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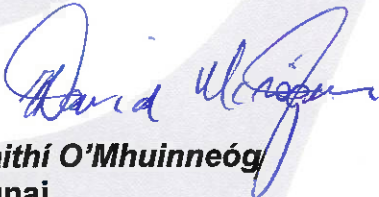
**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 10th May, 2021 - 2.30 p.m.
By Microsoft Teams**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas. Tá súil agam go mbeidh tú i láthair.

Beidh Clár ordaithe an Bhainisteóra ar fail i rith an chruinnithe.

Mise, le meas,



Daithí O'Mhuinneóg
Runai



• **County Council Meeting – 10th May, 2021**

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 1.1 County Council Meeting – 12th April, 2021
- 1.2 Special County Council Meeting – 26th April, 2021

2. Ratification of Mr. Tom Doyle as Agriculture/Farming Representative to the Planning & Building Control SPC replacing Mr. Jer O'Mahony.

3. Establishment of Litter Management Committee.

4. Approval of New Ross CCTV application.

5. Proposed date of AGM – 28th June, 2021 via Teams

6. Chief Executive's Report

7. Minutes of CPG

- 7.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 06.04.2021 & 04.05.2021
- 7.2 Minutes of Expanded CPG Covid-19 Committee Meeting 06.04.2021

8. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 8.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 10.02.2021 & 10.03.2021
- 8.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 15.02.2021 & 15.03.2021
- 8.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 15.02.2021 & 15.03.2021
- 8.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 15.02.2021 & 15.03.2021
- 8.5 Gorey Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 16.02.2021 & 16.03.2021
- 8.6 Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC Meetings 24.09.2020 & 19.11.2020
- 8.7 Transportation & Water Services SPC 10.12.2020

9. List of Councillor's Conferences & Training

10. Correspondence and Communications

- 10.1 Letters from Sligo County Council re 4 no. motions dated 3rd March, 2021.
- 10.2 Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 5th March, 2021.
- 10.3 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re motion dated 9th March, 2021.
- 10.4 Letter from Niamh Redmond, Private Secretary to Minister Darragh O'Brien dated 9th March, 2021.
- 10.5 Letter from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council dated 9th March, 2021.
- 10.6 Letter from office of Minister Heather Humphreys TD, Department of Social Protection dated March 2021.
- 10.7 Email from Miriam Rooney, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health dated 15th March, 2021.
- 10.8 Letter from Kerry County Council re land bill dated 16th March 2021.
- 10.9 Letter from Minister Darragh O'Brien, TD re Seachtain Na Gaeilge dated 16th March, 2021.
- 10.10 Letter from Galway County Council re: motion dated 24th March, 2021.
- 10.11 Letter from Louth County Council re: motion dated 24th March, 2021.
- 10.12 Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 27th

- January, 2021 re: Disabled Persons Grant for Wexford County Council.
- 10.13 Letter from Cork City Council re: motion dated 8th April, 2021
 - 10.14 Letter from Roscommon County Council re: motion dated 15th April, 2021
 - 10.15 Letter from Donegal County Council re: motion dated 15th April, 2021
 - 10.16 Letters from Sligo County Council re: 2 motions dated 15th April, 2021
 - 10.17 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re land development agency bill dated 16th April, 2021
 - 10.18 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re: One-Off Rural Housing dated 16th April, 2021
 - 10.19 Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re: Land Development Agency Bill dated 19th April, 2021.
 - 10.20 Letters from Clare County Council re: 3 motions dated 26th April, 2021.
 - 10.21 Email from Minister Anne Rabbitte's Office, Minister for Disabilities re: Personal Assistant Service dated 29th April, 2021.
 - 10.22 Letters from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council re motion dated 30th April, 2021.

11. Deferred Notices of Motion from Council Meeting – 12th April, 2021

11.1 Cllr. F. Ó. Súilleabháin

"This council calls on Minister O'Brien to remove the Shared Equity Scheme section from his Affordable Housing Bill, as the implementation of a similar bill elsewhere has resulted in an increase in house prices-something which is a huge obstacle to families trying to find a home."

11.2 Cllr. J. O'Rourke

"I call on Wexford county council to write to the minister asking that maternity leave be granted in support women and their partners/husbands who suffer still births or miscarriage after 24 weeks as generated by legislation passed in New Zealand recently."

11.3 Cllr. J. Fleming

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection Community and Rural Development Heather Humphries to increase the children's allowance age from 18 years to 21 years for students in full time education and students in apprenticeships to help with their financial burden ."

11.4 Cllrs, D. Devereux, A. Donohue, K. Codd Nolan, C. Byrne, O. Walsh, B. Murphy, F. Staples, J. Moore.

'That motions submitted by Elected Members, which if approved could result in unplanned expenditure or deficits, or result in a deviation from a previously approved budget allocation, be assessed by the relevant Department, prior to it's inclusion on the Agenda, to determine the scale of the likely expenditure or deficit and their effect on existing budget allocations.'

11.5 Cllr. J. Moore

'WCC calls on the Ministers of Finance & Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, as a matter of urgency to recognise the ongoing impact of Covid 19 on small businesses and particularly those that are strategic tourism businesses in the rural and coastal communities by

- A. Allowing such businesses to immediately qualify for the Covid Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) and apply CRSS support retrospectively to these small businesses from the date the scheme came into effect.
- B. Instructing Fáilte Ireland to immediately remove / reduce the annual turnover threshold of 50K for business operators as applied in the Business Continuity Scheme and extend this essential Covid support to such businesses where CRSS support is not provided.

This COVID support is urgently required to support and acknowledge these strategic tourism businesses in rural and coastal communities who are significant contributors to our tourism economy and will be key contributors to the return to tourism growth.'

11.6 Cllr. T. Forde

"This council calls on Fianna Fáil Minister Darragh O'Brien to end the practice of including payments such as the Working Family Payment (WFP) as a means of income when applying for housing supports. Such payments aim to give extra financial support to people on low pay but this policy is directly resulting in the exclusion of lower income families from qualifying for Social housing supports."

11.7 Cllr. G. Carthy

"The Rosslare Municipal District call on the Executive of Wexford County Council to proceed with the planning application for the proposed Rosslare Harbour to Wexford Town & the Rosslare Harbour to Wellingtonbridge Greenway project, be it on, or beside, the existing Rosslare Harbour to Wellingtonbridge rail line to include beside the live rail line from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford Town, and that the current feasibility and design of the project not be lost due to a rail review."

11.8 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

Procurement

That Wexford County Council notes the long overrun in the completion period for some of our major projects, as well as the high overspend for some of our projects in comparison to the original projected cost.

As a solution, this council will:

(a) endeavour to insert a *Sunset-type clause* to tie developers to an agreed completion date on projects and (b) that we will insert a *Social Inclusion Contract* to ensure a higher percentage of local labour get employed and (c) that we will look at the model of *Community Wealth Building* as introduced in some local authority areas abroad. (CWB seeks to leverage existing local and regional resources to provide workers, families and communities with greater control over their own economic development and ensure money is kept in the local economy)

As an example, in Co.Wexford this could entail the breaking down of a contract into smaller parts i.e. on Gorey Town Park project, one local company could be employed to do the soft landscaping; another the hard surface works and another the building works, playground etc. This alternative model is more beneficial to the local economy and local businesses than the current e-tendering model which would appear to favour a single larger company.

12. Presentation - “NBP Rollout – Update”. (Scheduled for 5.00pm)

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 Cllr. T. Forde

“We also call on the minister of agriculture to intervene in the current impasse that Wexford scallop fishers are facing due to the British Brexit ruling banning them from landing their catch at any British Port.”

13.2 Cllr. J. Moore

‘Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to facilitate a meeting with the Council and the National Coastal Management Strategy Steering Group to highlight the immediate concerns of Wexford County Council and secure the responses required to address the coastal erosion issues in Wexford.’

13.3 Cllr. G. Carthy, Cathaoirleach

“That we the Members of Wexford County Council request that the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Transport, Mr. Eamonn Ryan TD prioritises the planning, design and construction of the N24 Waterford to Limerick Corridor road project within the Review of the National Development Plan. This project is critical to the development of the South East region and to the achievement of national targets on addressing regional imbalance by connecting the cities of Waterford and Limerick, the South East, South West and Mid West Regions, Rosslare Europort, the Port of Waterford and existing strategic transport corridors including the M7(Dublin – Limerick), M8 (Dublin- Cork) and M9 (Dublin-Carlow-Kilkenny-Waterford) motorways. It is further requested that this Notion of Motion be sent to the Minister for Finance, Mr Paschal Donoghue TD and Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr. Michael McGrath TD. “

13.4 Cllr. F. O Suilleabhain

“Wexford County Council should examine the *Community Wealth Building* model with a view to incorporating it into their Local Economic Community Plans (LECP).

Community Wealth Building has emerged as a powerful approach to local economic development and has been particularly successful in Preston, England, North Ayrshire, Scotland and Cleveland, United States.

The model will allow counties to leverage existing resources, such as procurement, to meet local needs while creating quality employment and promoting equity and sustainability.

This Council will initiate dialogue with local public bodies and semi-state companies in the locality regarding their potential role in the strategy.

That we will bring local businesses, enterprises and community activists into the discussion around developing the project.

That we also engage with councils in Preston, North Ayrshire and elsewhere which have successfully developed this model.”

(A number of councils have already passed this motion.)

13.5 Cllr. M. Bell

“ I ask this Council to write to the Department of Health, Minister Stephen Donnelly, to help victim’s of domestic, sexual and gender -based violence access to free psychological support & counselling, noting that this is a free service for perpetrators while in prison . “

13.6 Cllr. M. Sheehan

“Welcoming the agreement between the DPER and the DSPEA to resolve the longstanding issue of the CE Supervisors Pension entitlement, this Council calls for the speedy implementation of the agreement in full and to ask the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys to consider extending participant’s last year of their Community Employment Schemes by a further year in recognition of the lost time, training and contributions to the community due to Covid 19.

13.7 Cllr. G. Carthy, Cathaoirleach

“That this Council calls on the Government in the light of Brexit and other market influences to recognise the strategic value of the South-East Ports in Rosslare and Belview, Waterford through

- Strategic investment in the Ports, in particular through the purchase of additional land for the expansion of Rosslare Europort and the advance construction of Rosslare Europort Harbour Access Road.
- Amalgamation of the ports structure and governance to create a Tier 1 port as a combined entity.
- Designation of the combined entity as the service port for off-shore renewables in The Irish and Celtic Seas. “

13.8 Cllr. T. Forde

“That members receive an update at every monthly meeting of this council on the status of each motion that is passed by this council until the content of the motion has been followed through or reached its endpoint.”

Referred from Housing SPC

13.9 Received from Cllr John Fleming

"When a Councillor makes a representation on behalf of a client on the housing list, the Councillor is then to be informed/updated and included in all correspondence between the County Council and the client."

14. Any Other Business