

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 20th MAY, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

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

Councillors:- G. Lawlor, G. Carthy, J. Moore, F. Staples, D. Hynes, M. Roche, L. McDonald, T. Forde, T. Walsh

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Service.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Mr Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment.
- Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner.
- Ms. Michele Bridges Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:-

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:

- Mr. Denis Collins, St. Brendan's, Waterloo Road, Wexford. R.I.P.
- Mr. Seamus Kirwan, Tuskamore Ave, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford. R.I.P.
- Mr. Jason O' Leary, Shelmalier Commons, Barntown, Co. Wexford. R.I.P.
- Mrs. Nancy Walsh, Bishopswater, Wexford. R.I.P.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:-

- Wexford Bohemians on winning the Wexford Cup Final.
- Edwina Tubritt Hynes on winning Best Restaurant Manager in the Leinster Final of the Irish Restaurant Awards.
- All Blacks on winning the Billy Browne Cup Final.
- Mayglass School on winning the 5 a side Leinster Final.
- All Wexford Musical Groups, including Wexford Light Opera Society and Oyster Lane Theatre Group, on their achievements in the Irish Music Awards.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th April 2019 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

PROVISION OF COLUMBARIUM WALL AT CROSTOWN CEMETERY

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by the District Manager, and following discussion the report and recommendations were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes.

ENVIRONMENT UPDATE – MR. GERRY FORDE, SENIOR ENGINEER, ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment, presented Members with an update on environmental matters including Rosslare Coastal Erosion, Flood Risk Management findings, Lady's Island Lake, Kilmore Quay and illegal dumping.

Mr. Forde also updated Members on the proposed development of pontoons at Crescent Quay and Ferrycarrig, Water, Air and Noise monitoring and on Waste Management and enforcement.

Questions raised by Members were then addressed by Mr. Forde.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey thanked Mr. Forde for the presentation.

REPORTS:

HOUSING

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. Questions raised by Members were addressed by Ms. Michele Bridges Carley, Administrative Officer, Housing.

PLANNING

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

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:

- Poor service provided by grass cutting contractor in local authority housing estates.
- The roll out of pollinators, wild flower gardens and urban allotments to support the new policies around pollination.
- The use of Roundup by Council employees to be discontinued.

- Provision of Disabled Parking Space in King Street.
- Replacement of Finger Post signage in South Co. Wexford.
- Parking Bay issue at Kennedy Park/Corish Park.

ENVIRONMENT

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

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:

SELECTION OF MAYOR

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde.

“I 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 selecting Mayors in the order of their election i.e. first elected, first Mayor etc. as opposed to a ‘Mayoral Pact’.”

Following discussion, a vote was taken which resulted as follows:

In favour: Cllr. D. Hynes, Cllr. T. Forde, Cllr. M. Roche, Cllr. T. Walsh (4)

Against: Cllr. Jim Moore, Cllr. G. Lawlor, Cllr. Frank Staples (3)

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Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Service, advised Members that the Motion be recorded for advisory purposes only, as the election of the Mayor will be the first business of Members following the upcoming Local Elections but pointed out that the incoming Council cannot be bound by the sentiment of any motion adopted by the current Council members.

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

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, and following discussion was unanimously adopted.

“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”

At the conclusion of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey, thanked the management and staff of Wexford Borough District for the courtesy shown to him during his term in office and over the life of this Council and paid tribute to all Members for their contribution to the Wexford District over the past 5 years and wished them well in the forthcoming Local Elections.

The Mayor thanked the members of the media and local press for their fair and balanced coverage.

He also thanked retired Cllr. Deirdre Wadding and Cllr. Anthony Kelly and paid tribute to the late Cllr. Fergie Kehoe.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 31st May , 2019

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

