Comhairle Contae
Loch Garman

Wexford County Council

AMcL/ZP

7ú Iúil, 2021

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

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

A Chara,

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

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

Mise, le méas,

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- ***County Council Meeting – 12th July, 2021***

1. **Confirmation of Minutes:**
   1.1 County Council Meeting – 14th June, 2021
   1.2 Special County Council Meeting – 14th June, 2021
   1.3 Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council 28th June, 2021

2. **Local Property Tax 2022 – Local Variation Factor Decision**

3. **Draft Wexford County Council (Wexford Borough District) Traffic & Parking Bye Laws 2021 – For Final Approval**

4. **Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**

   4.1 LAC2102 - Proposed erection of 20 No. two storey semi-detached dwellings together with all associated site works at Ramsfort Park, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

   4.2 LAC2103 – Development of a 12 Unit Residential Women's Refuge Building with associated social, communal, amenity and support spaces. A single 3 storey detached block with defined road and garden boundaries, storage and service areas at The Rocks, Maudlintown, Wexford town.

5. **Briefing on the Draft County Development Plan 2021 – 2027**

6. **Chief Executive's Report**

7. **Minutes of CPG**
   7.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 05.07.2021

8. **Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**

   8.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 12.05.2021
   8.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 17.05.2021
   8.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 17.05.2021
   8.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 17.05.2021
   8.5 Gorey Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 18.05.2021

9. **Correspondence and Communications**

   9.1 Letter from Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District dated 8th June, 2021.
   9.2 Letter from Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys TD dated 9th June, 2021.
   9.3 Letter from Mr. Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage re: Shared Equity Scheme dated 15th June, 2021.
   9.4 Letter from Mayo County Council re: carers allowance dated 15th June, 2021.
   9.5 Letter from Meath County Council re: 2 motions dated 24th June, 2021.
   9.6 Letter from Clare County Council re: 2 motions dated 28th June, 2021.
   9.7 Email from Niamh Collins Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform re: supporting motion from Sligo County Council dated 28th June, 2021.
   9.8 Letter from Kerry County Council re motion dated 28th June, 2021.

9.9 Letter from Sligo County Council re motion dated 29th June, 2021.
9.10 Email from Conor Madden, Private Secretary to Minister of State Peter Burke re: Development Plan Process dated 30th June, 2021.
9.11 Letters from Donegal County Council re: 3 motions dated 30th June, 2021.
9.12 Email from Miriam Rooney, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health re: acknowledgment dated 1st July, 2021.
9.13 Letter from Niamh Redmond, Private Secretary to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, TD re: Working Family Payment dated 1st July, 2021.

10. Deferred Notices of Motion from Council Meeting 14th June, 2021

10.1 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.

10.2 Cllr. G. Carthy

"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. "

10.3 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.)

10.4 Cllr. G. Carthy

"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. "

Referred from Housing SPC

10.5 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."

10.6 Cllr. T. Forde

"The local authority sector is obliged to bring all social housing stock up to a building energy rating of minimum B1 by 2030, as committed across a range of national and EU policies. As

Wexford will struggle to achieve this ambitious target, I ask that this council write to the relevant Minister seeking sufficient funding to meet this obligation."

10.7 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"This council notes that a large portion of our countys secondary roads are in need of "total reconstruction".

It further notes that a recent assessment estimated that Co. Wexford needs 196 million euro in funding to bring our secondary roads up to what would be deemed a "reasonable standard."

That we now enlist the support of all 5 TDs this month in writing to the Department to ask what plans they have to properly address this crisis as a matter of urgency"

10.8 Cllrs. Barbara Anne Murphy, Michael Sheehan, Pip Breen, Joe Sullivan, John Fleming, Michael Whelan, Lisa McDonald, Willie Kavanagh, Donal Kenny, Aidan Browne, Garry Laffan, Andrew Bolger

"That all District & Borough monthly meetings be held in person going forward, including this month's meetings."

11. Notices of Motions

Cllr. D. Hynes

11.1"This council is calling on the HSE to give the temporary workers involved in the COVID 19 Vaccination Centre in Enniscorthy, full-time employment as a measure of appreciation to these people. Each one of these people have worked on the front line along with the doctors and nurses, often doing 12-hour shifts in order to get as many as possible of our people vaccinated in this time of national emergency and deserve nothing less."

Cllr. T. Forde

11.2 "I ask that this council seek to develop "rainbow walks" in support of Pride awareness, at different junctions/crossing points across the districts."

Cllr. D, Hynes

11.3 "This council calls on the Minister for Health to provide funding and reactivate the START Housing program which was operated jointly by the Council and Threshold. At a time when people's mental health is under pressure as never before in these unprecedented times, it is essential that people suffering from lone term mental health issues be given support and accommodation as soon as possible and not be handed a HAP form and asked to fend for themselves."

12. Any Other Business