Comhairle Contae
Loch Garman

Wexford
County Council

MD/ZP

4ú Samhain, 2026

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 9th November, 2026 – 2.00 p.m.
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léiritear thuas.

Mise, le meas,

Micheál O Draoí
Runai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams

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County Council Meeting – 9th November, 2026 – Agenda

1. Presentation –

- Severe Weather Preparedness Emergency Management

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

2.1 County Council Meeting 12th October, 2026

3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :

3.1 Intention to dispose of property No. 3 Irish Street, known as 2A Irish Street, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Y21 D6E8.
3.2 Intention to dispose of land at Clonattin Lower, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
3.3 Intention to dispose of property at Church View, 41 Lower John Street, Co . Wexford Y35W9RK

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 LAC2609 – Traffic Calming at Larkin's Cross, Barntown, Co. Wexford.

5. Audited AFS 2025 & Audit Report 2025

6. NOAC Performance Indicator Report 2025

7. St. Patrick's Day Delegations 2027

8. Chief Executive's Report

9. Minutes of CPG

9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 2nd November, 2026

10. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

10.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 15th September, 2026
10.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 9th September, 2026
10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 21st September, 2026
10.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 15th September, 2026
10.5 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 16th September, 2026
10.6 Special New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 13th October, 2026

11. Correspondence and Communications

11.1 Letters from Cavan County Council re: motions dated 5th October, 2026
11.2 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re: motion dated 22nd October, 2026
11.3 Letter from Roscommon County Council re: motion dated 22nd October, 2026
11.4 Letter from Chief Executive, Iarnród Éireann dated 27th October, 2026
11.5 Email from Office of An Garda Siochána re: motion dated 2nd November, 2026
11.6 Email from Central Statistics Office re: motion dated 2nd November, 2026

12. Councillor's Conferences and Training

12.1 List of Conferences / Training - List Attached

12.2 Delegation Reports

- London Wexford Association – October, 2026

12.3 Conferences Reports

- Cllr. C. Doyle – Celtic Conferences "A Practical Guide to Budget 2027", Carlingford, Co. Louth.
- Cllr. J. O'Rourke – Celtic Conferences "A Practical Guide to Budget 2027", Carlingford, Co. Louth.

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 Cllr. AoifeRose O'Brien

"Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Finance and Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to:
1. Immediately implement the €200 cap on monthly Childcare fees
2. Extend paid maternity leave to 12 months and paid paternity leave to 6 weeks, with an allowance for parents to share this leave if desired
3. Create a road map for state funded Childcare facilities to be delivered across every district in Ireland within their term of Government."

13.2 Cllr. Catherine Biddy Walsh

"The Wexford County Council notes the failure of the Department of Transport and Climate Change to include the proposals in the All Island Rail Strategy Report 2024 to reinstate the Rosslare/Waterford railway and construct a new railway station at Wexford Town South in their published list of priorities for completion before 2040, and to call on the Minister to review the published spending priorities to include this railway and to provide better and faster regional connectivity and rail connection between Rosslare and Dublin".

13.3 Cllr. Tom Forde

"This Council notes with deep concern the Department of Education's proposals to transition special education enrolment criteria away from a diagnosis-led model towards an education-based model, which would remove the mandatory requirement for a formal clinical diagnosis or Assessment of Need (AON) report to access special classes and special schools.

We share the profound concerns of the INTO, special school principals, and parents. Removing professional assessments blurs placement criteria, strips away vital evidence for student support, and places an unfair evaluation burden on schools already facing severe resource, psychological service, and staffing shortages.

Furthermore, the lack of prior consultation with frontline educators constitutes a serious breach of trust.

This Council calls on the Minister for Education to halt these proposals immediately, safeguard the role of professional diagnostics, and commit to transparent consultations with stakeholders.
We direct that this motion be forwarded to the Minister for Education, the Minister for Special Education, and all local TDs."

13.4 Cllr. Robbie Staples

" Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to reform the eligibility criteria for the Living Alone Increase (often called the Living Alone Allowance) and fuel allowance by removing the age threshold, ensuring it is automatically extended to all widowed persons living alone regardless of age."

13.5 Cllr. Marty Murphy

"This council calls on TFI and the minster for Transport to review the TFI Local link transport provision for Duncannon Village we specifically call on TFI to reverse its previous decision to deny Duncannon village a local link service and immediately include it in the local link 399 route "

13.6 Cllr. AoifeRose O'Brien

"Wexford County Council calls on the Department of Children, Disability and Equality to implement the requests of the Every Child Matters Disability Campaign, including:
1. Ending lengthy waiting lists for Assessments of Need and essential disability therapies.
2. Ensuring children with additional needs receive equal access to CAMHS services without discriminatory refusals.
3. Establishing a coordinated pathway between Children's Disability Network Teams, Primary Care and CAMHS to prevent families being passed between services.
4. Ensuring every child with a disability has timely access to the assessments, therapies, mental health supports and services they need and are entitled to.

This Council further calls for urgent investment in children's disability services, adequate staffing and accountability to ensure that no child is left without essential supports and that families are no longer forced to fight for the services their children need."

13.7 Cllr. Tom Forde

"This Council resolves to ban the sale or transfer of council-owned land and residential properties to for-profit private developers, investment funds, or commercial landlords under Section 183 of the Local Government Act.

This Council mandates that public landbanks and derelict residential sites must be retained in public ownership for state-led development, with a strict exception permitted only for individual first-time buyers and those qualified under the Affordable Housing Act.

Any such exceptional individual disposal must be executed at a fair, non-speculative cost and must include a legally binding equity clawback clause.

This policy ensures public assets directly empower local families looking for a home, rather than subsidising private commercial profit."

13.8 Cllr Robbie Staples

"Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to extend the eligibility criteria for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and the Vacant Above the Shop Grant to include properties owned by companies, specifically micro enterprises and small businesses where the conversion or refurbishment will deliver long-term residential accommodation, thereby helping to address the housing shortage and revitalise local town centres."

14. Any Other Business