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8ú Samhain, 2023

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 13th November, 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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Siobhán Ní Dheordáin.
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Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams



County Council Meeting – 13th November, 2023 – Agenda

- 1. Presentation on Master Plan for Ballynagee Lands**

- 2. Confirmation of Minutes:**
 - 2.1 County Council Meeting 9th October, 2023

- 3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**
 - 3.1 Intention to extend the lease of lands at Castlebridge to Castlebridge Community Development Co-Operative Society Limited.
 - 3.2 Intention to transfer an area of land at Maudlintown.
 - 3.3 Intention to dispose of property at Ballynadrishoge, Blackwater, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.4 Intention to dispose of property at Raheenduff, Oulart, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.5 Intention to dispose of property at Arnestown, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.6 Intention to dispose of property at Landscape, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

- 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 LAC2308 - Develop a public realm space at Crescent Quay between Harpers Lane and Oyster Lane and to construct a temporary multi-function venue at Crescent Quay, Wexford.

- 5. Southeast Regional Homeless Action Plan 2023 - 2026**

- 6. Audited AFS 2022 & Audit Report 2022**

- 7. Briefing on SETU Campus, Schools, Sports and Community facilities and Housing Development**

- 8. Chief Executive's Report**

9. Minutes of CPG

9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 6th November, 2023

10. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 10.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 13th September, 2023
- 10.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 20th September, 2023
- 10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting– 18th September, 2023
- 10.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 18th September, 2023
- 10.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 19th September, 2023
- 10.6 Planning & Building Control SPC - 27th April, 2023

11. Correspondence and Communications

- 11.1 Letter from Clare County Council re: motion dated 12th October, 2023
- 11.2 Email from Minister Butler's Office re motion dated 25th October, 2023
- 11.3 Email from Minister O'Brien's Office re motion dated 26th October 2023

12. Councillor's Conferences and Training

12.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

12.2 Councillor's Conference Reports:

- KIMO International Annual Conference 2023 , Falkenberg, Sweden 4th to 6th October, 2023
- Wexford London Association Delegation Report October 2023

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin / Housing SPC members

"We acknowledge the poor terms and conditions of employment that our valued firefighters have had to experience, as has been well documented over recent times.

We therefore ask that our valued members of Co. Wexford's Fire Service be exempt from parking charges in this county, so that they can save their valuable time, instead of looking for meters and change.

We do acknowledge that the Official 'blue light' vehicles of our fire fighters are exempted from parking charges by our Bylaws, and we will therefore organise the appropriate vehicle stickers for our firefighter staff, including with the use of their own vehicles."

13.2 Cllrs. BA Murphy, A. Browne, C. Byrne, K. Codd Nolan, J. O'Rourke & J. Owens.

"The Scheme of Letting should allow housing applicants to choose a district rather than specific towns/villages, specifically in light of Wexford Co Council's adoption of Choice Based Letting for housing applicants. "

13.3 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."

13.4 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."

13.5 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."

13.6 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. "

13.7 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."

13.8 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. “

13.9 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. Any Other Business