements for this afternoon's Council Meeting.

It was noted that the Chief Executive hosted an introductory meeting with the proposed members of the Meath Economic Development Forum last Thursday 28th September. The CPG approved the membership of the Economic Development Forum and details will be circulated to the Elected Members. The CPG also approved the terms of reference for the Forum.

7 Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in

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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.

The correspondence was noted by the Elected Members.

- 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.

The correspondence was noted by the Elected Members.

- 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.

The correspondence was noted by the Elected Members.

- 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).

The correspondence was noted by the Elected Members.

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?”

Response

The table below shows 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.

MD Area	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
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Navan	32	26	20	12	90
Kells	17	18	13	3	51
Trim	17	15	7	13	52
Ashbourne	1	3	0	1	5
Laytown	8	10	6	2	26
Ratoath	15	11	5	5	36
Total	90	83	51	36	260

Properties that have been subject to a claim to the department within the past 10 years are ineligible for Void Programme funding so would not be part of these figures. 17 voids which were completed in 2022, and 22 voids completed to date in 2023 were not eligible for Void Programme funding.

Noted by the Elected Members.

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?”

Response

In some instances there can be multiple openings on public road infrastructure over varying periods of time, the successful coordination and management of these licences to minimise the number of openings and the subsequent reinstatement, with like for like materials, can be a significant challenge as different utility service providers are often constrained by their own individual timelines for delivery of services, e.g., a new connection to a customer.

Meath County Council and the wider Local Government sector, together with Statutory Utility companies, in conjunction with the Road Management Office have identified a number of objectives to examine new technologies, better communications and a protocols for sharing of information on future work programmes between road authorities and utility providers, with a view to reducing the need for several reinstatements on sections of infrastructure the level of embodied carbon emissions.

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When the Council are planning new public realm works in town centres, consultation takes place with utility companies with regard to existing and future services to minimise the extent excavations required by service providers on newly built infrastructure.

Noted by the Elected Members.

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?”

Response

The EU aims to reduce the volume and impact of specific plastic products on the environment through Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment, commonly referred to as the Single Use Plastics Directive. The Directive has been transposed into Irish law through S.I. No 516 of 2021, as amended by S.I. No. 136 of 2022. From July 3, 2021 the items listed above are banned from being placed on the Irish market. The Council has introduced a phasing out of single use plastics across our services.

The Council is currently engaged in extensive public consultation and stakeholder engagement in the preparation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 which will further outline the Council’s commitment to not only lead by example but also to work alongside communities and businesses to drive the change necessary to address climate change.

Noted by the Elected Members.

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

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

Response

Meath County Council reports annually for the NOAC Performance indicators on time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date when the dwelling is re-tenanted.

For the 2022 NOAC Performance indicators, Meath County Council reported the time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date when the dwelling was re-

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tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2022 as being 30.86 weeks. This compares favourably to the 2021 Return which recorded a re-let time of 39.34 weeks and the 2020 return of 31.4 weeks.

The Housing Department are continuously examining processes to achieve further reductions in re-let times.

Noted by the Elected Members.

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”.

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The use of alternative wording in Meath County Council plans, policies and objectives requires careful consideration. Wording in a Development Plan is selected for a reason and changing the wording throughout a plan can change the context and meaning in terms of the narrative, policy or objective. The developer led reference is a clear instruction to the developer of land, and the public, that they must ‘factor in’ and take the lead in terms of delivering specific pieces of infrastructure or amenity where the council are unlikely to/not able to deliver it on their own.

All “developer led” schemes are progressed in consultation with the Planning Authority and therefore, as when considering all proposed development within the county, the common good is a constant priority.

Councillor Gillian Toole agreed to defer this motion to the November Council meeting.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

“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.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

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A new national campaign has been launched by Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to promote and provide information on the different schemes available to assist people looking to rent or buy a house.

The campaign called “Opening Doors to your New Home” includes information on:

- Help to Buy Scheme
- First Home Scheme
- Local Authority Home Loan Scheme
- Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant
- Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme
- Cost Rental Homes
- Social Housing Supports
- Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

Full details of Opening Doors to your New Home are available on gov.ie - [Doors Open \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie). Meath County Council are supporting this national campaign through its social medial channels.

Members are asked to share this information on their own social media platforms and networks.

The Council will also extensively advertise and promote schemes within Meath. For example, the application portal for a new scheme of 26 affordable houses in Baker Hall, Navan will be open from the 27th of September 2023 to the 19th of October 2023. This was initially advertised in local print media and on the Council’s social channel from 5th September. Information on the scheme is available on [Affordable Housing | Meath.ie](#) and this will be further promoted ahead of the portal opening. The Council also advertises on a weekly basis that properties are available under Choice Based Lettings for social housing applicants.

Members are again asked to share this information on their own social media platforms and networks.

Further information on the housing options available for people including adaptation grants for private home owners and information for landlords is also available on Meath County Council’s website [Housing | Meath.ie](#).

Members of the public who may have further queries on the housing options available to them are advised to contact the Council’s Customer Service team. [Contact Us - Office Locations and Contact Details | Meath.ie](#)

Councillor Helen Meyer introduced the motion. She noted that she had recently attended an event in Fingal which was a huge success.

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The motion proposed by **Councillor Helen Meyer** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** was agreed.

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.”

The Meetings Administrator noted that she had received notification in writing from **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, authorising **Councillor Joe Fox** to propose the motion in accordance with Item 18.3 of the Standing Orders.

Councillor Joe Fox introduced the motion and he noted that the thresholds should be reduced taking cognisance of increased house prices since the downfall in the economy in 2012.

The motion proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** was agreed.

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.”

The motion proposed by **Councillor Helen Meyer** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** was agreed.

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.”

The Meetings Administrator advised the Elected Members that as **Councillor Emer Tóibín** was not present at the meeting, nor had written notification been received authorising another member to propose the motion, then the motion is dropped in accordance with Item 18.3 of the Standing Orders.

11 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

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11.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation

Noted by the Elected Members.

11.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment

Noted by the Elected Members.

11.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing

Noted by the Elected Members.

11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

Noted by the Elected Members.

12 Any Other Business

Councillor Gillian Toole requested an update on the hostel for Meath.

Councillor Toole also queried what planning enforcement powers Meath County Council had in relation to the Planning Conditions applied to Dublin Airport Authority by Fingal County Council. There were interventions of support from **Councillors Joe Bonner; Paddy Meade and Helen Meyer**. A response was provided by Mr. Des Foley.

Councillor Alan Lawes noted that he had submitted several pieces of correspondence to the Council and he had not yet received a response. It was agreed that the matter would be reviewed, and a response would issue to Councillor Lawes.

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm