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8ú Deireadh Fomhair, 2025

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 13th October, 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 – 13th October, 2025 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 1.1 County Council Meeting 8th September, 2025
- 1.2 Special County Council Meeting (Presidential Election) 19th September, 2025

2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :

- 2.1 Lease of Land at Coolcotts to FAB Coolcotts Community Development Project CLG
- 2.2 Lease of land at Carricklawn to David Walsh Civil Engineering Ltd (DWCE)
- 2.3 Transfer of land to the rear of 44 Bewley Street New Ross, Co. Wexford
- 2.4 Grant of Deed of easement at Drumgoold, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
- 2.5 Intention to dispose of propriety at Scarawalsh, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- 2.6 Intention to dispose of property at Efferloge, Ferns, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

3. Approval in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)

- Bank Overdraft Accommodation 2026

4. Borrowing Requirements

5. Draft Wexford County Council Explosive Bye-Laws 2025 for the Port of New Ross

6. Draft Wexford County Council (Enniscorthy Municipal District) Traffic and Car Parking Bye-Laws 2025 – For Adoption

7. Filling of vacancy on Planning and Building Control SPC (following resignation of Ned Lyng, representative for Agricultural Pillar)

8. PPN Sectoral Nominations for SPC's

9. Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025 – Mid Year Progress Report – For Noting

10. Chief Executive's Report

11. Minutes of CPG

- 11.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 6th October, 2025

12. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 12.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 15th July, 2025
- 12.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 9th July, 2005
- 12.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 21st July 2025
- 12.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 15th July, 2025
- 12.5 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 16th July, 2025
- 12.6 Housing SPC Meeting – 4th June, 2025
- 12.7 Community & Rural Affairs SPC – 25th March, 2025
- 12.8 Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC dated 4th July, 2025

13. Correspondence and Communications

- 13.1 Email from Minister Browne's Office re: motion Residential Tenancy Act dated 11th September, 2025
- 13.2 Letter from Senator Cathal Byrne re: motion dated 16th September, 2025
- 13.3 Letter from Carlow County Council re: motion dated 12th September, 2025
- 13.4 Letter from Minister of State for Special Education & Inclusion re: motion dated 19th September, 2025
- 13.5 Email from Minister Browne's Office re: motion housing supports dated 23rd September, 2025
- 13.6 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re motion dated 26th September, 2025.
- 13.7 Letter from Kerry County Council re motion dated 18th September, 2025.
- 13.8 Email from Minister O'Brien's Office re motion dated 1st October, 2025
- 13.9 Letter from Roscommon County Council re motion dated 25th September, 2025

14. Councillor's Conferences and Training

- 14.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached
- 14.2 Delegation Reports
 - New Ross Municipal District Delegation - Eugene O'Neill festival in Danville, California in September, 2025.

15. Notices of Motion

15.1 Cllr. M. Sheehan

"That this Councils endorses the End Discrimination of Inheritance Tax (EDIT) campaign and calls on Ministers for Equality, Norma Foley, Public Expenditure, Jack Chambers TD and Minister for Finance Paschal Donoghue TD to commit to harmonising the inheritance laws

and bands so that people with no direct descendants are treated as equal to families with children in inheritance law and succession planning.

Upon adoption, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities. “

15.2 Cllr. P. Kehoe

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to introduce the necessary legislative amendments to empower authorised Dog Wardens to issue on-the-spot fines in the following circumstances:

1. Where a person fails to keep a dog under proper control in a public place; and/or
2. Where a person fails to immediately remove dog foul deposited by a dog under their control in a public area.

This Council acknowledges the ongoing concerns of communities regarding dogs being allowed to roam without adequate control in public spaces, as well as the persistent issue of dog fouling — both of which negatively impact public health, safety, and the general enjoyment of public amenities.

Accordingly, this Council requests that the Minister bring forward legislation or amend existing provisions in relevant legislation to:

- Provide Dog Wardens with clear statutory authority to issue on-the-spot fines for breaches relating to dog control and dog fouling;
- Support the enforcement of local bye-laws relating to dogs in public places; and
- Strengthen national efforts to promote responsible dog ownership and maintain clean and safe public spaces.”

15.3 Cllr. P. Kavanagh

“I’m calling on the relevant minister to rethink their proposal to progress legislation to force Short Term Rentals STRs to apply for planning permission for their part time business.”

15.4 Cllr. J. Fleming

“That Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to hugely increase funding for bus shelters in County Wexford at a time when bus transport is being encouraged and the lack of bus shelters is a massive deterrent to would be users .”

15.5 Cllr. T. Forde & Cllr. A.R. O’Brien

“This council sends solidarity to all activists that have taken part in the flotilla carrying aid to Gaza and condemns the Israeli attacks on civilians and activists who are part of the flotilla, and demands that the Israeli government immediately release all of the Irish citizens held in custody and allows their safe passage home.

We call for an immediate ceasefire, for international law to be respected, and for Israel to lift its blockade to allow for the delivery of aid into the Gaza Strip."

15.6 Cllr. P. Breen

"I ask Wexford county council to advise property owners whose properties join or run beside public roads or footpaths to be aware of their responsibilities to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers of M P Vs concerning the heavy growth this year of hedges and trees and the impact that can have on all road users."

15.7 Cllr. G. Carthy

"Cllr Carthy calls on the Minister for Transport to provide supplementary road restoration funding before year end to the Roads Department of Wexford County Council.

Similar funding was provided last year and would hope that the Minister would provide same this year. "

15.8 Cllr. A. Browne

"Calling on Wexford Co Council to include the ERF1 Register of Electors form in the housing Pack and to be completed when leases are signed."

15.9 Cllr. L. McDonald & Cllr. B.A. Murphy

"Wexford Co. Council welcomes the rollout of the developer led affordable housing scheme and the locale authority lead scheme in Gorey . We call for the identification of further local authority led schemes throughout the county."

15.10 Cllr. M. Sheehan

"While strengthening the welfare and health of animals; making dog breeders and sellers more accountable, transparent and animal welfare centred in their dealings; this Councils calls for the reformation of the Dog Breeding Establishment Act (2010) to incorporate "Stout's Law" into the act.

Stout's Law brings forward changes in the ages, duration and treatment/ conditions of breeding age dogs, limits the amounts of litters in a lifetime, the establishment of an single Independent Regulator with a stricter inspection regime and supports for the Local Authorities to work with licenced breeders while outlawing the practice of backyard puppy farms in Ireland.

Upon passage, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities nationwide. "

15.11 Cllr. L. Kelly

"Wexford county council request that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage introduce a residency requirement (for example 5 years) for those purchasing any investment property. Ireland, the Netherlands, and Portugal are currently the only three eu countries with restrictions on real estate acquisitions by overseas purchasers"

15.12 Cllr. T. 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."

15.13 Cllr. A.R. O'Brien

"That Wexford County Council acknowledges the ongoing and unacceptable delays in responding to enquiries submitted via the Council members online portal, with some applicants and members of the public reportedly waiting months, and in extreme cases up to one year, for acknowledgement or response.

This Council calls for:

A commitment to ensuring all portal queries are responded to within an adequate and acceptable timeframe, not exceeding four weeks from the date of submission;

The allocation of sufficient staffing or resources, if required, to manage and improve response rates;

A review of current response protocols, with a report to be brought back to Council outlining the average response times, causes of delays, and recommendations for improvement.

This motion recognises the stress and uncertainty caused to individuals and families awaiting support and stresses the importance of maintaining timely, respectful, and accountable communication with the public."

15.14 Cllr. L. McDonald & Cllr. BA Murphy

"We note the similarities in the Affordable Housing Scheme and the First Home Scheme. The First Time Buyer and those who have experienced marital breakdown are confused as to what schemes are available to them to assist them in the purchase of their first or new home . Accordingly we call on Wexford Co. Council as the housing authority to provide an advanced promotion drive, to include a webinar, road show and such promotional tools available to highlight all the options available to the purchaser to assist them in buying their first home."

16. Any Other Business