

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

**Meeting of Wexford County Council  
On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, Wexford County  
Council, Carricklawn, Wexford.**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas. Tá súil agam go mbeidh tú i láthair.

Beidh Clár ordaithe an Bhainisteóra ar fail i rith an chruinnithe.

Mise, le meas,



**Eddie Taaffe,**  
**Director of Services.**

**County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

- 1.1 County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- 1.2 Special County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**2. Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**

2.1 Proposed lease of a plot of land at Ashgrove, Fethard on Sea, Co. Wexford to Fethard Community Development Association

2.2 Proposed disposal of property at Carricklawn, Wexford to Slaney Clinic Ltd, 23 Abbey Court, Georges Street, Wexford.

2.3 Proposed lease of a plot of land to New Ross Search and Rescue CLG

**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 LAC 1901- Proposed development involves the construction of a new link road traversing parts of the Town Lands of Beak and Ballyteige at Kilmore Quay, linking the R739 regional road and the L3056 local primary road, and thus reducing the volume of traffic through the centre of the village of Kilmore Quay.

3.2 LAC 1902 – Proposed construction of a new Fire Station at Hewitsland, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

**4. Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024**

**5. Road Works Programme 2019**

**6. Draft County Wexford Tourism Strategy 2019-2023**

**7. 2019 Annual Service Delivery Plan Quarter 1**

**8. Local Election Update**

**9. Report of Corporate Policy Group**

**10. Chief Executive's Report**

**11. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training**

- Invitation to the Cavalcade de Fleurus 2019

## **12. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 12.1 Borough District of Wexford 18.02.19
- 12.2 Gorey Municipal District 19.02.19
- 12.3 Enniscorthy Municipal District 18.02.19
- 12.4 New Ross Municipal District 13.02.19

## **13. Sealing of Documents**

## **14. Correspondence and Communications**

- Correspondence from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Housing regarding the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan
- Correspondence from Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, President, Institute of Technology Carlow
- Acknowledgement from the Minister for Health concerning solidarity and support to nurses and midwives
- Acknowledgement from Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People regarding report of the Mental Health Sub-Committee

## **15. Deferred Notices of Motion**

### **15.1 Cllr. Malcolm Byrne:**

"That Wexford County Council condemns the outrageous cost overruns of the planned National Children's Hospital and calls for those responsible to be held to account."

### **15.2 Cllr. Michael Sheehan:**

"That this Council supports our GPs campaign for better terms and conditions with the undoing of FEMPI legislation and to calls on the Minister for Health to engage with the stakeholders to ensure that practices remain open, new doctors are recruited to ensure that practices remain viable and that patients do not have to travel long distances for GP appointments".

### **15.3 Cllr. Tom Forde:**

"I propose that this Council write separately to RTE, Eurovision Song Contest Ireland and the Irish performers, calling on all participants not to play any part in the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest, due to be held in Israel, until Israel recognises equal rights for Palestinians and observers international law."

**15.4 Cllr. David Hynes:**

"That this Council considers in view of the many housing applicants, that the Council is not in a position to provide a social house for at present, would therefore develop a more direct link with letting agencies to find out what accommodations are available to rent within the HAP income guidelines and as far as possible which landlords will accept HAP. As many applicants are under severe pressure and are often stressed trying to find a suitable place to rent".

**15.5 Cllr. Michael Sheehan:**

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Social protection to abandon the costly piecemeal practice to reviewing all those affected by the 2012 pension rules changes and to reinstate the old criteria of the pre-change State pension while developing a mechanism to backdate the full arrears to those pensioners affected"

**15.6 Cllr. Fionntán OSúilleabháin:**

"This Council acknowledges the large number of homeowners in County Wexford who are currently experiencing mortgage distress. It welcomes the passing of the first stage of the 'No Consent, No Sale' legislation in Leinster House which prevents banks selling home mortgages to vulture funds without the consent of the borrower/home-owner. This council is calling on all T.D.s to facilitate the speedy passage of the bill through the remaining legislative stages".

**15.7 Cllr. David Hynes:**

"That this Council calls on the government to reverse the decision by revenue to impose VAT at 23% on Food supplements from health stores".

**15.8 Cllr. John Fleming**

"That Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing Planning and local Government Mr. Eoghan Murphy to allow pensioners who have resided in a County Council property for many years to purchase that property regardless of income under the tenant purchase scheme".

**15.9 Cllr. Malcolm Byrne**

Noting

- (i) the seriously damaging effects on health and the environment of the continued burning of smoky fuels;
- (ii) the motion carried by this Council in March, 2015 seeking to prohibit the burning of smoky coals in the County;
- (iii) the announcement in October, 2015 by then Minister, Alan Kelly, of the Government's intention to proceed with a nationwide ban;
- (iv) the further motion carried by this Council in March, 2017, expressing concern at the failure of Government to proceed with this ban and the continued failure since;
- (v) the call in that motion in March 2017 for the introduction of this ban within six months,
- (vi) the continued evidence of the damage caused by the burning of smoky fuels being provided by the Council's own assessments,

This Council now resolves,

(vii) to introduce and enforce a Countywide ban on the sale and use of smoky fuels to take effect on 1st May, 2019.

(viii) to provide an information campaign to consumers on the dangers of poor air quality and on this ban.

**15.10 Cllr. David Hynes**

"This Council calls on the relevant Minister or administrators of the HAP scheme to cover the 4 weeks rent in advance that some landlords are demanding from new tenants along with the deposit".

**15.11 Cllr. Ger Carthy**

"That Wexford County Council allow Wexford Fire Service participation in the Fire/co-responder Scheme with the National Ambulance Service (NAS)".

**15.12 Cllr. Johnny Mythen**

"That this Council calls on the Minister of Transport, to double the fixed charge notice ,where illegal parking in a disabled bay is detected and to consider using a penalty points system in such cases".

**15.13 Cllr. Michael Sheehan**

"That Wexford County Council calls for changes to the Housing Aid for Older People Grant to allow applications from people who ordinarily meet the criteria but who are also caring for a resident dependent or family member under the age of 66, who are in receipt of a long term disability payment or someone incapable of living alone requiring full time care of the applicant".

**15.14 Cllr. Fionntán ÓSúilleabháin**

"That this Council will do a review this Spring on the widespread felling of mature, healthy trees which is taking place across County Wexford. That we will seek to implement measures that will preserve this important part of our natural heritage and landscape".

**15.15 Cllr. Malcolm Byrne**

"That Wexford County Council amend our County Development Plan to permit the construction of log cabins or other structures for housing for a defined period and that the appropriate amendment and regulations be presented at the April meeting of the Council".

**15.16 Cllr. Michael Sheehan**

"That Wexford County Council Housing section will review it's transfer policy of current tenants and consider accepting transfer applications on the grounds of unresolved antisocial behavior as legitimate reasons for requesting a move".

**15.17 Cllr. Fionntán ÓSúilleabháin**

"In the event of a no-deal Brexit, Wexford County Council will back the growing calls for an All-Ireland Border Poll, as enshrined under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement".

## 16. Notices of Motion

### 16.1 Cllrs: George Lawlor; Malcolm Byrne; John Hegarty

"That Wexford County Council, in view of the damage that spiraling insurance costs are causing to community groups, voluntary organisations, charities and small business, calls on the Government to accelerate its insurance reform programme. In particular, Wexford County Council calls on the Government to urgently recalibrate the Book of Quantum to reflect international norms, immediately establish a distinct Insurance Fraud Unit within an Garda Síochána and quantify the benefits to policyholders of the reforms currently being implemented."

### 16.2 Cllr. Tony Dempsey

"Due to the loss of jobs and the probability of further job losses in the Leisure and Play-activity centres in Wexford, that representatives of Wexford Co Co and the Leisure/Play activity centres seek an immediate Meeting with Minister Darcy.

The purpose of this Meeting

1. To discuss with Minister Darcy the problems faced by the Leisure/Play activity industry resulting from cost of Insurance and unavailability of Insurance.
2. To ask Minister Darcy to arrange a Meeting with Minister Charles Flanagan with same reps to discuss their concerns re current legislation and impact of same on the Industry".

### 16.3 Cllr. John Fleming

"That Wexford County Council calls on the minister for employment affairs and social protection not to link pensions to an inflation index . A lot of County Wexford pensioners who receive the state pension struggle at or below the poverty line and these measures if introduced would lock these pensioners in to poverty".

### 16.4 Cllr. John Fleming

"That Wexford County Council:

- calls on the Minister to amend current legislation in order to increase the minimum litter fine to €500
- brings in a "name and shame" policy in relation to detected litter offences".

### 16.5 Cllr. Pip Breen

"That Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Health Simon Harris and the HSE to fast track the provision of a second cat lab for Waterford University Hospital and stop using outdated figures and discredited reports to deprive the people of Southeastern region of this badly needed second cat lab".

## 17. Any Other Business