

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 15th APRIL, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Councillors:- G. Lawlor, J. Moore, M. Roche, L. McDonald, T. Forde, T. Walsh

Apologies from Cllr. D. Hynes & Cllr. F. Staples for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Ken Jones, Executive Engineer.
- Mr Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer, Special Projects.
- Mr. Fintan Ryan, Executive Engineer, Special Projects.
- Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner.
- Ms. Noirin Cummins, Senior Staff Officer, Housing.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:-

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:

- Mr. John (Charlie) Mahoney, 22 Mannix Place, Wexford. R.I.P.
- Mr. Eamon Rossiter, 13 O'Connell Avenue, Wexford. R.I.P.
- Mr. Jason O' Leary, Shelmalier Commons, Barntown, Co. Wexford. R.I.P
- Mr. Liam Culleton, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford R.I.P.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:-

Wexford Educate Together NS on celebrating their 10th Anniversary.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th March, 2019 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde.

PRESENTATION BY MR. DON DAVERN, NETWORK BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, VIRGIN MEDIA BROADBAND

Mr. Don Davern, Virgin Media Business Development Manager, presented Members with an update on the delivery of the Virgin Media Broadband Network in Wexford Town.

Mr. Davern confirmed that the project is now 85% completed with a target completion date of Q2/2019.

Issues of concern to Members were addressed by Mr. Davern particularly in relation to pockets of the town not yet covered.

Members welcomed the roll out of the service in Wexford Town and thanked Mr. Davern for the presentation.

PRESENTATION BY SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM RE GREENWAYS PROJECTS

Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer, presented an update to Members on the current status of the following proposed Greenways.

- Rosslare to Waterford Greenway
- Curraclloe to Wexford Greenway
- Wexford to Rosslare Greenway.
- New Ross to Waterord /Kilkenny Greenway.

Questions raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Galvin.

Members thanked Mr. Galvin, Mr. Fintan Ryan and the Special Projects Team for the update and information on upcoming public information events.

APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 413 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AT CARCUR , WEXFORD

Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner, presented details of an application for a Strategic Housing Development at Park, Carcur, Wexford comprising 413 residential units, and creche facilities which has been submitted to An Bord Pleanala.

It was noted that the Chief Executive must submit his report on the development to An Bord Pleanala before 20th May, 219 and Members views/comments can be incorporated into the CE's report.

Questions raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Lavin

PROVISION OF NEW BUS SHELTERS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The attached report was presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, outlining proposals for the installation of bus shelters at various locations. It was noted that the locations were prioritised and agreed following consultation with the bus transport companies with most locations used by all service providers - Bus Eireann, Wexford Bus and Local Link.

Mr. Kavanagh advised that the shelters will be installed within a 6-8 week period and that further shelters are expected to be rolled out as part of a multi annual programme subject to available funding.

In reply to Cllr. J. Moore, Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that the funding model is a mix of Council's own resources coupled with private sponsorship/investment.

Members welcomed the provision of the bus shelters at the specified locations.

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2019

The attached report was presented by the District Manager and, following discussion, unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

REPORTS:

HOUSING

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

PLANNING

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner, and noted. The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Lavin.

- 2019 Structures at Risk funding and the need to enhance funding where buildings are in danger of significant deterioration or loss.
- Delays in relation to Taking in Charge of Pineridge Estate, Wexford Town and Grange Estate, Kilmore.

ENGINEERING

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, and noted.

Questions raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Kavanagh. The issues raised included the following:

- Update on 2019 plans for planting of roundabouts on the approach roads
- The need for a traffic management plan at Talbot Green to deal with traffic congestion and pedestrian safety caused by parking of school buses.
- Unacceptable delay with commencement of grass cutting in local authority housing estates.
- Plans with regard to the current one-way system at Common Quay Street/The Bullring.
- Ongoing problems with traffic speeding on Summerhill and the possibility of extending existing ramps across the width of the roadway.
- Progress in relation to the roundabout in Kilmore.
- Progress in relation to design proposals for Sinnotstown Lane Junction.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey, then departed the meeting and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G. Lawlor, assumed the Chair.

COMMUNITY

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Cllr. T. Walsh expressed concerns at the significant discomfort caused to local businesses, residents and members of the public by the use of loud hailers and amplifiers by buskers and street performers in the town centre.

The District Manger advised that some cities had adopted Bye Laws but, in the absence of a Bye Law to regulate the situation, the Local Authority had very limited powers to deal with the situation. Ms. Laffan suggested that the matter might be considered by the new Council after the local elections.

LIBRARIES /ARTS / ARCHIVES

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MOTIONS:

ELECTION POSTERS

The following joint motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Walsh in the joint names of Cllr. D. Hynes and Cllr. T. Walsh.

"We call on all councillors seeking re-election to support a ban on posters as has been called for by Wexford Tidy Towns, SE Radio Poll and the over 80 Irish towns reported so far. This council should on foot of this actively discourage all seeking election, for environment, Health and Safety and aesthetic reasons".

There being no seconder for the Motion no debate was allowed and the Deputy Mayor advised Cllr. Walsh that the motion falls.

SELECTION OF MAYOR.

As Cllr. D. Hynes was not present at the meeting the following Motion in the name of Cllr. Hynes, was deferred to the May meeting.

"I would ask all the councillors seeking re-election to support and give guidance in advance of the election to the District to give a preference in seeking Mayor's in the order of their election i.e. first elected, first Mayor etc. as opposed to a 'Mayoral Pact' "

RE-INSTALLATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE BEACH AT SEAVIEW, KILMORE.

As Cllr. G. Carthy was not present at the meeting the following Motion referred from the Special Meeting of Wexford County Council held on 11th March 2019, having been proposed by Cllr. Carthy, was deferred to the May meeting of Wexford Borough District.

"That Wexford County Council immediately re-installs the vehicular access to the beach at Seaview, Kilmore. This commitment was given to the local community and the emergency services in May of 2018 and to date has not been acted on"

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 20th May , 2019

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

