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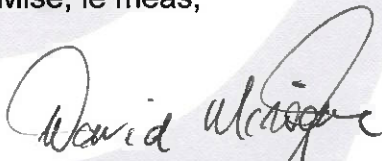
Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 12th April, 2021 - 2.30 p.m.
By Microsoft Teams

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 – 12th April, 2021**

- 1. Presentation from Institute of Technology Carlow**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes:**
 - 2.1 County Council Meeting – 8th March, 2021
- 3. Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**
 - 3.1 Proposed disposal of a property at Portersgate, Fethard On Sea, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.2 Proposed intention to lease a plot of land at Marshmeadows, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 4. Agreement between Wexford County Council and Tipperary County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 for the supply of a web based GPS Fleet Tracking.**
- 5. Draft County Development Plan – Proposed Schedule of Meetings**
- 6. Consideration of Annual Financial Statement 2020 and AFS Report**
- 7. Ratification of Mr. James Brennan as Agriculture/Farming Representative to the Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC (replacing Mr. Ned Lyng).**
- 8. Nomination of Elected Member to Wexford Comhairle Na nOg.**
- 9. Chief Executive's Report**
- 10. Minutes of CPG**
 - 10.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 06.04.2021
 - 10.2 Minutes of Expanded CPG Covid-19 Committee Meeting 06.04.2021
- 11. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
 - 11.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 10th February, 2021
 - 11.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 15th February, 2021
 - 11.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 15th February, 2021
 - 11.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 15th February, 2021
 - 11.5 Gorey Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting - 16th February, 2021
 - 11.6 Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC Meetings 29th September, 2020 & 19th November, 2020.
 - 11.7 Transportation & Water Services SPC 10th December, 2020.
- 12. Correspondence and Communications**
 - 12.1 Letters from Sligo County Council re 4 no. motions dated 3rd March, 2021.
 - 12.2 Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 5th March, 2021.
 - 12.3 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re motion dated 9th March, 2021.
 - 12.4 Letter from Niamh Redmond, Private Secretary to Minister Darragh O'Brien dated 9th March, 2021.
 - 12.5 Letter from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council dated 9th March, 2021.

- 12.6 Letter from office of Minister Heather Humphreys TD, Department of Social Protection dated March 2021.
- 12.7 Email from Miriam Rooney, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health dated 15th March, 2021.
- 12.8 Letter from Kerry County Council re land bill dated 16th March 2021.
- 12.9 Letter from Minister Darragh O'Brien, TD re Seachtain Na Gaeilge dated 16th March, 2021.
- 12.10 Letter from Galway County Council re: motion dated 24th March, 2021.
- 12.11 Letter from Louth County Council re: motion dated 24th March, 2021.
- 12.12 Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 27th January, 2021 re: Disabled Persons Grant for Wexford County Council.

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 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."

13.2 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."

13.3 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 ."

13.4 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.'

13.5 Cllr. J. Moore

"WCC calls on the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, as a matter of urgency to instruct Failte Ireland to

- remove / reduce the annual turnover threshold of 50K for business operators as applied in the Business Continuity Scheme and reintroduce this essential Covid support.

This is required to support and acknowledge these strategic tourism businesses in rural and coastal communities who are significant contributors to our tourism economy."

13.6 Cllr. Tom 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."

13.7 Cllr. Ger 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."

13.8 Cllr. Tom Forde

"We ask that this council waive harbour fees for chartered boats and small in-shore boats, that have had a considerable reduction of income during the current pandemic."

13.9 Fionntan O Suilleabhain

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.

14.Any Other Business