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6ú Nollag, 2023


FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 11th December, 2023 - 2.30 p.m.
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

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Micheál O Draoi
Runai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams



County Council Meeting – 11th December, 2023 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 1.1 County Council Meeting 13th November, 2023
- 1.2 Special Meeting of Wexford County Council 29th November, 2023
- 1.3 Statutory Budget Meeting of Wexford County Council 4th December, 2023

2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:

- 2.1 Intention to dispose of property at 10 Peter Street, Wexford Town.

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 LAC2307 – Proposed 5 bedroom single storey fully wheelchair accessible social housing unit with associated secondary treatment tank, percolation area, well, roadside boundary re-alignment and new domestic entrance, with all ancillary works as necessary at Lacken, Whitermoor, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 3.2 LAC2309 – Proposed Little Cullenstown Bridge Replacement Scheme on the L4025 Road at Little Cullenstown Bridge, Cullenstown Little, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford.
- 3.3 LAC2310 – Proposed Aughnaglaur Bridge Replacement Scheme on the R735 Road at Aughnaglaur Bridge, Chapel, Adamstown, Co. Wexford.

4. Replacement of Councillor Leonard Kelly on:

- 4.1 Board of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB)
- 4.2 Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)
- 4.3 Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

5. Nomination of Construction Industry Federation Representative to Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC

- 5.1 Anne Marie Neville, Liam Neville Developments Ltd replacing John Somers (CIF)

6. Draft Annual Report 2021 / 2022 – For Adoption

7. Delegation to travel to New York for St. Patrick's Day

8. Chief Executive's Report

9. Minutes of CPG

9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 4th December, 2023

10. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 10.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 18th October, 2023
- 10.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 25th October, 2023
- 10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 16th October, 2023
- 10.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 16th October, 2023
- 10.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 17th October, 2023

11. Correspondence and Communications

- 11.1 Letter from Clare County Council re motion dated 14th November, 2023
- 11.2 Email from Cavan County Council re resolution dated 29th November, 2023

12. Councillor's Conferences and Training

- 12.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached
- 12.2 Councillor's Conference Reports:
 - Cllr. M. Sheehan – Irish Social Welfare Scheme, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
 - Fishguard and Goodwick Council Memorial Service 11th November, 2023

13. Deferred Notices of Motion – County Council Meeting 13th November, 2023

13.1 Cllr. M. Sheehan

“Recognising the invaluable service and support that Carers deliver in our County, and welcoming the recent announcement by the Minister for Social Protection of a pathway to a State Pension for Carers; this Council calls on the Minister to realign the required contributions from the current 1040 Contributions (20 years service) for Carers to the standard rate of 520 (10 years) as recognition of their service to the State.”

13.2 Members of Municipal District of Rosslare

“Wexford County Council formally requests the Minister to review upwards the qualifying criteria for the awarding of funding to local authorities for coastal protection works. These measures are essential and require inclusion in the National Coastal Management Strategy currently being developed.”

13.3 Cllr. T. Forde

"This council recognises the housing crisis in County Wexford and the inadequate resources we have to deliver for our housing need. We believe that the Housing For All plan does not have the ability to deliver for the housing need in our county. We ask that Minister Darragh O' Brien review this plan, and to provide additional resources to deliver affordable and secure housing across county Wexford."

13.4 Cllr. M. Sheehan

"Acknowledging the right of tenants to own their home as a cornerstone of social housing policy, this Council calls on the Minister for Housing and Local Government to amend Statutory Instrument Housing Circular 09/2022 and reduce the time tenants are required to hold a tenancy from the current 10 years to 5 giving tenants time to save for a mortgage and the opportunity to own their own home. "

13.5 Cllr. T. Forde

"This council calls on the Irish Government and Fianna Fáil Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin to give urgent international leadership within the EU and UN to the plight of the Palestinian people and to fulfil the agreed mandate of the Dáil in 2014 by declaring official recognition for the State of Palestine."

13.6 Cllr. D. Hynes

"That this Council, supports the call for an immediate ceasefire. and for the Irish Government to further increase it's humanitarian aid to the civilians under siege in Gaza, and Palatine,

The ongoing onslaught of civilians in Gaza,with 9000 people reported dead, a third of them children and over 17,000 wounded , as we witness on a daily basis. Hospitals, places of worship, densely civilian populated areas and refugee camps being obliterated by Israeli, missiles, rockets and the Israeli Defence Army.

Which is a violation of International law,and is one of the stipulations that constitutes a war crime.

We ask that this motion be accepted by all Councillors. "

13.7 Cllrs. F. Ó Súilleabháin & D. Hynes

“This council deplores the ferocious and genocidal military offensive being waged by Israel against the civilian population of Gaza; the breaking of international law by targeting civilians, the destruction of civilian infrastructure, the forced mass population displacement and the cutting off of vital supplies of water, food, medicines and fuel.

We believe that the collective punishment and the devastating loss of life is horrifying with more than 9,000 civilians killed and tens of thousands injured.

We believe that unconditional ceasefires are urgently required. However, Israel defies these calls for a ceasefire. This cannot stand.

We further believe that the International Community and the Irish government must now take action to enforce international law. We believe that all available diplomatic, legislative and political options must be deployed by the Irish government to press the case for an end to all military actions and to achieve ceasefires, the immediate release of all hostages and humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people. The position of the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland is now untenable, the Ambassador should no longer enjoy diplomatic status in Ireland while Israel refuses the imperative for ceasefires and as the ambassador continues to seek to justify the ongoing bombardment of the civilian population of Gaza.

The Irish position of upholding international humanitarian law must guide the actions of our government. It is 25 years since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. In Ireland, we know the cost of conflict and the value of peace. We know that political dialogue between all sides with the support of partners in the region, and the international community is the only way forward. There is no military solution to the rapidly deteriorating political and humanitarian situation in Palestine.

This council therefore believes that Ireland should lead the way in the development of an international peace and conflict resolution initiative for Palestine. We believe this should be an issue of national consensus based on the implementation of International Law.”

14. Notices of Motion

14.1 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

“This council acknowledges that we have a serious crisis in terms of the maintenance and need for reconstruction of many of our rural roads (with an estimated 194 million euro needed in funding)

That we will write to the Department this month, once again expressing our serious disappointment and anger at the lack of funding to maintain and develop our rural roads network to a satisfactory standard.

We call on the government to urgently address this crisis situation as outlined in previous correspondence, and provide the necessary funding.”

15. Any Other Business