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4ú Meitheamh, 2025

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 9th June, 2025 – 2.00 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
Runai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams

County Council Meeting – 9th June, 2025 – Agenda

- 1. Presentation by ESB Generation about €150M investment in Wexford - The Wexford Hub utility scale solar generation project, together with a new 110kV substation at Dennistown.**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes:**
 - 2.1 County Council Meeting 12th May, 2025
- 3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :**
 - 3.1 Intention to dispose of property at Butlersland, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.2 Proposal to transfer property – 1 Windmill Lane, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.3 Intention to dispose of lands at Trinity Wharf, Wexford Town.
 - 3.4 Intention to dispose of property at 55 Davitt Road South, Wexford Town.
 - 3.5 Intention to dispose of property at 6 King Street Upper, Wexford Town.
 - 3.6 Intention to lease part of the former Adoration Convent building at Bride Street, Wexford Town.
- 4. Filling of vacancy on Economic Development & Enterprise SPC (following retirement of Mr. Kevin Melinn, Forsa)**
- 5. Chief Executive's Report**
- 6. Minutes of CPG**
 - 6.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 3rd June, 2025
- 7. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
 - 7.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 15th April, 2025
 - 7.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 9th April, 2025
 - 7.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 22nd April, 2025
 - 7.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 15th April, 2025
 - 7.5 Rosslare Municipal District – 16th April, 2025
 - 7.6 Economic SPC - 2nd May, 2025

8. Correspondence and Communications

- 8.1 Email from Office of Minister Browne, TD re: motion (HAP) dated 8th May, 2025
- 8.2 Letter from Office of Minister of State John Cummins re: motion dated 12th May, 2025
- 8.3 Letter from Fingal County Council re: motion fox hunting dated 15th May, 2025
- 8.4 Email from Minister for Health re: motion dated 20th May, 2025
- 8.5 Email from Office to the Minister for Justice re: motion dated 3rd June, 2025

9. Councillor's Conferences and Training

9.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

9.2 Delegation Reports:

- KIMO Board Meeting Denmark –21st May to 22nd May, 2025
- 6th International Symposium of the Remembrance Cities network – Dunkirk (France) and Ypres (Belgium) – 21st May, 2025 to 24th May, 2025
- Fishguard, Wales, 23rd to 26th May, 2025

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Cllr. J. Fleming

“I am calling on the Minister for Transport when allocating roads funding to our County Councils annually to use a funding mechanism which takes account of previous funding allocations, the level of local investment in road maintenance from the Council's own resources, and the results of pavement condition studies as this is the fairest and most practical way.”

10.2 Cllr. M. Sheehan

“In an effort to protect our urban centres and to increase transparency in the planning system , this Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD to reform the Planning Exemption processes by amending the Planning and Exempted Development Regulations, namely Section 5 and 6 (as amended 2023) to give Planning Authorities greater flexibility to protect our retail and town centres and to introduce an input of public submissions into planning exemption requests.”

10.3 Cllr. A.R. O'Brien

"With regard to the emergency rent supplement support for victims of domestic violence, I call on this council to write to the Minister for Social Protection requesting to include referrals from An Garda Síochána in the eligibility criteria; and that a referral from either An Garda Síochána or Tusla is satisfactory and appropriate for both individuals and families experiencing domestic violence; noting that the absence of this referral may exclude some individuals from this vital emergency support."

10.4 Cllr. T. Forde

"We ask that this council create a permit system, and standardised designs, that would allow businesses to apply to use signage on bollards/sandwich boards throughout the county, as long as they are not creating an obstacle for any pedestrians or road users. We also ask that the views of elected members be factored into any change of approach from the council towards such signage."

10.5 Cllr. C. Walsh

"This Council, mindful of persistent assault on the Palestinian People by Israeli Defence Forces, calls for the immediate cancellation of the EU/Israel Trade Deal, the enactment of legislation to ban goods from Occupied Territories and the deployment of UN peacekeepers to protect and distribute humanitarian assistance. If passed, this motion is to be forwarded to the Tánaiste, and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

10.6 Cllr. J. Fleming

"I am calling on the Minister for Rural and Community Development to increase the funding allocation for the Local improvement scheme and to allow a choice of either works by the applicants or payment for their percentage contribution."

10.7 Cllr. M. Sheehan

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD to amend Section 12 of the Residential Tenancy Act 2004 to eliminate blanket bans on pets in tenancy agreements thereby reducing the number of pets being surrendered and abandoned. If passed, this motion is circulated to all Councils nationwide. "

10.8 Cllr. A.R. O'Brien & Cllr. L. Kelly

"This Council is gravely concerned that the Central Bank of Ireland is regulating the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme and, thereby, facilitating the sale throughout Europe of bonds which are funding genocide in Gaza. The Central Bank is facilitating Israel to allow it to finance its war operations. This Council notes that

(1) the bonds, known as Israel Bonds, have, since 1951, raised funds for the Israeli Treasury for use across the Israeli economy including the financing of the apartheid system, the Israeli military and illegal settlements

(2) the bonds are now being advertised as war bonds and are funding the genocide in Gaza
Wexford County Council further notes that

(1) in January 2024 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) confirmed the plausibility of the charge of genocide against Israel

(2) in June 2024 the UN's International Commission of Inquiry on Palestine found that Israel's actions in Gaza "constitute the war crimes of wilful killing and mistreatment, and the crime against humanity of extermination"

(3) in July 2024 an ICJ ruling declared that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid and its entire regime of military occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal and must end immediately

(4) all institutions are under obligation under international law to prevent genocide and abuse of human rights

Wexford County Council, therefore, calls on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the regulation of the Israeli Bond Issuance Programme."

10.9 Cllr. T. Forde

"This council calls on Fianna Fáil Minister for Housing James Browne to re-examine the income thresholds for social housing applicants and also to end the practice of including payments such as the Working Family Payment (WFP) as a means of income when applying for housing supports.

Such payments aim to give extra financial support to people on low pay, but this continuing policy is directly resulting in the exclusion of lower income families from qualifying for Social housing supports."

11. Any Other Business