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Ordinary Meeting

6th November 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 2nd October 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, November 6)

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 0.1212 Ha of land at Donacarney Little, Garra Road, Mornington, 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 0.1812 Ha of land at Manorland (2nd Division) and Townparks South, Trim, 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 0.5661 Ha of land, by way of lease, at Nobber, 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 Climate Action and Environment

5.1.1 To receive a presentation on the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 To receive the Chief Executive's report on submissions received following publication of the Draft Meath Development Contribution Scheme 2024 – 2029.

5.2.2 To make a resolution to proceed with Variation 1 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.

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 Justice, Ms. Helen McEntee T.D. in response to Notice of Motion 10.1 adopted at the September 2023 meeting of the full Council re. Ireland's international protection system.

"The Meath County Council calls on the Government to review, with a view to improving, the current asylum application process in order to better deal with asylum applicants in Ireland."

7.2 LG 06-2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Increase to elected member annual remuneration on 1 October 2023.

7.3 Circular Letter: NRUP 02/2023 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Residential Zoned Land Tax: Publication of a Final Map.

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8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the financial cost to this Local Authority to deal with the scourge of illegal dumping, fly tipping and the illegal disposal of hazardous material and for each year since 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"To ask Meath County Council for a breakdown, in tabular format, of all social housing units, whether Local Authority or Approved Housing Body, in all housing estates in Meath, per Municipal District?"

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"How many people require one bed housing units at present and how many one bed units were provided in the last 5 years?"

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"To ask Meath County Council how many houses are currently vacant in Meath and what are the main delays or obstacles to the efficient and timely turnaround of council housing, as current statistics indicate that nationally the average time to re-let council houses has increased steadily since 2018 averaging at almost eight months."

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"How does Meath County Council decide where to put public rubbish bins in Meath?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole (deferred from October 2023 meeting)

"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".



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9.2 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons

"In an effort to promote County Meath and help to bring more tourism to our county, I propose the motion to discuss the possibility of naming the greenway from Navan to Kingscourt as The Columban Way. This is an established European pilgrimage route known in Europe as 'Via Columbani' and has a strong connection with County Meath through the Columban Fathers and our twinned town of Bobbio in Italy."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

"To request that the Executive of this local authority engage at a senior level with the various utility companies regarding the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of chamber covers and manhole covers on public footpaths and roads that are damaged and pose a risk to the public and that a streamlined reporting system be developed."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"To showcase Meath's unique heritage and artistic talent, that Meath County Council considers introducing a project similar to Dublin Canvas and establishing an art co-op to oversee the project."

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"To call on the Government to establish a National Flood Support Fund, for all homeowners affected by flooding not covered by insurance."

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan

"To call on the Minister for Education Norma Foley, to review the DEIS identification model as a matter of urgency, to ensure that all pupils who qualify for, have access to vital DEIS supports."

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

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“For Meath County Council to write to and ask Minister Ryan to support small & medium sized passenger transport businesses (private operators) to enable them to compete fairly with Transport for Ireland services that are subsidised to reduce fares by up to 20%.”

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

“The HSE currently offers chiropody services to those who meet specific criteria and to those who reside in certain counties. Meath County Council calls on the HSE to provide chiropody services to all who are eligible, in every county.”

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“That Meath County Council calls on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to implement traffic management on motorways and arterial routes (M1, M2, N2, N3 and N4), in particular at points of congestion, as these areas pose a higher risk for road users.”

10.6 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council writes to Eirgrid and Minister Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport outlining our opposition to the construction of the over ground North South Interconnector.”

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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