

MD/ZP

3ú Meán Fomhair, 2025

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 8th September, 2025 – **2.30 p.m.**
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,



Micheál O Draoi
Runai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams

County Council Meeting – 8th September, 2025 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 County Council Meeting 14th July, 2025

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

- 2.1 LAC2504 - Development to provide 3 dwellings at Bride Street, Wexford
- 2.2 LAC2505 – Development at No. 20 (a Protected Structure, RPS No. NR 0140 and NIAH No. 15605236) and No 21 The Quay, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 2.3 LAC2506 - Construction of 57 no. residential units at Clos an Draighin, Clonard Little, Wexford..

3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :

- 3.1 Intention to issue a Deed of Easement to Uisce Éireann over lands at Butlersland, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 3.2 Intention to dispose of property at 16 Chapel Lane, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

4. Consultation Draft Development Contributions Scheme – For Approval

5. Budget 2026

- a. Local Property Tax – local adjustment factor 2026 (LAF)
- b. Local Property Tax – provisional allocation 2026
- c. Budget Meetings 2026 – prescribed periods
- d. Proposed schedule of dates

6. Consultation and Recommendation for the Replacement of Environmental Representative and appointment to the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C)- Feidhlim O'Shea.

7. PPN Sectoral Nominations for SPC's

8. Invitation to Wexford Towns Reunion Buffet Dinner Dance – London Wexford Association – 11th October, 2025

9. Invitation to Normandy 2027 – For Approval

10. Invitation to Mayor of Wexford Borough District & District Manager to attend reception onboard the USS New Jersey in Camden, New Jersey USA – 3rd October, 2025

11. Date for Special Meeting to Consider Presidential Nomination

12. Chief Executive's Report

13. Minutes of CPG

13.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 1st September, 2025

14. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 14.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 17th June, 2025
- 14.2 Annual Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting - 17th June, 2025
- 14.3 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 11th June, 2025
- 14.4 Annual New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 19th June, 2025
- 14.5 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 16th June, 2025
- 14.6 Annual Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 30th June, 2025
- 14.7 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 17th June, 2025
- 14.8 Annual Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 23rd June, 2025
- 14.9 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting - 18th June, 2025
- 14.10 Annual Rosslare Municipal District Meeting 27th June, 2025
- 14.11 Planning & Building Control SPC Meeting – 3rd July, 2025

15. Correspondence and Communications

- 15.1 Letter from Waterford City & County Council re motion dated 1st July, 2025
- 15.2 Letter from Waterford City & County Council re motion dated 15th July, 2025
- 15.3 Letter from Galway County Council re motion dated 22nd July, 2025
- 15.4 Letters from Limerick City & County Council re motions dated 8th August, 2025
- 15.5 Letter from Tipperary County Council re motion dated 12th August, 2025
- 15.6 Letter from Offaly County Council re motion dated 14th August, 2025
- 15.7 Letter from Supplementary Welfare Allowance Policy unit re motion dated 15th August, 2025
- 15.8 Letter from Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht re: motion dated 2nd September, 2025

16. Councillor's Conferences and Training

16.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

- Reports from MacGill Summer School from Councillor M. Sheehan, Councillor J. Fleming, Councillor G. Laffan, Councillor P. Breen, Councillor D. Kenny

17. Notices of Motion

17.1 Cllr. Tom Forde

"We note with concern the rising number of needles being discarded and drug paraphernalia waste in Wexford from intravenous drug use and we ask for the strategic installation of needle and drug waste bins.

We also ask that Wexford County Council seek information from the HSE and explore the possibility of a Needle & Syringe Programme as a health promotion intervention grounded in the harm reduction philosophy."

17.2 Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy

"I call on Wexford County Council to clean, repair or replace dirty and damaged road signs, as appropriate, throughout the county over the coming months. Many road signs are so dirty, faded or damaged that it is almost impossible to read them."

17.3 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."

17.4 Cllr. Leonard Kelly

"This council resolves that the Chief Executive write to the Department of Housing to request increased and multi-annual funding for the local authority Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme, in order to more effectively reach national climate targets and deliver much-needed regeneration to social housing in the area."

17.5 Cllr. Pip Breen & Cllr. Donal Kenny

"With winter approaching we would like to call for an urgent review of the Ash die back situation on our Public roads . The older and bigger trees are now being affected and pose a serious risk to road users power lines and telecommunications networks we call on Co Councils, Departments of Transport, Agriculture and Environment to coordinate a plan to deal with this crisis unfolding on our roads."

17.6 Cllr. Ger Carthy

"Cllr Ger Carthy calls on Wexford Co Council/ TII to carry out an urgent traffic flow review. This is to include the Wexford town ring roads Drinagh-Whitford-New Ross roundabout and similar data obtained from the Newtown Road. "

17.7 Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy

"I call on Wexford County Council to survey all street lighting and clean those that need cleaning; repair those in need of repair and remove branches and other growth that is blocking the light to the areas below. This is especially needed as the more energy efficient lighting does not illuminate as widely as the older lights."

17.8 Cllr. Robbie Staples

"In recognising the critical role that rural areas and villages play in the social, cultural, and economic life of County Wexford, and the need to ensure equitable access to safe, connected infrastructure for residents and visitors alike.

Wexford County Council calls on the National Transport Authority (NTA) to commit to allocating a minimum of 20% of all funding received from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for active travel and public realm works directly to rural areas and villages."

17.9 Cllr. Leonard Kelly

"That Wexford County Council request the Executive to carry out a feasibility study into the establishment of a major **family-friendly summer music/cultural festival** in Wexford Town.

The study should explore the potential to:

- Attract both national and international audiences.
- Build on the legacy and goodwill created by the hosting of Fleadh Cheoil in 2024 and 2025.
- Appeal to a **different demographic than the existing festivals held in Wexford**, thereby broadening the town's cultural and tourism offering.
- Assess venues, infrastructure, economic benefits, and funding opportunities."

17.10 Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"We, The Rosslare Municipal District, call on Wexford County Council to provide a fair share of 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.

17.11 Fianna Fáil Group

"We call on the Department of Education, Forasa and all the stakeholders to come to the table and resolve this longstanding situation for School Secretaries and Caretakers."

17.12 Cllr. Tom Forde

"We ask that this council end the policy of refusing maintenance and repair works for tenants that are in arrears and in particular that those who have a medical need are prioritised to ensure that they can live as independently as possible."

18. Any Other Business