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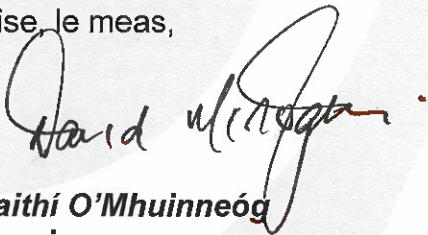
FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council  
On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 - 2.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber / By Microsoft Teams**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise le meas,



Daithí O'Mhuinneóg  
Runai

**Attendees are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Teams**

**If you intend to attend remotely please let the County Secretary know by 5pm Friday  
11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

**County Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 – Agenda**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes:**
  - 1.1 Special County Council Meeting 05.01.2022
  - 1.2 County Council Meeting 10.01.2022
  - 1.3 Special County Council Meeting 14.01.2022
- 2. Presentation - Update on Major Road Scheme**
- 3. Housing Loan Programme 2022**
- 4. Housing for All Delivery Action Plan – Summary Report**
- 5. Foreign Travel March 2022**
- 6. Appointment to L.C.D.C. - Replacement of Dept. of Social Protection & WWETB Rep**
- 7. Appointment to L.C.D.C. - Replacement of Social Inclusion/ Environment/ Community Voluntary Reps**
- 8. Filling of vacancy on the South East Health Forum**
- 9. Chief Executive's Report**
- 10. Minutes of CPG**
  - 10.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022
- 11. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
  - 11.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – .08.12.2021
  - 11.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 15.12.2021
  - 11.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 20.12.2021
  - 11.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 20.12.2021
  - 11.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 21.12.2021
  - 11.6 Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC 27.05.2021 & 14.10.2021
- 12. Correspondence and Communications**
  - 12.1 Letter from Waterford City & County Council re: motion dated 17.01.2022
  - 12.2 Letter from Galway County Council re: motion dated 25.01.2022
  - 12.3 Email from Senator Malcolm Byrne re local greyhound and equine sports industry dated 01.02.2022
  - 12.4 Letter from Paul Kehoe TD re: local greyhound and equine sports industry dated 02.02.2022.
  - 12.5 Email from Brendan Howlin TD re: local greyhound and equine sports industry dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

## 13. Councillor's Conferences and Training

### 13.1 List of Conferences/Training – February 2022

### 13.2 Councillor Conference Reports

- Cllr. Cathal Byrne, The Fair Deal Scheme, Carlingford, Co. Louth 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021
- Cllr. Cathal Byrne, Mental Health Wellbeing, Carlingford, Co. Louth 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## 14. Notices of Motions

### 14.1 Cllr. Cllr. M. Whelan

"I'm calling on Wexford County Council to support the retaining of the rescue117 helicopter in Waterford to service the Southeast."

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

### 14.2 Cllr. D. Hynes

"This council calls on the Minister for Health to urgently address the appalling lack of dentistry for medical card patients. Most of the Dentists in Wexford will no longer take medical card patients and the cost of having fillings and extractions are out of reach of many low paid and SW patients."

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

### 14.3 Cllr. John Fleming

"That Wexford County Council Calls on the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to hugely increase funding for bus shelters in County Wexford.

At a time when bus transport is being encouraged, the lack of bus shelters is a massive deterrent to would- be users . "

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

#### **14.4 Cllr. George Lawlor**

“Wexford County Council investigates the role and potential advantages of appointing or hiring an EU Affairs Coordinator. “

##### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, the Executive is happy to consider this Motion and to report it’s findings on the matter to the Members.

#### **14.5 Cllr. C. Byrne & Cllr Codd Nolan**

“In view of the current serious difficulties faced by local community groups in obtaining annual insurance cover for community facilities such as playgrounds, we call on this Council to engage with Irish Public Bodies to provide adequate insurance cover for community facilities such as playgrounds as a matter of urgency.”

##### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, the Executive is happy to consider this Motion and to report it’s findings on the matter to the Members.

#### **14.6 Cllrs M. Sheehan and G. Laffan.**

“That this Council calls on the Department of Education to allow funds allocated for Covid Prevention and Mitigation in Schools to be retained and reassigned by individual schools locally for the sole purposes of increasing resources targeting School Completion, Family Liaison, Career Guidance and Mental Health Programmes to bolster the return to a normal study environment in the school community.”

##### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

#### **14.7 Cllr. Lisa McDonald ,On behalf of the women’s coalition**

“That Wexford County Council calls on the Government to confront the fear of that exists amongst women for their personal safety with a whole of society response . A multi departmental response is required to deal with the different factors that need to be tackled including –education , policing , criminal justice, domestic violence, coercive control , pornography and safety on line. We call for violence towards women to be put to the forefront of the Government Agenda so that this threat to our society is tackled swiftly and effectively. “

### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister(s) for consideration.

#### **14.8 Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin**

“In light of the recent flooding which caused so much damage across County Wexford, this Council recognises that deforestation and the widescale removal of hedgerows/ditches over recent years has had a large impact in terms of water movement across the country. We further recognise the benefits that would result from a programme of broadleaf afforestation as a mitigating measure to slow waterflow, as tried in other countries such as Wales.

This year the Council will identify parts of the county where such an approach could be beneficial and will also engage with the relevant agencies this year in an attempt to adopt such an approach. This would also be in line with measures that are advocated to combat climate change.”

### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, the Council would be happy to consider opportunities for part-afforestation of lands in Council ownership. In addition, the Motion (if passed) will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration in the context of developing afforestation opportunities for private land owners.

#### **14.9 Cllr. Cathal Byrne**

“Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to introduce financial assistance to assist in the removal of asbestos from residential dwellings.

And if passed, that this motion be circulated to all local authorities in Ireland.”

### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister(s) for consideration and to all local authorities to seek their support of the Motion.

#### **14.10 Cllr. Tom Forde**

“This council recognises the important role of the various media outlets in Co. Wexford, both as local employers and as a means of keeping the public informed on local issues and events.

In the interest of ensuring that the council's deployment of its advertising expenditure is based on effectiveness and value for money, we ask that the council conduct a complete and transparent review of its expenditure in this area.

As part of this review, we request that this council write to Minister Catherine Martin and request her to take pro-active steps to ensure that the government plays its part in adequately resourcing local media outlets.

Furthermore, we call on the council to actively pursue the inclusion of smaller local-owned or independent news and media outlets, websites and advertising companies in its media strategy to ensure fairness and equality.”

#### **Response of the Executive:**

The Council will provide the Members with details of advertising expenditure incurred in recent years.

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

It is the policy of the Council to pursue advertising options that result in the Council’s underlying messages and information reaching our target audiences in the most effective, economically efficient and timely manner. This includes, but is not limited to local newspapers, local radio, other periodicals and publications, websites, social media, cinema advertising, and other advertising mechanisms.

#### **14.11 Councillor Barbara-Anne Murphy**

“This Council calls on the Minister for Transport to continue funding for the N24 and N25 - vitally necessary major road infrastructure in the SouthEast region. It is imperative that both projects are funded in 2022.

Similar motions are being put before all 5 counties in the South East Region on this matter.”

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

#### **14.12 Cllr. Jim 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”

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister to facilitate such meeting.

#### **14.13 Cllr. George Lawlor**

“Wexford County calls on the Minister for Health to immediately prioritise the crisis in children’s services in the CHO5 area which covers Wexford, Waterford, Carlow/Kilkenny and South Tipperary.

Currently there are 15,960 children awaiting first time intervention in all areas of early intervention in the CHO5 area”

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

- Disclosure of Donations Statements 2021