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8ú Bealtaine, 2024

**FÓGRA CRUINNITHE**

**Meeting of Wexford County Council  
On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 - 2.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,



**Micheál O Draoi**  
Runai

***Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams***



## County Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 – Agenda

### **1. Presentations –**

1.1 Officials from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications will present the recently published 'draft South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP)', which will identify a number of proposed areas for future offshore wind deployment off the south coast, including the proposed site for the State's next offshore wind auction. This draft South Coast DMAP will undergo a six-week statutory public engagement period with communities in counties Wexford, Waterford and Cork.

1.2 Presentation to Wexford County Council on SETU Campus Development

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

2.1 County Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

### **3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**

3.1 Intention to dispose of the property at Marley, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

3.2 Intention to transfer a portion of land at Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, Co. Wexford.

3.3 Intention to dispose of property at Arnestown, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

### **4. Draft Taking In Charge Policy – For Approval**

### **5. Revised Draft Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2027 – For Adoption**

### **6. Issuing of polling information cards in accordance with Section 27(8) of the Local Government Act, 2001**

### **7. Annual Report 2023**

### **8. Approval for delegation to travel to Moncoutant in France in July 2024**

### **9. Date of Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council**

### **10. Chief Executives Report**

**11. Annual Financial Statement 2023 and AFS Report**

**12. Borrowing Requirement**

**13. Minutes of CPG**

13.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

**14. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**

14.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

14.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024

14.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

14.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

14.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

14.6 Housing & Community SPC – 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

14.7 Planning & Building Control SPC – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

**15. Correspondence and Communications**

15.1 Letter from Louth County Council re motion dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

**16. Councillor's Conferences and Training**

16.1 Councillor's Conference Reports:

- London Wexford Association 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2024
- Dunkerque Delegation 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024
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**17. Deferred Notices of Motion – County Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

**17.1 Cllr. T. Forde**

"Wexford County Council will update its response to severe weather and the Adverse Weather Protocol to ensure that it becomes operational in the event of any cold, rain, or wind alert (yellow, orange or red) as they have the potential to put the health and well-being of rough sleepers and homeless people at risk."

## **17.2 Cllr. A. Connick**

“That Wexford County Council in conjunction with Kilkenny County Council write to Uisce Éireann to request the extension of the New Ross Main drainage scheme from Rosbercon out the Waterford Road (R723), for a distance of 1400m to serve the many business and commercial premises currently without such wastewater infrastructure. This will result in both economic and environmental gains and improvements. “

## **17.3 Cllr. J. Fleming**

“I am calling on Wexford County Council to erect speed feed back signs (and other safety measures where necessary ) to slow down traffic outside all our primary Schools in the County to help protect our children. “

## **17.4 Cllrs. A Bolger, A. Browne, D. Kenny, G. Laffan, B.A. Murphy, J. Sullivan, J. Fleming, L. McDonald, M. Sheehan, M. Whelan.**

“Following the decision by An Post to privatise the Post Office in New Ross, we call on the Ministers in the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to intervene to put a stop to this and to ensure there is no privatisation of any Post Office or downgrading of any Post Office services in County Wexford.”

## **17.5 Cllr. T. Forde**

"Wexford County Council recognises the need for many households to move away from heating systems that have a complete reliance on a fire fueled by coal and other fossil fuels and also recognises that it can be difficult for many older people and those with specific medical issues to transport and use coal and other fuels. Currently, households cannot avail of the 'Housing Aid for Older People Grant' to upgrade their existing heating system from one which relies on the use of an open fire. We ask that the Minister update the criteria for these grants, to allow households to qualify, if their existing heating system relies on a fossil fueled open fire so that they may upgrade their existing heating system."

## **18. Deferred Notices of Motion - County Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

### **18.1 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin**

“That this council acknowledges the vital role that our farmers play in society, and expresses our concern regarding the 'flight from the land' by many young farmers over recent decades. No farmers means no food!

That we further acknowledge the huge extra burdens being placed on our farmers at present. In an attempt to lessen this burden Wexford County Council will adopt the 'Farmers Charter' as outlined by the Wexford IFA.”

## **18.2 Cllr. G. Carthy**

“Cllr Ger Carthy calls on Wexford Co Council to sign up to the Wexford Farmers Charter and support the enough is enough campaign lead by Wexford IFA. “

## **18.3 Cllr. D. Hynes**

“In view of the system of Choice Based Letting that has been introduced since last year. There needs to be a review of how this new system allows councillors to make representations on behalf of constituents. “

## **18.4 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin**

“Wexford County Council acknowledges that speculators are taking advantage of the emergency planning legislation for IPAS accommodation, which allows them to bypass local planning procedures.

We further acknowledge that such a policy contributes to a democratic deficit in terms of information for local communities, and that this can be unhelpful.

In the interests of local democracy, and as an attempt to reduce tensions, we request that control be reverted to the local planning authority in these matters.

We ask that this be forwarded to other local authorities. “

## **19. Deferred Notices of Motion – County Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

### **19.1 Cllr. P. Barden**

“That Wexford County Council write to the HSE, requesting a copy of the HSE plans and timescale for the delivery of the Primary Care Centre in New Ross.”

### **19.2 Cllr. L. McDonald**

“We call upon the Department of Transport to examine and fund the necessary road improvements, speed control, lay-bys and other improvements required to improve road safety and reduce accident numbers on the Newline (aka Duncannon) line road. We call on the Department to fund the necessary safety measures and improvements through a Specific Improvement Grant “

## **20. Notices of Motion**

### **20.1 Cllr. M. Whelan**

“We are calling on The Minister for Tourism and The Minister for Housing to urgently engage with the providers of Short Term Lets and “Airbnbs” throughout Ireland that are providing much needed support and accommodation to enhance The Tourism Industry that is so vital to our economy. What’s needed is adequate consultation and clarification is put in place in order to allay the fears, anxiety and misinformation that is bringing huge uncertainty to the providers of accommodation in this sector. “

### **20.2 Cllrs. A. Bolger, A. Browne, D. Kenny, G. Laffan, B.A. Murphy, J. Sullivan, M. Sheehan**

As the last act of the current term, Council resolves the following motion:

“Recognising that society has changed, their demands have grown evermore complex presenting enormous strains, the Council stands squarely in support and expresses full confidence of An Garda Síochána. Furthermore, we call on the Minister for Justice to bring forward legislation to offer every support to the rank and file Garda to protect them in the discharge of their duties.”

### **20.3 Cllr. J. Moore**

“In light of the continuing and accelerating threats to the coastline of our County I propose that an engineering team, with appropriate support, be established to focus on our erosion / flood defences. The team's first priority is to assist with the delivery of works approved while developing a monitoring plan to inform a plan for the future protection measures.’

### **20.4 Cllr. D. Hynes**

“This council calls on the government to ensure this bill is passed into law it was introduced by Senator Francis Black titled ‘Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill’ into the Oireachtas in 2018 but, though passed in 2019, it has not been sent for approval to the president.

The Bill seeks to prohibit the import and sale of goods, services and natural resources originating in illegal settlements in occupied territories.”

### **20.5 Cllr. J. Hegarty**

“This Council would write to the Minister for Transport and Bus Eireann requesting that all bus routes of two hours or more in duration should be serviced with a bus that has a toilet onboard to facilitate parents with young children and older people who may require these facilities. “

## **21. Any Other Business**