



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC

#### 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Buvinda House and Hybrid

**Attendees - Councillors:** Cllrs. Stephen McKee (presided), Brian Fitzgerald, Helen Meyer (online), Alan Tobin (online), Joe Fox (online) Tommy Reilly, Elaine McGinty (online), Sarah Reilly (online),

**Apologies:** None

**Attendees - Sectoral Representatives:** Gary Plunkett, Michael Wall (Online), Sean Boyle, Fergal Hennessy

**Officials:** Des Foley, Majella Farrell, Pdraig Maguire, Alan Russell, Alison Condra, Loreto Guinan, Michelle Goodwin, Mary Mc Carthy.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To adopt the minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Tommy Reilly and seconded by Cllr Brian Fitzgerald.</p>
2.	<p><b>To receive a presentation on compliance with the Ethical Framework for Non-Councillor Members of Committees</b></p> <p>Standing agenda item regarding Part 15 of the Local Government Act and in particular Sections 168, 169, 170 177(4) and 177.</p> <p>Majella Farrell highlighted to all present, that a member of a committee may be required to disclose a pecuniary or other beneficial interest at a meeting and the Committee Administrator should then advise a member of the appropriate course of action and record such a disclosure in the meeting minutes.</p>
3.	<p><b>To receive a presentation on the current Forward Planning Work Programme</b></p> <p>Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner gave a presentation on the progress made to date on Forward Planning and outlined some of the constraints faced by the section and proposed changes in the draft Planning Bill.</p> <p>The Two-Year Progress report on the County Development Plan will be presented at the December Council meeting. The work programme for the remainder of the year will include</p>

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	<p>the Settlement Capacity Audit for the county, preparation for Variation No. 1 of the CDP, Maynooth Joint Local Area Plan and monitoring of the Judicial Review cases and decisions.</p> <p>The 2024 Programme will feature: Proposed Variation No.2, the Drogheda Joint Urban Area Plan, Land Value Sharing, Core Strategy Review, progression of the Navan Local Area Plan and Commercial monitoring.</p> <p>Members of the committee acknowledged the large body of work that is happening in Forward Planning and raised some questions under the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Serviced Sites Initiative</li><li>• Core Strategy</li><li>• Land Value Sharing</li><li>• Urban Development Zones</li><li>• Rural Nodes</li><li>• RZLT</li></ul>
4.	<p><b>To receive an update on submissions on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme</b></p> <p>Majella Farrell updated the Committee on the public consultation on the draft contribution scheme which took place between 6/9/2023 and 18/10/2023.</p> <p>Four submissions were received and are being considered. The draft amendments will be brought forward to the November Council meeting. Once agreed with the Members, the new development contribution scheme will come into operation in January 2024.</p>
5.	<p><b>To receive an update on submissions on the Meath Heritage Strategic Plan 2023-2030 (Draft)</b></p> <p>Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer provided an update on the eight proposed amendments to the draft plan following submissions received. The draft plan will now proceed to environmental assessment.</p> <p>The Heritage Officer advised that the recent announcement regarding the development of the National Park at Dowth will be included in the plan.</p>
6.	<p><b>To receive an update on the Meath Economic Development Forum &amp; the ED Section</b></p> <p>Michelle Goodwin, Business Advisor informed the Committee of the launch of the Meath Economic Development Forum and the introductory meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Forum will operate as an advisory group and develop their collective ideas and build a business strategy for the County. From November, a promotional campaign promoting Meath will begin via social media platforms, press and editorial pieces. The ED team have been focussing on the promotion of strategic employment sites and the creation</p>



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	<p>of a brochure to inform discussions with the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, auctioneering firms, and potential investors/developers.</p> <p>Des Foley, Director of Services outlined that the County was not limiting itself to any particular employment sectors but was showcasing all the county had to offer in terms of skills, education, connectivity and resources.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>The following items were requested to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The remit of the European Affairs element of the Directorate</li><li>• Presentation on the Development Levies Waiver</li><li>• Presentation of the vision for Bremore Port</li></ul> <p>It was also agreed that the following items would be considered as Agenda items for meetings of the Committee in 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation on Solar and Wind Farming- pending Staff availability.</li><li>• Presentation on Community Funds and how they are managed.</li></ul> <p>The meeting concluded at 4.10pm approximately</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2.30pm.</p>
	<p><b><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group.</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agreed to proceed with presenting the Chief Executive report on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme to the Full Council in November</li><li>2. Agreed to make the necessary amendments to the Draft County Meath Strategic Heritage Plan on the basis of the submissions received during the public display, and to proceed with the environmental assessment of the plan</li></ol>