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4ú Márta, 2026

## FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council**  
**On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 – 2.30 pm.**  
**Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,



**Micheál O Drabóid**  
Runai

***Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams***



**County Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 – Agenda**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

- 1.1 County Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- 1.2 Special County Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :**

- 2.1 Intention to dispose of property at Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- 2.2 Intention to dispose of property at Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, 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 LAC2509 – Proposal to construct a new wastewater pumping station at Sluice Lane, Seafield Close, Fethard, Co. Wexford

**4. Approval sought for delegation to travel to Fleurus, Belgium to celebrate the 144<sup>th</sup> Cavalcade of Fleurus - 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.**

**5. Annual Service Delivery Plan Q4 2025 – Update for Noting**

**6. Chief Executive's Report**

**7. Minutes of CPG**

- 7.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026

**8. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**

- 8.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026
- 8.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2026
- 8.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026
- 8.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026
- 8.5 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026
- 8.6 Housing SPC - 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025
- 8.7 Special Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

## **9. Correspondence and Communications**

- 9.1 Email from Office of Minister for Transport re: Community Involvement Scheme dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- 9.2 Letter from Galway City Council re: motion dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- 9.3 Letter from Office of An Taoiseach re: motion dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

## **10. Councillor's Conferences and Training**

### **10.1 Conference Reports**

– Cllr. M. Sheehan, Celtic Conference “The Finance Act 2025”, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

## **11. Notices of Motion**

### **11.1 Cllr. Lisa McDonald and Cllr. Ger Carthy**

“Wexford County Council calls on the OPW to act as a matter of urgency to address the serious threat posed by coastal erosion to Rosslare Strand and to immediately prepare and implement a scheme of emergency works to protect Rosslare Strand from the encroachment of the sea. “

### **11.2 Cllr. AoifeRose O’Brien**

"Wexford County Council extends its deepest sympathy and support to all mothers and families who have experienced the loss of an unborn child as a result of criminal or negligent conduct.

This Council supports calls for legislative reform, which seeks to ensure that all victims and their families are fully and fairly recognised within the justice system, and that the dignity and significance of unborn children are appropriately acknowledged, both emotionally and legally. We refer to this legislation as 'Jax's Law'.

Accordingly, this Council calls upon the Oireachtas to engage meaningfully with bereaved families, advocacy organisations, and legal experts, and urges the Government to prioritise the development and enactment of legislation addressing these matters.”

### **11.3 Cllr. Tom Forde**

"This council notes with serious concern, the paused planned reductions in Special Needs Assistant (SNA) allocations to individual schools following reviews by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE), despite no reduction in the needs of pupils with additional requirements and recognises that while national SNA numbers may be increasing overall,

individual schools are losing vital supports that are essential to pupils' safety, participation, wellbeing and access to education.

We acknowledge that the criteria being applied under Circular 30/2014 narrowly interprets the SNA role as limited to primary care needs, failing to reflect the broader, practical supports SNAs provide in areas such as emotional regulation, communication, engagement and inclusion and acknowledges the essential role that SNAs play in enabling children with additional needs to attend school, access the curriculum and participate fully in school life.

We call on the relevant Ministers and the government to:

- Ensure no child loses SNA support where needs remain unchanged.
- Review Circular 30/2014 and update existing policy to reflect modern inclusive education practice and the practical supports that SNAs provide.
- Guarantee a fair and transparent process, including consistent communication that takes into account the views of parents and school staff and all stakeholders.
- Provide sufficient funding and resourcing to meet the growing needs of students requiring additional supports."

#### **11.4 Cllr. Marty Murphy**

"This council calls on the Department of Education to immediately include Ramsgrange Community School in the current schools building programme so that it can proceed to tender for its major redevelopment project."

#### **11.5 Cllr. Leonard Kelly**

"Wexford County Council calls on the Government, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, and ESB Networks to introduce a fairer domestic electricity tariff that reflects, in principle, the lower per-unit and network charge structures currently available to large energy users such as data centres.

This Council notes the ongoing cost-of-living pressures on households and the disparity between domestic electricity costs and those paid by very large users, and requests a review of electricity pricing structures to ensure greater fairness for domestic customers."

#### **11.6 Cllrs M. Sheehan, J. Dwyer, Marty Murphy, Bridin Murphy, John Fleming and Pat Bardon**

"In an effort to protect valuable agricultural land and support our farming community while meeting our obligations of achieving sustainable and renewable energy targets, this Council directs the Executive to start the process of a Variation of the County Development Plan 2022-28 to identify, amend and regulate what lands are protected from large scale planning application while we are awaiting National Guidelines.

Furthermore, the Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to immediately issue Solar Farm National Planning Guidelines as a matter of urgency. “

#### **11.7 Cllr. Aoife Rose O’Brien**

“I call on Wexford County Council to:

- write to the Minister for Housing and request immediate intervention for the mass eviction affecting 36 families in Hazelwood, Bridgetown.
- To also request that the Department ensure all 36 affected families receive immediate housing supports so that none are forced into homelessness, including access to emergency accommodation, tenancy protection measures, and alternative suitable housing;
- To request that the Department engage directly with the residents, the local authority, and all relevant bodies to secure a fair and sustainable resolution;
- To further call on the Department to introduce safeguards and oversight mechanisms to prevent any other housing estate or large group of residents from experiencing similar displacement as a result of regulatory or market changes;

Failing to prevent this mass eviction, we call on Wexford County Council to request funding from the Minister for Housing to purchase these homes.”

#### **11.8 Cllr. Tom Forde**

“This council recognises the need for emergency accommodation across county Wexford and that access to emergency accommodation is currently uneven with some districts lacking local provision.

We ask that this council aim for the provision of accommodation within their own district for residents that face an immediately housing emergency with an emphasis on those who have children and employment in their district so that their homelessness is not compounded further by greater disruption to their education and employment.”

### **12. Any Other Business**