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9ú Iúil, 2025

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 14th July, 2025 – 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
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Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams

County Council Meeting – 14th July, 2025 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 1.1 Special County Council Meeting (Filling of Casual Vacancy) 9th June, 2025
- 1.2 County Council Meeting 9th June, 2025
- 1.3 Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council 23rd June, 2025

2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :

- 2.1 Intention to lease the former Bank of Ireland premises at St. Martin's Road, Rosslare Harbour.
- 2.2 Intention to grant an easement at 9 Church View, Blackwater, Wexford.
- 2.3 Intention to issue a Deed of Easement to Uisce Éireann over lands at Taghmon.
- 2.4 Intention to lease a premises at Hill Street, Wexford.
- 2.5 Intention to dispose of property at 34 Island Road, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- 2.6 Intention to dispose of property at 22 High Hill Street, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 2.7 Intention to transfer a portion of land at Rosbercon, New Ross.
- 2.8 Intention to dispose of property at 23 North Street, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

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 LAC2501 - Proposed development of a Public Realm Space incorporating a playground for younger children, seating, a pocket park, lighting and landscaping at Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford (Upton T.D., Ford E.D.)
- 3.2 LAC2503 – Upgrade of road intersection between Newtown Road and L3503-5 (Hospital Junction), Wexford

4. Material Contravention of Courtown & Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021 (as extended) – Planning Reference Number 20240669- Applicant Tyol (Bayiew) Limited.

5. Chief Executive's Two Year Progress Report on the Wexford County Development Plan 2022 – 2028

6. Appointment to Regional Health Forum

7. Switching of SPC Roles

8. Invitation to New Ross Municipal District for delegation to attend the Eugene O'Neill festival in Danville, California in September, 2025.

9. Chief Executive's Report

10. Minutes of CPG

10.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 7th July, 2025

11. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 11.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 20th May, 2025
- 11.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 7th May, 2025
- 11.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 19th May, 2025
- 11.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 20th May, 2025
- 11.5 Rosslare Municipal District – 21st May, 2025
- 11.6 Housing SPC - 2nd April, 2025
- 11.7 Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC – 4th April, 2025
- 11.8 Planning & Building Control SPC – 28th April, 2025

12. Correspondence and Communications

- 12.1 Letters from Carlow County Council re: motions 12th May, 2025.
- 12.2 Email from Minister James Browne TD., Office re: motion social housing dated 11th June, 2025.
- 12.3 Email from Minister James Browne TD., Office re: motion thresholds of income dated 11th June, 2025.
- 12.4 Letter from Galway County Council re motion dated 12th June, 2025.
- 12.5 Letters from Limerick City & County Council re motions dated 6th June, 2025.
- 12.6 Correspondence from Chief Superintendent Derek T. Hughes dated 26th June, 2025

13. Councillor's Conferences and Training

13.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

13.2 Delegation Reports:

- 50th Anniversary Twinning Agreement Lugo- Kulmbach 2nd May, 2025 to 4th May, 2025

14. Notices of Motion

14.1 Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"This Council calls on the Department of Finance to introduce a shared risk model or subsidy to support homeowners of thatched roof cottages; noting the growing crisis thatched homeowners are facing due to increased premiums, a lack of insurers providing cover for these properties and subsequent issues which act as a barrier for these homeowners to sell their properties."

14.2 Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh

"I propose that the closed season be pulled back by a month so that hedge cutting can commence on August 1st instead of September 1st. I call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to amend the relevant legislation to give effect to this proposal".

14.3 Cllr. Leonard Kelly & Cllr. Tom Forde

"That Wexford County Council opposes Department of Education Circular [0039/2025](#), particularly due to its impact on **special schools serving students with Mild General Learning Disabilities (MGLD)**.

This Circular imposes staffing, curricular, and administrative changes that fail to account for the diverse needs of students in special education settings. In particular, schools supporting students with MGLD are at risk of losing flexibility in delivering life skills-focused programmes, experience staffing constraints, and face additional pressures that undermine inclusive education.

Special schools require tailored structures — not one-size-fits-all policies designed around mainstream models. Circular [0039/2025](#) threatens to dilute the quality and appropriateness of education for students who benefit most from structured, specialised, and supportive learning environments.

We call on the Minister for Education to:

1. Suspend the implementation of this circular for special schools;
2. Engage in meaningful consultation with affected stakeholders;
3. Protect the autonomy and integrity of special schools serving children with MGLD and other additional needs.

A copy of this motion will be sent to the Minister for Education, Wexford Oireachtas members, the National Council for Special Education, and other relevant educational and representative bodies."

14.4 Cllr. Vicky Barron and Cllr. Brídín Murphy.

“That Wexford County Council commits to the introduction of mandatory annual training on Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV) for all elected members.

This training will equip councillors—who are not qualified DSGBV professionals—with the knowledge and guidance necessary to respond appropriately and sensitively to constituents disclosing experiences of DSGBV, and to effectively advocate on their behalf within the limits of their role.

It is proposed that the training be delivered annually as part of a scheduled Council meeting, in the form of an interactive Q&A session. The session should be facilitated by a recognised expert in the field.

By adopting this motion, Wexford County Council will demonstrate leadership in promoting a trauma-informed, survivor-centred approach to public service and strengthen our commitment to supporting victims of DSGBV in our communities.”

14.5 Cllr. Michael Sheehan

“In recognition of the stresses and anxieties of families with loved ones in hospital and the severity of the cost of living crisis, this Council calls on the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill and the Minister for Public Expenditure, Jack Chambers to end the practice of paid parking in all public hospital car parks by whatever means possible.”

14.6 Cllr. Jim Codd

“This Council expresses its dismay at and opposition to the government’s intention to abolish the Triple Lock, which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel overseas.

The Triple Lock has ensured that Ireland’s participation in overseas missions (with more than 12 defence personnel) would always require approval from: 1. the Cabinet 2. Dáil Éireann and 3. that the mission they are being deployed on would have a UN mandate either from the Security Council or the General Assembly.

In 2001, the Irish people rejected the Nice Treaty over concerns that it would drag Ireland into EU military structures that would threaten our neutrality. To get the electorate to approve the EU Treaty, the government with the agreement of the other EU Member States, through a “solemn declaration “ introduced the Triple Lock. This Declaration was reiterated following initial rejection of the subsequent Lisbon Treaty.

Therefore, this Council rejects Government’s plans to abolish or amend the Triple Lock, considering the proposal signifies a breach of trust with the Irish electorate and a serious diminution of Irish Neutrality. “

14.7 Cllr. Catherine Walsh

"This motion calls on the Housing Minister to abandon plans to reduce apartment and studio sizes for one bed apartments. "

14.8 Cllr John Fleming

"I am calling on the minister for Transport to increase the funding allocation for the Community Involvement Scheme .This is a progressive scheme where the local residents become involved in the road preparation works which covers their percentage contribution. "

14.9 Cllr. AoifeRose O'Brien

"We, The Rosslare Municipal District, call on Wexford County Council to provide a fair share of social housing developments, committing to increase the supply allocated for the RMD; noting the shortfall received to date compared to other districts".

*I brought this motion forward to the last RMD meeting which was discussed and agreed upon by all elected members, to be submitted to the July county meeting.

14.10 Cllr. Tom Forde

"This Council will adopt a rights based Ethical Procurement Policy (EPP), ensuring that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business & Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises & the Global Sullivan Principles (1999) - to promote respect for human rights by companies with which they do business.

The EPP will incorporate widely accepted and precisely formulated international standards and explain clearly how the policy will be implemented.

The primary aim of the EPP is to ensure that human rights obligations are properly acknowledged, observed and respected at all stages of the procurement process."

14.11 Cllr. Michael Sheehan

"To encourage the development of urban and town centres as areas of commercial activity, this Council calls on the forthcoming Task Force on Local Government Reform, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD and both Minister's for Finance to implement an urban renewal styled incentive scheme for business' in designated town centres using both monetary and fiscal incentives to ensure their continued commercial viability."

14.12 Cllr. Vicky Barron

'This council calls on the Department of Education and Youth Affairs to provide the empirical evidence which is being used to support the proposed redesignation of special schools as outlined in section 10 of circular 0039/2025'.

15. Any Other Business