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Ordinary Meeting

4th March 2024 @ 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 29th January 2024.

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, March 4)

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 Plot A, 0.1990Ha of land, at Eamonn Duggan Industrial Park, Athboy Road, Trim, Co. Meath and Plot B, 0.2307Ha of land, at Eamonn Duggan Industrial Park, Athboy Road, 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.
- 4.2 Disposal of 0.0039Ha of land at Manorland (1st Division), 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.

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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Community

- 5.1.1 To receive a presentation from Meath Comhairle na nÓg.
- 5.1.2 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Swainstown Grants Scheme as recommended by the Skane Valley Community Council at their meetings in September 2023 and endorsed by the Ratoath Municipal District Councillors on 7th February 2024.
- 5.1.3 To receive and note the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2023.
- 5.1.4 To receive and note the Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2023.
- 5.1.5 To approve replacement members of the Meath LCDC & LAG from the Community & Voluntary Pillar of the Public Participation Network.

5.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.2.1 Update on Activities of Meath Women's Caucus, Chair of Meath Women's Caucus, Councillor Maria Murphy.
- 5.2.2 To nominate and approve new member of the Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB), following the resignation of Councillor Amanda Smith.

5.3 Housing

- 5.3.1 To adopt the Mid-East Region Homeless Action Plan.

6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee



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7 Correspondence

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Paul McCabe

"To ask Meath County Council what plans do they have to install CCTV cameras, and use other technology to combat illegal dumping and flytipping now that the regulations governing their use have been signed?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

"In the full council meeting of February 2021, in response to the 'Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes', Meath County Council agreed to support 'local measures that form part of the suite of follow-up actions, for example, in relation to memorialisation and access to archives and records'. Could the Executive give an update as to whether any actions in relation to this have been undertaken since then or are currently planned?"

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"Does the Meath Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations 2024 include increased funding for CIS projects? If not, why is it not included?"

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

"Can we have a progress report on the upgrade of public lighting to LED?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Executive to authorise a review of the Commemoration Policy with a view to revising section 4 (b), for the purpose of changing the time period permissible that allows for a commemoration to take place, from 20 years to 10 years."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

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“That Meath County Council establishes a ‘Walk of Fame’ to commemorate the Meath stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and other celebrated Meath people from the performing and creative arts.”

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“I call on Meath County Council to increase the number of ‘free day’ initiatives for residential customers using Recycling Centres which are very successful, to facilitate a greater use of the Recycling Centres.”

10 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox

“That Meath County Council supports the Government's extension of the Help to Buy Scheme to the end of 2025 and calls for the Scheme to be extended to the end of 2026 to introduce certainty for prospective buyers or those seeking to build their first home.”

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Education to release the findings of the School Transport Scheme review immediately.”

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council call on the Minister for Equality, Children, Disability Integration and Youth to refrain from using the D Hotel in Drogheda as an accommodation centre for asylum seekers.”

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to amend the Control of Dogs Act 1986, to state that all dogs must be on a leash when out in public, unless the dog is at an official off-leash dog park.”

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

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“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to implement legislation that requires building owners/management companies to maintain and paint the outside and common areas of their building, after a set period of time, such as ten years, including fines for not complying with said legislation.”

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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