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6ú Márta, 2024

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 11th March, 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 – 11th March, 2024 – Agenda

1. **Confirmation of Minutes:**
 - 1.1 County Council Meeting 12th February, 2024

2. **Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**
 - 2.1 Intention to dispose of property at 84 Ard Alainn, Castlebridge, Co. Wexford.
 - 2.2 Intention to lease the Community Centre at Bosheen, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

3. **Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**
 - 3.1 LAC2314 – Proposed construction of 4 no. social housing units across 2 no. two storey buildings at Grogan’s Road, Wexford
 - 3.2 LAC 2315 - Permission for a mixed residential development of 3 no. dwellings to comprise of the proposed erection of 1 no. two storey 3-bedroom semi-detached dwelling, 1 no. 2-bedroom apartment, 1 no. 1-bedroom apartment and associated parking spaces, vehicular access with connection to existing local public mains services and all associated site works at Adamstown, Co Wexford.
 - 3.3 LAC2316 - Development of proposed Community Activity Garden with associated site works at St. John's Community Hospital, Munster Hill, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

4. ***Draft NEW ROSS PORT PILOTAGE BYE-LAWS 2024 for approval, in line with the Harbours Acts of 1996 and 2015, as well as the Local Government Act of 2001.***

5. ***Draft Wexford County Council, New Ross Port Explosive Bye-Laws 2024, for approval in line with Sections 83 of the Harbours Act 1996 in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 34-38 of the Explosives Act 1875. (Approval to proceed to Public Consultation).***

6. **Proposed Estate Naming Policy for Part XI Housing Schemes**

7. **3 Year Capital Programme 2024 – 2026**

8. **Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)**
 - a. **2024 Allocation and Borrowing Requirement**

9. **Increase Cost of Business (ICOB) Grant**
10. **Invitation to London Wexford Association 70th Anniversary Dinner Dance on 20th April, 2024**
11. **Amendment of Standing Orders**
12. **Chief Executive's Report**
13. **Minutes of CPG**
 - 13.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 4th March, 2024
14. **Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
 - 14.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 10th January, 2024
 - 14.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 17th January, 2024
 - 14.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 15th January, 2024
 - 14.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 15th January, 2024
 - 14.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 16th January, 2024
15. **Correspondence and Communications**
 - 15.1 Letter from Sligo County Council re motion dated 6th February, 2024
16. **Councillor's Conferences and Training**
 - 16.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached
17. **Deferred Notices of Motion – County Council Meeting 12th 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. Notices of Motion

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. "

18.5 Cllr. D. Hynes

"We call for a full review of the council tenant handbook to review the obligations of both the tenant and the council."

19. Any Other Business