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Ordinary Meeting

2nd September 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.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2024

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

4.0 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 0.168Ha of property at Ardsallagh, Navan, County 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 0.074Ha of land (Plot A) and 0.036Ha of Land (Plot B) for Land Rectification to Boundary at Finlaghtown, Ardbrackan, Kilmessan, 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 0.0285Ha of land at Salford, Moynalty, 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.

5.0 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.1.1 To Approve Meath County Council Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 - 2029



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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 2024

5.3 Arts and Culture

- 5.3.1 To approve Meath Culture Night Events Grants 2024

6.0 Reports

- 6.1 Management Report
- 6.2 Report from Corporate Policy Group

7.0 Correspondence

8.0 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Eddie Fennessey

"To ask the Executive for confirmation that a review of the council's Commemoration Policy commenced in May and that as per the direction from this council, a reduction in the 20 year rule to 10 years will form part of that review?"

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"With reference to new speed limits to be introduced nationally, what is the traffic management plan for Meath County Council pertaining to calming measures/road safety outside schools in the county?"

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

"What is the update on the proposed Boyne Greenway?"



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8.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"Can I get a detailed explanation of how the councils can carry out a compulsory purchase order and can this process include the purchase of land for parkland, amenities or pitches?"

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"The portal has been a welcome support for councillors. However, reps are frequently marked as completed when they are not. Could the council add an additional function to the software where the councillor has to sign off to say the representation has been completed to their satisfaction? "

9.0 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

"This council recommends that priority of public funding for reconstruction/improvement works on local roads and lanes is allocated to the Community Involvement Scheme (Public Roads) rather than the Local Improvement Scheme (Private Roads)."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Linda Nelson Murray

"We call on the Environment Section of Meath County Council to launch a 'bin your sticker' campaign, similar to the recent 'bin your gum' campaign, to prevent the unsightly placement of white stickers from vapes on litter bins, walls, and poles."

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Linda Nelson Murray

"That Meath County Council identifies civic buildings within its ownership where 'Changing Places Toilets' can be installed. A Changing Places Toilet is an accessible sanitary facility with a toilet, hoist, washbasin, adult-sized changing bench and optional shower, with adequate space for use by persons with a range of disabilities and who may require assistance."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"I call on Meath County Council to provide a direct telephone line for Councillors, to the Housing Dept. and to ensure that calls are answered in a timely manner."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Helen Meyer

"To ask the Housing Department to review the procedures when undertaking a Housing Needs Assessment to ensure that every effort is made to contact the housing applicant before removing them from the Housing List."

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9.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Harding

"I call on Meath County Council to increase the number of locations with bathing water status in County Meath."

10.0 General Interest Motions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessey

"We call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage calling for the establishment of a State/Council Owned Construction Company as a Pilot scheme based in County Meath for the delivery of social housing. This state owned company would also seek to deliver cost rental and affordable homes."

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessey

"That this Council, recalling its unanimous passing of a motion in January 2024 endorsing the Amnesty International report entitled 'Israel's Apartheid Against Palestinians: A Cruel System of Domination and a Crime Against Humanity' (2022) and noting the recognition by the Irish Government of the State of Palestine on 28th May, call on the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to review its procurement policies for goods and services and not engage with Israeli goods and services nor with those companies/agencies doing business in the Occupied Palestinian Territories".

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

"Meath County Council calls on the County Registrar to review current polling stations to ensure that each one provides a wheelchair-accessible polling booth."

10.4 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage to carry out a structural condition audit, on a county-by-county basis, of all privately- owned thatched cottages with preservation orders. The purpose of this audit is to establish a sustainable grant system that will ensure the preservation of these cottages for future generations."

10.5 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin

"That Meath County Council writes to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Consulate of China asking them to raise our call for the immediate release of women's rights activist #MeToo journalist Sophia Huang Xueqin and labour rights activist Wang Jianbing."

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11.0 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

12.0 Any Other Business

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