

MD/ZP

8ú Feabhra, 2023

**FÓGRA CRUINNITHE**

**Meeting of Wexford County Council**  
**On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 - 2.30 p.m.**  
***Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford***

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,

  
**Micheál O Dráoi**  
Runai

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



**County Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 – Agenda**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

**2. Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**

- LAC 2212 Proposed construction of a boathouse and facilities area including new access road at Carrigfoyle, Shelmaliere Commons, Co. Wexford.
- LAC2213 - Development of Masterplan Phase 1 lands to include the construction of 173 no. residential units and all associated site works at St. Waleran's Demesne, Ballytegan, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

**3. Audit Committee Annual Reports**

- Report on consideration of 2021 Annual Financial Statement and LG Statutory Audit Report
- Audit Committee Annual Report on the Audit Committee programme in 2022
- Audit Committee Programme for 2023

**4. Wexford County Council Fire and Emergency Operations Plan 2022-2027 as per statutory obligations under Section 26, Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003.**

**5. Wexford County Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024, Mid-Term Review**

**6. Active Travel Study Tour – 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023– 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

**7. Cathaoirleach's visit to Birmingham for Comhaltas UK Convention 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

**8. Chief Executive's Report**

## **9. Minutes of CPG**

9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

## **10. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**

- 10.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022
- 10.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022
- 10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting– 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022
- 10.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022
- 10.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting –20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022
- 10.6 Planning & Building Control SPC 29.09.2022

## **11. Correspondence and Communications**

- 11.1 Letter from Meath County Council re: resolution dated 03.01.2023
- 11.2 Letter from Monaghan County Council re: resolution dated 15.12.2022
- 11.3 Email from Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice re national domestic violence register dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023
- 11.4 Letter from Tipperary County Council re: motion Dogs Act Legislation in Ireland dated 20.01.2023.
- 11.5 Letter from Cavan County Council re: resolution passed at January meeting.
- 11.6 Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re motion dated 31st January, 2023

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

- 12.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached
- 12.2 Councillor's Conference Reports:
  - Conference Report – Cllr. Garry Laffan – The Finance Act, January 2023
  - Conference Report – Cllr. John Fleming – The Finance Act, January 2023
  - Conference Report – Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin – The Finance Act, January 2023
  - Conference Report – Cllr. Ger Carthy – The Finance Act, January 2023

## **13. Notices of Motion**

### **13.1 Cllr. M. Sheehan & Cllr. P. Breen**

“That this Council reaffirms our support for the Greyhound industry locally and welcomes the continued funding from the Government to uphold and maintain the standards, employment and recognises the economic benefit and return on investment. Furthermore, we call on our Oireachtas members to support the Industry and notes the opposition by three of them to ensure the passage of funding and jeopardising the future of the sport. “

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and the Wexford Oireachtas Members for consideration.

### **13.2 Cllr. T. Forde and Cllr. L. Kelly**

“We call on the Department of Education and Minister Norma Foley to provide a clear commitment and timeframe for a new, and necessary, school building for Wexford Educate Together National School. We ask that the Department begin to engage meaningfully with the school leaders throughout all stages of the project where they have failed to do so to date.”

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Education, for consideration.

### **13.3 Motion passed at Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment SPC 17.11.2022**

“Requesting a Special Meeting of the Full Council on the whole issue of coastal erosion, flooding and rising sea levels as most districts have a problem in this regard with land being lost or flooding problems. “

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, the Executive will liaise with the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment SPC and the Environment Department to facilitate a special meeting, as outlined.

### **13.4 Cllr. J. Fleming**

“I am calling on Wexford county council to implement the following policy, when Wexford county council purchase turn key developments or lease from an approved housing body that at least 15% of the properties have disability (wheel chair accessible ) bathrooms on the ground floor .”

#### **Response of the Executive:**

Wexford County Council has included the following priority in our *Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with Disabilities 2021-2026*, County Wexford Housing and Disability Steering Group:

“Local Authority Turnkey acquisitions have increasingly become a method of social housing delivery in recent years. Where Wexford County Council acquires an entire development, 20% of units are required to be adaptable in line with the County Development Plan. Where only a percentage of units are being acquired the Local Authority should seek to acquire adaptable units where possible (subject to unit size and cost). There should also be an increased awareness relayed to developers around the need for adaptable units”.

Policy objective 9 of the Housing Strategy in the Wexford County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 states “To promote Universal Design and Lifetime Housing standards in new homes built in the County in accordance with best practice. Significant developments of new homes shall ensure that a minimum of 20% of dwellings are suitable to accommodate or are adaptable to provide accommodation for people with disabilities. Developers will be required to show an accessible route to the residential units from the boundary of the property. Proximity and access to local services must also be considered relative to the units which are accessible”.

Wexford County Council has to be cognisant of the current housing demand and the available supply of turnkey properties when assessing proposals. The Housing Department also works closely with AHB’s, many of whom specialise in the delivery of accommodation for people with disabilities.

### **13.5 Cllr. J. Hegarty**

“Wexford County Council has previously expressed its full support for the Healthy County Committees "Not around us" campaign to discourage smoking or vaping in any outdoor area used by children and young people.

In support of the next phase of the "Not around us" campaign, I propose that any event organised by, funded by, supported by or on Wexford County Council property which engages children or young people would be designated a "Not around us" supporting event and would display the "Not around us" logo and signage in promotion of the event and at the event itself. This requirement will then be included in any event support or funding agreements, as standard. Soft copy graphics will be included on WCC website and the signage and banners available for events through WCC MD offices. “

#### **Response of the Executive:**

The Executive believes that this motion is a natural progression from the following motion which was passed in November 2021:

“Wexford County Council commits to include all Council playgrounds, parks, beaches and areas designed for children and young people as part of the initial phase of the Healthy County Committee "Not around us" campaign. This will establish a series of places and spaces all over County Wexford where children and young people can enjoy themselves in a smoke and vape free environment”.

Currently there are 32 playgrounds, 5 libraries and 8 beaches with Not Around Us signage, in addition to the Community sign ups. The Community Department will work with the Healthy County Committee and other relevant stakeholders to embed this practice within the organisation.

### **13.6 Cllr. T. Forde and F. O Súilleabháin.**

"This council welcomes the tax free Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) of €800 per month to persons who provide a property used to accommodate refugees from Ukraine. We ask that such initiatives be extended/implemented in an effort to accommodate all homeless people in Ireland."

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing, for consideration

### **13.7 On behalf of all Councillors in the New Ross District**

"In light of the ongoing housing crisis, I call on the Minister for Housing to amend the Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011 to increase the suspension period from 12 to 24 months for applicants who refuse an offer of a new property on unreasonable grounds.

Refusals on certified medical grounds or on the basis of a report from An Garda Síochana are not deemed to be unreasonable."

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing, for consideration.

### **13.8 Cllr. M. Sheehan**

"This this Council calls the Government to amend the Oil emergency contingency and transfer of renewable transport fuels 2023 bill to ensure that any future measures or actions taken by the Minister for the Environment to direct essential fuel and oil supplies in times of a declared Crisis or Emergency is subject to robust committee oversight and approval of the Oireachtas. "

#### **Response of the Executive:**

If passed, this Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, for consideration.

## **14. Any Other Business**