

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| P. Breen;      | J. Browne,         | M. Byrne;   | G. Carthy,  |
| K. Codd-Nolan, | A. Connick;        | A. Donohoe, | K. Doyle,   |
| M. Farrell;    | W. Fitzharris;     | J. Fleming, | J. Hegarty, |
| P. Kavanagh;   | F. Kehoe;          | G. Lawlor,  | J. Moore,   |
| BA Murphy,     | M. Murphy;         | J. Mythen,  | L. O'Brien, |
| J. O'Rourke;   | F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche,   | M. Sheehan, |
| F. Staples;    | J. Sullivan,       | D. Wadding, | O. Walsh,   |
| M. Whelan.     |                    |             |             |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors D. Hynes; R. Ireton; A. Kelly; O. O'Connell.

The Cathaoirleach sent his best wishes to Cllr. Anthony Kelly who was ill at present and this was echoed by the other Members of the Council. He also extended best wishes to Cllr. Robert Ireton who is in hospital.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Aidan Murphy, father-in-law, Liz Stanley, Gorey Municipal District.
- The family of David Bowie who died recently.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Andrew Berry who recently featured on the television programme "The Voice".
- All of the Council Staff with regards to the recent floods and bad weather particularly the outdoor Staff. The Chief Executive extended his thanks to these workers also.
- Padraig O'Gorman, District Manager and Sinead O'Gorman, Library on the work involved in organising the "Cherish the Children" event in Enniscorthy which was written by Liam Bates. The Chief Executive extended his thanks to all the staff involved.
- The Cathaoirleach thanked all the volunteers who helped out during the flooding in Enniscorthy.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Breen, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

**2. Filling of vacancy on the Association of Irish Local Government (following resignation of Cllr. M. Byrne from the AILG):**

Cllr. P. Breen was proposed by Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan. This was agreed by the Council.

**3. Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2014:**

This was noted by the Members.

**4. Vacant Property Incentive Scheme:**

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, explained that the Council is now proposing to have one Vacant Property Incentive Scheme for the whole county. This will be a simplified and streamlined process, basically an amalgamation of the existing schemes. He recommended approval of the scheme and intends to carry out widespread promotion of the scheme in the County over the coming months.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen the Council agreed the Vacant Property Incentive Scheme as submitted to the meeting.

**5. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated.

The Chief Executive and other officials in attendance responded to matters raised by the Members which included:

- The effect of recent flooding on the coastline in the north of the County.
- Derelict sites and dangerous structures.
- Gas pipeline between Barntown and Taghmon.
- Call centre for Members.
- Damage to roads from recent bad weather.

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

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

**7. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 7.1 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 16.11.15
- 7.2 Protocol Committee of Borough District of Wexford 04.12.15
- 7.3 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 17.11.15
- 7.4 New Ross Municipal District 11.11.15
- 7.5 Enniscorthy Municipal District 18.11.15
- 7.6 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 04.12.15

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe the Members noted and approved the above minutes.

The County Secretary notified Members of a Review of the Operation of Local Government Reform 2014 Questionnaire Survey of Elected Member which had been circulated earlier and asked that the Members complete the survey and return as soon as possible to the County Secretary.

He also notified the Members of the requirement for them to make a submission with regard to Political Donations to Elected Members during 2015. Forms were circulated to the Members which needed to be returned to the County Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

He also notified Members that the form for the Annual Declaration Ethics Form will be circulated to the Members in the coming weeks for completion and returned by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Notification of Frequently Asked Questions regarding Election and Referendum Posters was circulated to the Members for their information.

**8. Notices of Motion:**

**Cllr. J. Mythen:**

"I move that this Council calls on the Government to declare a bank holiday marking the significant and historic occasion of the 1916 Rising".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. J. Mythen:**

“That as Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny have advanced to the second stage of their bid for the European Capital city of culture under the umbrella of the Three Sisters, we strongly urge the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, to restore the cuts in Arts Council funding to the music organisation “music for Wexford” including similar organisations in the other two counties”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. K. Codd Nolan:**

“With increasing amounts of rainfall and its adverse effect on tertiary and county roads particularly in Upland areas that this Council write to the Minister for Transport to re-instate immediately the Community Involvement Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme in full with separate budget allocations”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. D. Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the government to ban foreign owned factory freezer ships from fishing 13 miles off the Irish Coast. The FV Margiris and Annelies ilena, two of the world’s largest Super Trawlers along with a fleet of other EU flagged factory ships have been fishing up and down the Irish Coast for over 2 months now”.

This motion was deferred to the next meeting of the Council as Cllr. D. Hynes was not in attendance.

**Cllr. D. Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the Minister of Finance to reverse the decision to introduce a new rule limiting deposits in credit unions to €100,000”.

This motion was deferred to the next meeting of the Council as Cllr. D. Hynes was not in attendance.

**Cllr. J. Moore & Cllr. P. Kavanagh:**

“Requests Wexford County Council, through its Arts Department, to lead and engage with relevant interested parties with the objective of creating a County Youth Choir offering primary and post primary students across Wexford this unique opportunity”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllrs J. Moore and P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. D. Wadding:**

"I call on this council to condemn the abuse of the judicial system that was the fast tracking of the arrests and detention of TDs Mick Wallace and Clare Daly and furthermore to call on the government to end the threat to Irish safety and the undermining of Irish neutrality that is caused by the maintaining of a de facto US military base in Shannon".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding, seconded by Cllr. F.OSúilleabháin. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated on a vote of 4 in favour and 24 against.

**Cllr. D. Wadding:**

"That given the concerns and complaints by local residents, this Council will review the operation of the intensive piggery at Bulgan to ensure all environmental and planning requirements are fully satisfied .and that due regard is given to local residents".

This motion was withdrawn by Cllr. D. Wadding.

## **9. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

## **10. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Michael McElgunn, Inspector of Superintendent Commissioner's Office regarding Garda resources.
- Acknowledgement from Emmet ÓFatharta, Minister Alex White's Office regarding high speed broadband.
- Acknowledgement from Niamh Fitzgerald, Private Secretary to Mr. Kevin Humphreys, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Social Protection regarding minimum wage in Community Programmes.

It was proposed that the Council write back to Minister White and ask that the entire County be included in the SIRO.

## 11.Any Other Business:

- Cllr. M. Farrell asked that the Council write to the Manager of Wexford General Hospital seeking a meeting.
- Cllr. K. Doyle asked that the President Michael D. Higgins be asked to the opening of the Athenaeum in Enniscorthy.
- Cllr. F. Staples proposed a Civic Reception for the Wexford Youths. This was seconded by Cllr. W. Fitzharris and agreed by the Council.
- Cllr. J. Mythen asked that extra help be given to the residents of Island Road in Enniscorthy with regard to the provision of coal and oil to dry out their houses which had been badly affected by the recent floods. The Chief Executive outlined the Department of Social Welfare Scheme that is available for residents who have been affected by the flooding.
- Cllr. M. Sheehan asked for a report on the flooding for the next meeting.
- Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised Members arising from Cllr. M. Sheehan's request that a full report on the flooding had been already circulated to the Members.
- The Chief Executive advised the Members that new legislation regarding the Harbour Bill 2015 had been passed recently which brought harbours into the ownership of Local Authorities. In particular New Ross Port is now under the jurisdiction of Wexford County Council. There is a Statutory Instrument to be signed by the Minister and there will be a full report by the Chief Executive when this comes to hand.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

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held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
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**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| P. Breen;      | J. Browne,     | M. Byrne;    | G. Carthy,         |
| K. Codd-Nolan, | A. Connick;    | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,          |
| M. Farrell;    | W. Fitzharris; | J. Hegarty,  | D. Hynes;          |
| R. Ireton;     | P. Kavanagh;   | F. Kehoe;    | G. Lawlor,         |
| J. Moore,      | BA Murphy,     | M. Murphy;   | J. Mythen,         |
| L. O'Brien,    | O. O'Connell;  | J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; |
| M. Roche,      | M. Sheehan,    | J. Sullivan, | D. Wadding,        |
| O. Walsh,      | M. Whelan.     |              |                    |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Mr. N. O'Driscoll, A/Director of Services;  
Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors A. Kelly; J. Fleming; F. Staples.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- Cllr. John Fleming on the death of his mother.
- The family of Sarah Mackey, mother of Ger Mackey, Community Department
- The family of Tommy Goff, former Road Overseer, father of Thomas Goff and brother of Kevin and Joseph Goff, Roads Department.
- The family of Patrick Tyrrell, father of Margo Murphy, Motor Tax Department.
- The family of Catherine Donohoe, sister of Mary Power, Credit Control.
- The family of Andrew Nolan, father of Ned Nolan, Branch Librarian.
- The family of Mai Mitten, mother of Warren Mitten, Fire Fighter
- The family of Bridie Browne, mother of Mary Moran, Local Charges Unit
- The family of Paddy Carton, father of Niamh Lennon, Planning Department.
- The family of Paddy Kehoe, Gusserane.
- The family of Nicholas Fenlon, Wexford Town.
- The family of John Lemass, Gorey.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Caroline Horan and all involved in the recent LAMA Awards where Wexford won the "County Council of the Year".
- Enniscorthy Rugby Club on winning the All Ireland Junior Cup Final.
- Templeudigan on winning an award for their new playground as part of the LAMA Awards
- The Slaney Search and Rescue Team on winning the South East Radio/Talbot Hotel January 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award in honour of the fantastic work they did during the very recent floods in Enniscorthy.
- The Prime Ed Company for the expansion of its business and new jobs created
- The launch of the New Ross Bypass
- Tadhg Furlong who played in the Six Nations Rugby match Ireland v Wales yesterday.
- Fr. Sean Devereux who won the 2015 South East Radio/Talbot Hotel Outstanding Achievement Award Winner. Fr. Seán was commended for his incredible volunteer work in The Gambia.

The Chairman welcomed back Cllr. Robert Ireton from his recent illness.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. Kehoe, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

**2. Audit Committee**

• **2015 Annual Report on Audit Committee Activity**

The 2015 Annual Report on Audit Committee Activity was presented to the meeting by Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant. It was noted that the Council was well governed and well managed.

• **Audit Committee Report on 2014 AFS and Audit Report**

The Audit Committee Report on 2014 AFS and Audit Report was presented to the meeting by Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant. The Audit Committee raised the financial position of the Council which needs to be kept under review.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore both reports were approved by the Council.



**3. 1916 Centenary Commemoration, Enniscorthy, Wexford:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, presented the Events Management Plan for the 1916 Centenary Commemoration in Enniscorthy including the Promenade Festival which will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The Plan was proposed by Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and agreed by the Council.

**4. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Council approved the CPG Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016.

**5. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated.

The Chief Executive and other Officials in attendance responded to matters raised by the Members which included:

- Condition of roads in various areas
- Provision of housing and the cost of emergency housing
- Coastal erosion in Courtown
- The acquisition of the Trinity Wharf site
- The inclusion of Ferns in the Norman Way
- New Fire Station in New Ross
- Update on Fethard Sewerage Scheme
- The Chief Executive reported that he had received confirmation from Transport Infrastructure Ireland that they intend to begin preparatory works on a by-pass for Oylegate. He expected that consultants would be appointed in the near future and that local consultation would take place over the next few months.

**6. Payment of expenses for non-elected Members:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised that approval was required for payments to non Elected Members for their attendance at meetings of the PPN and the LCDC.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and agreed by the Council payment was approved for non Elected Members for their attendance at meetings of the PPN and the LCDC.

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

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

**8. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 8.1 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 03.11.15
- 8.2 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 21.12.15
- 8.3 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 15.12.15
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- 8.5 Enniscorthy Municipal District 16.12.15

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty the Members noted and approved the above minutes.

**9. Notices of Motion:**

**9.1 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the government to ban foreign owned factory freezer ships from fishing 13 miles off the Irish Coast. The FV Margiris and Annelies ilena, two of the world’s largest Super Trawlers along with a fleet of other EU flagged factory ships have been fishing up and down the Irish Coast for over 2 months now”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding.

All Members voted in favour of the motion except Fine Gael Members present who abstained from the vote. The motion was passed.

**9.2 Deferred Notice of Motion:**

**Cllr. D. Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the Minister of Finance to reverse the decision to introduce a new rule limiting deposits in credit unions to €100,000”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne and agreed by all present.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, then circulated a calendar of events celebrating 1916 which will take place in March and April 2016.

**9.3 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“On foot of the extremely serious questions raised by Joe Higgins TD in the Dáil( 13 January ) implicating Wexford Local Authority in 'irregularities' with regard to assembly of the site of Government offices at Anne St. Wexford, I call on this council to facilitate the immediate (within 7 days ) release of all files and material pertaining to the matter to each member of this council and furthermore to facilitate an independent transparent investigation, in the interests of the integrity of this Council”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding.

Report by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, was circulated which outlined the history of the Anne Street site.

The Chief Executive indicated that Members of the Council could examine the files, bringing any concerns back to the Director dealing with the matter who will issue a written response.

The Council has not been made aware of the particulars of the concerns that have been raised in the Dáil. As regards persons with individual cases of concern, it was suggested that they meet with the Chief Executive or Director to clarify the issues of concern.

The Cathaoirleach advised that a motion was not required for Members to inspect a file.

This approach was agreed by the Council.

**9.4 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“ I call on this Council to condemn the non registration with PRSA of a number of letting agents, to call on PRSA to prosecute these companies who offer no protection to tenants and to ensure that all letting agents dealing with the council in respect of RAS or otherwise, are registered”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by the Council.

**9.5 Cllr. J. Mythen:**

“That this Council calls on the government to exempt volunteer rescue services from having to pay vat on their rescue equipment, which they need to maintain the high standard of emergency work that they carry out, and also to exempt their rescue vehicles from road tax”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle and agreed by the Council.

**9.6 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin:**

“Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys TD and the Minister for the Environment and Community, Alan Kelly TD to ensure that the areas around 10-25 Moore Street, Dublin are fully protected as a National monument or the purpose of preserving locations associated with Easter 1916”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche and agreed by the Council.

**9.7 Cllr. M. Byrne:**

“That Wexford County Council calls on the incoming Government to appoint a Minister for Older People with a specific purpose on ensuring the coordination of services to best meet the needs of our senior citizens”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by the Council.

**9.8 Cllr. M. Sheehan:**

"Recognising the stress on families and the chronic shortage of places in second level schools across the County, that this Council calls on the Department of Education and Science to commission an audit of the actual enrolment numbers, the level of secondary students travelling outside of their catchment area, third level progression/ third level enrolment issues in County Wexford for the next ten years. Furthermore, we call on the incoming Minister to ensure that adequate provision is made to ensure resources are available to meet numbers of prospective students and their families".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne and agreed by the Council.

**9.9 Cllr. J. Browne:**

"That Wexford County Council calls on the incoming Minister for Health to put in place sustainable supports for rural GPs to ensure a GP service is maintained in rural Ireland"

This motion was deferred as Cllr. J. Browne had left the meeting.

**10. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**11. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Jean-Pierre Thébault, Ambassador of France.
- Correspondence from Gerard Murphy, Managing Director, Coillte, regarding use of cypermethrin in Coillte forests in County Wexford.
- Acknowledgement from Nessa Foley, Private Secretary to Heather Humphreys, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in connection with funding for music organisations in Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny.
- Acknowledgement from Emmet Ó Fatharta, Minister Alex White's Office, regarding the SIRO.
- Correspondence from Alex White, TD, Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources regarding broadband in County Wexford.
- Correspondence from Sean Atkinson, CEO, SIRO, regarding the SIRO roll-out.
- Correspondence from Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, regarding the Local Improvement Scheme and the Community Involvement Scheme.
- Correspondence from Nessa Foley, Private Secretary to Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding funding.
- Email from Cllr. M. Byrne regarding resignation from Planning and Building Control SPC.

Cllr. K. Codd Nolan was disappointed with the response to her proposal regarding the Local Improvement Scheme and the Community Involvement Scheme and asked that a deputation of the Council meet with the relevant Minister after the upcoming elections.

**12. Any Other Business:**

- Cllr. M. Farrell raised the issue of the entrance to Wexford General Hospital which had been proposed by the Council many months ago. It was agreed that the County Secretary would write to the hospital to seek a meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| P. Breen;      | M. Byrne;    | G. Carthy,         | K. Codd-Nolan, |
| A. Connick;    | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,          | M. Farrell;    |
| W. Fitzharris; | J. Hegarty,  | D. Hynes;          | R. Ireton;     |
| P. Kavanagh;   | F. Kehoe;    | J. Fleming;        | G. Lawlor,     |
| J. Moore,      | BA Murphy,   | M. Murphy;         | J. Mythen,     |
| O. O'Connell;  | J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche,      |
| M. Sheehan,    | J. Sullivan, | D. Wadding,        | O. Walsh,      |
| M. Whelan.     |              |                    |                |

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT;  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, District Manager, Enniscorthy Municipal District;  
Ms. L. Hore, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Dept;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors A. Kelly; L. O'Brien; F. Staples.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Mary Brennan, mother of Tina O'Rourke, Water Charges
- The family of Pauline Kavanagh, Enniscorthy
- The family of Mary Browne

The Cathaoirleach congratulated the TD's recently elected to Dáil Éireann and noted that the Council looks forward to working with them over the coming years. He also added his commiserations to the Members of the Council who had the courage to stand for election and were not successful on this occasion.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

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

2.1 Proposed disposal of land at Bessmount, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford to John and Deirdre Bowler

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, the Members agreed to the proposed disposal of land at Bessmount, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford to John and Deirdre Bowler in accordance with the notice circulated.

**3. Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) - Section 34 (6) – Proposed Material Contravention of Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2019 - Reference Number in Register 20151082 – Erection of a fully serviced dwelling and domestic garage and associated site works at Moyne Upper, Enniscorthy Rural.**

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. J. O'Rourke the Members approved the Material Contravention of the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 - 2019, extended plan, in accordance with Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) – Planning Register No 20151082.

**4. Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Wexford County Council for Rehabilitation works on MacMurrough Island bridge 1 (WX-N30-007), MacMurrough Island Bridge 2 (WX-N30-008), MacMurrough Island Farm Underpass (WX-N30-009), Ballybing Culvert (WX-N25-001.00) and Glebe Bridge (WX-N11-003.00)**

The Members noted the report of Mr. N. O'Driscoll, A/Senior Engineer, dated 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Members agreed the Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Wexford County Council.

**5. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The Members raised a number of issues with regard to the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, in particular the treatment of development levy debtors in Wexford County Council's accounts. These questions were answered by Council Officials in attendance.

The report was noted by the meeting.

**6. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated.

The Chief Executive and other Officials in attendance responded to matters raised by the Members which included:

- Housing shortage in North Wexford
- Housing in the New Ross District
- Housing shortage in the rest of the County
- SIRO Project
- Roads/flooding
- Tyres damaged by driving on country roads
- Events Management
- Replacement of temporary surfaces on route of the new gas pipeline
- Erosion near Dunmore Graveyard in North County Wexford
- Traffic route lighting on the N25
- New Fire Station for New Ross
- Membership of the Traveller Interagency Group
- Replacement of Roads Staff in the Gorey District
- Public consultation with regard to the proposed new link road at Rosslare Harbour
- Wastewater system at Our Lady's Island

Following discussion about the housing shortage in the County, it was agreed that the Director of Services would make a presentation on housing to the Members of the Council at the next County Council Meeting.

The Chief Executive advised the meeting that Expressions of Interest from the private sector with regard to the provision of housing appeared recently in the local newspapers. He also notified the meeting that the Council had started recruiting housing staff for the capital programme.

**7. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, the Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

Cllr. Kavanagh also notified the Members of an upcoming LAMA Training Course in Sligo and encouraged Councillors to attend.

**8. Nominations to the Joint Policing Committee:**

A report on the nominations to the Joint Policing was circulated by the County Secretary for ratification of the Members. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe, the list of nominations was agreed and approved by the Council.



**9. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 9.1 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 12.01.16
- 9.2 New Ross Municipal District 13.01.16
- 9.3 Borough District of Wexford 18.01.16
- 9.4 Protocol Meeting of the Borough District of Wexford 18.01.16
- 9.5 Gorey Municipal District 19.01.16
- 9.6 Enniscorthy Municipal District 20.01.16
- 9.7 Delegation between Wexford County Council and Assistant Garda Commissioner 08.02.16
- 9.8 Joint Policing Committee 08.02.16
- 9.9 Protocol Committee Meeting 08.02.16

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. A. Connick the Members noted and approved the above minutes.

Cllr. M. Byrne thanked the Joint Policing Committee for including Members from the Gorey District on the JPC.

**10. Notices of Motion:**

**10.1 Cllr. F. Kehoe:**

“That this Council will call on the Department of Education and incoming Minister to reintroduce the Library Grant Scheme for all schools”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne and agreed by the Council.

**10.2 Cllr. D.Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the new Government to reverse the decision to introduce Pay - by - Weight bin charges by July '16 as this can possibly impose real financial hardship on poorer families with children etc and also because the charge on Recyclables is totally counterproductive. The introduction of this, as it stands will lead to greater illegal dumping”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by the Council.

It was noted that Cllr. J. Hegarty left the meeting at 3.25 p.m.

**10.3 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“That this Council would support a change in the practice whereby a once off deposit will only be paid once a successful applicant is already in rented accommodation. We call on the new Minister of Social Protection to address this anomaly as those who need to avail of the grant are not in a position to find the deposit in advance. A simple solution could be an application form allowing payment to go directly to the landlord or letting agency”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Cllr. K. Doyle left the meeting during this item declaring potential conflict of interest.

The motion was agreed by all present.

**10.4 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“We immediately call on the new Minister to protect the livelihoods and well being of our firefighters by exempting their retainer fees from income consideration by DSP. Some firefighters who put their lives on the line for the community are surviving on less than minimum wage having had to leave jobs that would not allow them the flexibility to be on call. They are then penalised by DSP because of the retainer. We urge the new government to end this penury for our frontline workers”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding, seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised the meeting that the issue about firefighters was a matter for the Department of Social Welfare.

The motion was agreed by all present.

**11. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**12. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Alex Lalor, Private Secretary to Minister Michael Noonan, in relation to NAMA.
- Acknowledgement from Nessa Foley, Private Secretary to Minister Heather Humphreys, in relation to Moore Street.
- Acknowledgement from the Office of the Taoiseach regarding a Minister for Older People.
- Acknowledgement from Sean Tansey, Private Secretary to Minister Jan O’Sullivan regarding secondary schools.
- Acknowledgement from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Minister Simon Coveney regarding fisheries.

Cllr. O. O’Connell set out his displeasure at Minister Humphreys reply to the Council regarding Moore Street.

Cllr. M. Whelan enquired about the new Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The County Secretary advised that there would be a Special Meeting of the County Council held in Gorey next week to co-opt a new Member to the Council to fill the casual vacancy which arises as a result of the election of Cllr. James Browne to the Dáil.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised that the Members on the 1916 Commemoration Events and distributed a programme setting out those events.

### 13. Any Other Business:

- The Cathaoirleach notified the Council that he would be attending the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York with an official of the Council on receipt of an invitation from the Wexfordman's Association in New York.
- The Chief Executive advised the Members that there would also be a delegation going to Atlanta and Savannah. It was one of the Council's primary objectives to develop the local economy and that Members had been receiving updates on the enterprise initiatives in the County to attract companies to Wexford. The trip to Atlanta and Savannah was to reach out to people in the United States to bring jobs to Wexford. He then outlined the meetings to be held with bodies in the United States including the Irish Consulate, the Irish Chamber of Commerce, Kehoe Iron Works, Georgia Ports Authority, Atlanta Tech Village, Atlanta and Metro Atlanta Chamber, Savannah Economic Development Authority & World Trade Centre Savannah. The costs will be met by Wexford County Council. It was noted that the trips had been approved by the Protocol Committee and the Corporate Policy Group and it was then agreed by the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 – 3.15 p.m.  
in the Gorey Municipal District Office, Gorey, Co. Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. M. Byrne.

**Councillors:**

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| G. Carthy,         | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,    | J. Fleming;  |
| J. Hegarty,        | R. Ireton;   | P. Kavanagh; | W. Kavanagh; |
| F. Kehoe;          | BA Murphy,   | J. Mythen,   | L. O'Brien;  |
| F. Ó Súilleabháin; | J. Sullivan, | D. Wadding,  | O. Walsh,    |

**Officials:** Mr. J. Carley, Deputy Chief Executive;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Cllrs: P. Breen; K. Codd Nolan; T. Dempsey; M. Farrell; A. Kelly;  
G. Lawlor; J. Moore; M. Murphy; O. O'Connell; J. O'Rourke; M. Roche;  
M. Sheehan; F. Staples.

Deputy James Browne also attended the meeting.

As the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach were away Cllr. Malcolm Byrne chaired the meeting. He welcomed the Council to Gorey.

**1. Casual Vacancy – co-option:**

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Sullivan, Willie Kavanagh was co-opted to the Council. Cllr. Kavanagh joined the meeting and the Members and Deputy Chief Executive congratulated him on his appointment and looked forward to working with him in the future.

Cllr. Kavanagh thanked the proposer and the Members and Chief Executive for their good wishes and stated that he looked forward to working with the Members, Chief Executive and Staff for the betterment of County Wexford. He also wished James Browne well in his new role as a Dail Deputy. It was further agreed that Cllr. Kavanagh would hold the same positions as James Browne on the various committees and this was proposed en bloc by Cllr. B.A. Murphy. It was noted that these positions will be reviewed and revised at the April Meeting of the Council.

## 2. **Any Other Business:**

- Trip to Fleurus – Borough District of Wexford:

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe it was agreed that a delegation from the Borough District of Wexford would attend at Fleurus. The County Secretary noted that the cost of accommodation would be carried by the Fleurus Local Authority and that the cost for the whole trip would be less than €1000. It was further agreed that a report of the trip would be brought back to the full Council.

- Temporary appointment to Housing, Community & Environment SPC:

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy it was agreed that Cllr. O. O'Connell would take the place of Cllr. Anthony Kelly on the Housing, Community & Environment SPC on a temporary basis while Cllr. Kelly recovered from illness.

- An invitation has been received by the Council to attend at the Gala Event at the National Concert Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed that if any Councillor was available to attend that he or she would contact the County Secretary or Padraig O'Gorman, Enniscorthy District Manager, to make arrangements.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| M. Byrne;    | G. Carthy,         | K. Codd-Nolan, | A. Connick;    |
| A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,          | M. Farrell;    | W. Fitzharris; |
| D. Hynes;    | R. Ireton;         | P. Kavanagh;   | W. Kavanagh;   |
| J. Fleming;  | G. Lawlor,         | J. Moore,      | BA Murphy,     |
| M. Murphy;   | J. Mythen,         | L. O'Brien     | O. O'Connell;  |
| J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche,      | M. Sheehan,    |
| F. Staples;  | J. Sullivan,       | D. Wadding,    | M. Whelan.     |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors P. Breen; J. Hegarty; A. Kelly; O. Walsh.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell it was agreed to adjourn the April 2016 Meeting of the Council.

The Cathaoirleach passed a vote of sympathy for Cllr. Fergie Kehoe who had passed away recently and extended his condolences to his wife Francis, his son Oisín and his wider family. The Cathaoirleach advised that the full meeting of the Council will reconvene next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The Cathaoirleach noted the close working relationship and friendship that Cllr. Kehoe had with the Officials, Council Members and political colleagues and stated that this was a time for solidarity with Cllr. Kehoe's family and the wider community.

The Mayor of Wexford Councillor Ger Carthy noted that a dark cloud had settled on Wexford with the sad news of Cllr. Kehoe's passing and he extended his condolences to his wife, Frances and son, Oisín. On a personal basis he stated that it had been an honour to serve with Cllr. Kehoe on the Council and noted that his late father Councillor Leo Carthy had also served with Cllr. Kehoe. Cllr. Kehoe loved Wexford Town in particular and was a strong advocate for the people of the town.

He finished by saying that Cllr. Kehoe was a great friend and colleague and extended his condolences to the family on behalf of the Wexford Borough District Council.

Chairman of Gorey Municipal District, Cllr. Malcolm Byrne referred to the shock and sadness caused by Cllr. Kehoe's death. He remembered Cllr. Kehoe as a funny, witty man who always looked on the bright side of life.

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh expressed his sympathy to Cllr. Kehoe's family on behalf of the Fine Gael party.

Cllr. Johnny Mythen expressed his sympathy to Cllr. Kehoe's family on behalf of the Sinn Féin party.

Many of the Councillors present echoed the remarks made by the Cathaoirleach and the Mayor and expressed their sympathy and offered their condolences to Cllr. Kehoe's family and friends.

The Cathaoirleach noted that he had received an email of sympathy from Lugo, a town with which Wexford Town has close connections. He had also received sympathy from Madeleine Quirke, Wexford Chamber of Commerce and from Cllr. Anthony Kelly, who had rang the Cathaoirleach to express his sympathy.

On behalf of the staff of the Council, Tom Enright, Chief Executive, said that there was great shock and sadness at Cllr. Fergie Kehoe's passing. He noted that he was an excellent public representative and did a large amount of work for people in Wexford Town. He noted that he had a great sense of life, humour and wit and expressed his sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Wexford County Council.

There then followed a minutes silence.

The Council then went into committee to discuss the arrangements for Cllr. Kehoe's funeral.

At the end of the meeting the Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr. Willie Kavanagh to his first meeting of Wexford County Council.

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County Secretary

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of adjourned Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| M. Byrne;     | G. Carthy,   | K. Codd-Nolan, | A. Connick;    |
| A. Donohoe,   | K. Doyle,    | M. Farrell;    | W. Fitzharris; |
| J. Hegarty,   | D. Hynes;    | R. Ireton;     | P. Kavanagh;   |
| W. Kavanagh;  | J. Fleming;  | G. Lawlor,     | J. Moore;      |
| BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;   | J. Mythen,     | L. O'Brien;    |
| O. O'Connell; | J. O'Rourke; | M. Roche;      | M. Sheehan;    |
| F. Staples;   | J. Sullivan, | D. Wadding,    | M. Whelan.     |

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT;  
Ms. L. Hore, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Dept;  
Mr. M. D'Arcy, Bid Team, Three Sisters 2020;  
Ms. K. Collins, Bid Team, Three Sisters 2020;  
Ms. A.M. Laffan, Bid Team, Three Sisters 2020;  
Ms. R. Grant, Bid Team, Three Sisters 2020;  
Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant, Finance Dept;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors P. Breen, A. Kelly, F. Ó Súilleabháin, O. Walsh,

**1. Presentation – European Capital of Culture and Regional Cultural Strategy (In-Committee)**

The meeting agreed to hold this item In-Committee.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, outlined the background and benefits of the South East Bid, which will require an indicative budget of €31m.

Ms. K. Collins presented the draft Regional Cultural Strategy.

Mr. M. D'Arcy outlined the community engagement which is taking place as part of the bid. The Director advised the meeting that the Bid Book and the finalised Regional Cultural Strategy will be presented for adoption at the May 2016 meeting of the Council.



Further discussion about the bid book and budget which dealt with the key issues raised by the jury in response to the Three Sisters first bid. A number of questions from Members of the Council were addressed by the delegation present.

The Chief Executive thanked the team and advised the benefits of working together in the south east region with regard to Arts, Culture and Tourism. He noted that the bid must be a countywide project and that he wished the Bid Team the best of luck with their submission.

There then followed Votes of Sympathy as follows:

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Michael Forde, brother of Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment.
- The family of Bob Lambert, former County Councillor – father of Paula Maguire, Maire Lambert and Enda Lambert.
- The family of Bernadette Kelly wife of Johnny Kelly, Roads Department.

**2. Housing Strategy 2020 Update – Presentation by Housing Department**

Housing Strategy 2020 Update was presented by Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, and Ms. L. Hore, Senior Executive Officer, as attached.

Questions from Members were answered by the officials in attendance.

At 4pm Cllr. J. O'Rourke left the meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by the Cathaoirleach that a Special Meeting of the Council to deal with Housing would be fixed.

At 4.15 p.m. Cllr. M. Byrne left the meeting.

During the course of the meeting it was proposed by the Director and agreed that housing meetings at District level will take place in May 2016, followed by an SPC Meeting in June 2016.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes:**

3.1 County Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Staples seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

3.2 Special County Council Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan seconded by Councillor G. Carthy the Council approved the minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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

4.1 Proposed lease of property at Old County Hall, Spawell Road, Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members agreed to the proposed lease of property at Old County Hall, Spawell Road, Wexford as outlined in accordance with the notice circulated.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries by Councillors in respect to individual leases.

**5. Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) and Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended):**

5.1 LAC1507 - Proposed 18 acre Park and Access Road with associated works at Ballynagee, Killeens, Wexford.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 . On the proposal of Cllr M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell the Members approved the development as outlined in the report.

**6. 2015 Annual Financial Statement:**

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, presented the 2015 Annual Financial Statement to the meeting. It was noted that there is a surplus of €713,000 on the accounts for 2015. The Head of Finance advised that approval was required to cover over expenditure as set out in the report. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton the Members approved the over expenditure.

The Chief Executive thanked Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance and Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant and the Members. He welcomed the reduction in the Council's deficit and the improvement in the overall revenue account of the Council.

**7. 3 Year Capital Programme:**

The Chief Executive advised the Members that the Directors of Services had put this package of projects together with an overall cost of €884m, €56m of which would have to be funded locally. The 3 Year Capital Programme was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and agreed by the meeting.

Questions raised by the Members were answered by Council Officials in attendance.

**8. Borrowing Requirements:**

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, presented a report to the meeting with regard to borrowing requirements for Wexford County Council in 2016. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by the Members the proposal was agreed.

It was noted that the terms will vary in respect of loans raised but will not be for a period beyond 25 years.

The Chief Executive advised the meeting that immediate investment is required to fund key economic projects in each of the four towns, together with social housing requirements for 2016.

The Head of Finance noted that the loans would be taken out from the HFA as their interest rates were approximately 1.75%.

**9. Bathing Water Report County Wexford:**

Following the recently published EPA Report – “Bathing Water Quality in Ireland” – Report for the Year 2015, Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, presented the attached report to the Council.

The EPA Report highlighted the water quality improvements that would accrue from the provision of a waste water treatment system at Duncannon beach.

It was noted that an Irish Water report on a sewerage treatment for Duncannon has been delayed until June/July 2016. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Whelan seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien it was agreed to write to Irish Water to say the delay until July of 2016 was unacceptable and that a report on Duncannon was required urgently.

**10. Disability Strategy Implementation Plan Moving Forward – (Updated January 2016):**

It was noted that the Disability Strategy Implementation Plan Moving Forward had previously been distributed to the Members of the Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the plan was agreed by the Members.

**11. Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders:**

Two changes to Standing Orders were outlined in the County Secretary's report to the Members. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe it was agreed that both changes as proposed would take place to amend the Standing Orders.

**12. Seanad Elections:**

It was noted that the Seanad Election were ongoing and that no further discussion was required.

**13. Resolution under Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2001 – Cllr. Anthony Kelly:**

This resolution as set out in the report of the County Secretary was unanimously adopted.

**14. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The Members noted the report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

**15. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report for April 2016.

**Road Works Programme 2016** – The Road Works Programme 2016 was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan and agreed by the Members.

**16. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

**17. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 17.1 New Ross Municipal District 10.02.16
- 17.2 Borough District of Wexford 15.02.16
- 17.3 Protocol Meeting of the Borough District of Wexford 03.03.16
- 17.4 Gorey Municipal District 16.02.16
- 17.5 Enniscorthy Municipal District 17.02.16

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan seconded by Cllr. A. Connick the Members noted and approved the above minutes.

**18. Notices of Motion:**

**18.1 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

"I call upon this Council to ban all circuses using animal acts from Co. Wexford, in line with many other Countries and with other Irish Local Authorities who have already taken this compassionate initiative".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding and seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes. This motion was defeated.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes it was agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes in accordance with Standing Orders.

At 5.35 p.m. Cllr. W. Fitzharris left the meeting.

**18.2 Cllr. P. Kavanagh:**

"I am calling on Wexford County Council to use their influence to persuade Bus Eireann to erect a bus shelter at the bus stop on the Newtown Road".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. J. Moore and agreed by the Members. This motion was adopted in addition to request for a further bus stop on the other side of the Newtown Road.

At 5.37 p.m. Cllr. M. Whelan left the meeting.

**18.3 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

"This Council calls on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to locate the National Children's Hospital at St. James's Hospital and locate the new Children's Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown.

The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion, easier access for the children of Wexford and extensive parking. The co-location with Connolly Hospital and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital will result in better clinical outcomes. It will be cheaper and faster to build than on the St. James's site".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy.

The vote was a tie and the Cathaoirleach used his casting vote against the motion which was then declared defeated.

**18.4 Cllr. G. Carthy:**

"That this Council call on the Minister for Health, present and incoming, to reverse the decision to locate the National Children's Hospital at St. James's Hospital campus, and locate the new Children's Hospital for all the children of Ireland, at Connolly Hospital campus in Blanchardstown.

The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion, easier access for the children of Wexford and extensive parking. The co-location with Connolly Hospital and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital will result in better clinical outcomes. It will be cheaper and faster to build than on the St. James's site".

This motion was dealt with in 18.3.

## **19. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

## **20. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Department of Finance regarding new regulations for Credit Unions.
- Acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills regarding reintroducing the Library Grant Scheme for all schools.
- Acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister of State at the Department of Social Protection regarding rental accommodation.
- Correspondence from Kevin Humphreys, Minister of State at the Department of Social Protection regarding Exceptional Needs Payment.

## **21. Any Other Business:**

Cllr. G. Lawlor raised the issue of Castlebridge House. The Chief Executive advised that he had made two commitments to the local people and that those had been dealt with i.e. the dangerous wall and the footpath. The conservatory had also been covered to prevent further deterioration of the building. Tenders are in place to tidy up the site this year. He also noted that it was important to find a use for the building and that he is actively seeking private funding and a partner to use the building.

A question raised by Cllr. G. Lawlor regarding a roundabout at Marshmeadows was dealt with by Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services.

At 5.45 p.m. Cllr. D. Hynes left the meeting.

Cllr. K. Doyle asked that Officials of Wexford County Council talk to other County Councils with regard to the legal position for naming and shaming of those involved in illegal dumping.

Cllr. W. Kavanagh stated that as a new Councillor he was looking forward to working with the other Members of the Council. He also thanked the Officials for the excellent organisation of the 1916 celebrations that took place recently in Enniscorthy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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|---------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| P. Breen;     | M. Byrne;    | G. Carthy,         | K. Codd-Nolan, |
| A. Donohoe,   | K. Doyle,    | M. Farrell;        | W. Fitzharris; |
| J. Hegarty,   | D. Hynes;    | R. Ireton;         | P. Kavanagh;   |
| W. Kavanagh;  | J. Fleming;  | G. Lawlor,         | J. Moore;      |
| BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;   | J. Mythen,         | L. O'Brien;    |
| O. O'Connell; | J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche;      |
| F. Staples;   | J. Sullivan, | D. Wadding,        | M. Whelan.     |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors: A. Connick; A. Kelly, M. Sheehan; O. Walsh,

**1. IFA address to the Council Meeting:**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Pat Murray, County Chairman, Wexford IFA and Bob Mackey the County Secretary of the IFA to the meeting.

Mr. Murray advised the Council that approximately 4000 farmers were working in County Wexford. He estimated that the agricultural sector generated €364m in County Wexford's economy, with 2500 people employed directly in the sector and another 7500 employed indirectly.

Mr. Murray also highlighted a number of issues, where the Council could assist the rural communities. In particular, he pointed out the need for planning permission for rural dwellings for people living in the rural community. He also sought support and assistance for the following:

- A five year plan to improve maintenance of the rural road infrastructure
- A three year exemption of local authority charges for new rural enterprise
- The need for litter control in the rural areas
- The need for a second Dog Warden to deal with dogs attacking sheep which was a particular problem for sheep farmers.



A number of questions raised by the members were answered by Mr. Murray. It was noted that provision for a Dog Warden had been included in the Council's budget.

Other issues raised included pressure on farmers, farm safety, the effect of littering, farmers who won't cut their ditches, the re-introduction of Local Improvement Grants and the Community Involvement Scheme.

## **2. Presentation – Irish Congress of Trade Unions - Charter for Fair Conditions at Work**

The presentation as attached was made by David Joyce from the ICTU.

A number of issues were raised by the Members present including zero hours contracts, construction agencies, Gateway, Job-Bridge.

The Chief Executive thanked Mr. Joyce for his presentation and noted that in Wexford County Council the Gateway Scheme employed 90 people and was very successful. It was very useful and helpful to the Council and the people of the County and carried out work that was not already being carried out by Council employees.

### **Votes of Sympathy:**

The Chairman notified the meeting that the Months Mind for Fergie Kehoe will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 5.45 p.m. – Rowe St Church

### **Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Betty Kiernan, wife of Dominic Kiernan, former Member of Wexford Corporation
- The family of Patrick Kinsella, father of Noel Kinsella, Technician, Planning Dept
- The family of Colette Ross, mother of John Ross, Foreman, Borough District of Wexford
- The family of Thomas Skehan, former employee Wexford County Council
- The family of Mary O'Connor, mother of Bill O'Connor, Solicitor.
- The family of Scott Simons, brother in law of Mick O'Reilly and Jackie Eydt.
- The family of Garda Jerry McCabe on his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Congratulations:**

- Bridge Drama Group who were winners of the open competition in the All Ireland Drama Festival.
- Gorey Choral Group
- The Cycle Against Suicide which took place last weekend.
- The Light Opera Society on the production of "Evita".
- Kilmore Quay National School on being awarded Best Overall School Musical
- Kyle Murphy who recently won the European Junior eight ball singles title
- Paul O'Brien on his production of 1916 play.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes:**

3.1 County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor R. Ireton the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

3.2 County Council Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor W. Fitzharris the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

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

4.1 Proposed lease of Slipway at Ballyhack to Passage East Ferry Company.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members agreed to the proposed lease of Slipway at Ballyhack to Passage East Ferry Company in accordance with the notice circulated.

**5. Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) and Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended):**

5.1 LAC1601 – Redevelopment of Gorey Town Park and Showgrounds into a quality Public Park and Recreational Area that will meet the needs of a growing population in line with the objectives of the current Gorey Local Area Plan at Gorey Corporation Lands, Gorey.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

**6. Date of Annual Meeting:**

It was proposed that the Annual Meeting would be held at 12 noon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

To facilitate a number of Members who will be away at 12 noon it was suggested that the Wexford Borough Meeting be held at 12 noon and that if that is the case the Annual meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. Members will be notified when the dates become available.

**7. Filling of vacancy of the Chair of the Housing, Community & Environment SPC:**

Cllr. J. Fleming was proposed by Cllr. M. Whelan and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.

This was agreed by the meeting.

**8. Audit Committee Work Programme:**

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, advised there is a statutory requirement to notify the members of the Work Programme of the Audit Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Audit Committee Work Programme which had previously been circulated was agreed and approved by the Members.

**9. Three Sisters – Bid Book and Regional Cultural Strategy:**

The Strategy which had been previously presented and discussed at the April Meeting was then proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised the meeting that the cost of the Three Sisters Bid would be €31m and that €27.5m of this would be provided by outside bodies. The balance of €7.5m would be contributed by the three counties, €2.25 from both Wexford and Kilkenny and €3m from Waterford.

The Chief Executive also advised that the Council's contribution would be spread out and paid for over a 10 year period.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell the Bid Book was also agreed by the Council.

**10. Student Grant Scheme 2016:**

The County Secretary advised that his report was issued to advise Members of the Grant Scheme which affected 10 people in the County and that further details are available on the Council's website.

**11. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle the Council approved the CPG Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016.

**12. Chief Executive's Report:**

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members noted and agreed the Chief Executive's Report for May 2016.

A number of issues raised by the Members were answered by the Chief Executive and Council Officials attending the meeting, as follows:

- When money would become available from the LEADER Programme
- The start dates for the Enniscorthy By-Pass
- The strategy for Camolin and Ferns to deal with the effects of the By-Pass.

- The Duncannon Sewerage Scheme - It was noted that the Council is still awaiting a report from Irish Water
- The Arts in the Community Scheme
- Work on the N80 roundabout at St. Aidan's in Enniscorthy
- 1916 Programme, including the Athenaeum Exhibition
- There was a formal proposal from Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh that a delegation from the Council should meet the new Minister for Transport to discuss the funding for regional and county roads and in particular the re-introduction and re-instatement of the Local Improvement Scheme and the Community Involvement Scheme.  
This was agreed by the Council.

### **13. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

Cllr. J. Mythen asked about the possibility of seeking conferences to take place in Wexford.

### **14. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 14.1 New Ross Municipal District 23.03.16
- 14.2 Borough District of Wexford 21.03.16
- 14.3 Gorey Municipal District 15.03.16
- 14.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District 23.03.16
- 14.5 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 01.03.16

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrell seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton and agreed by all the Members the above minutes were noted and approved.

### **15. Notices of Motion:**

#### **15.1 Cllr. M. Byrne:**

"That Wexford County Council initiate a programme to track queries from Members of the Council which would provide that Councillors are given a reference number for each query and that a member of staff is assigned responsibility to ensure that a response is received and that if action is promised in writing that such commitments can be monitored."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy.

The County Secretary updated the meeting on the progress on the new system to deal with Councillors queries which is intended to be rolled out over the next number of months and be functional by July 2016.

#### **15.2 Cllr. J. O'Rourke:**

"I write to ask that the Council write to Minister Paschal O'Donohoe, Department of Transport to address the issue with regards to increase in insurance premiums with the inclusion of government levy which is pricing all drivers out of the market."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. O'Rourke seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by the meeting.

**15.3 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

"I call on the government to reverse the decision to cut €12 million from the mental health budget".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen and agreed by the meeting.

Cllr. J. Moore left the meeting at 4.15 p.m.

**15.4 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

"I call on the government to give County Wexford a 24/7 psychiatric unit".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle and agreed by the meeting.

**15.5 New Ross Municipal District:**

"To have the installation of the roundabout at the N25/R733 junction at Marshmeadows in New Ross, as set out in the County Development Plan, expedited, taking into account the volume of traffic and in particular the number of HGV's using the junction."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. W. Fitzharris and agreed by those in attendance at the meeting.

**16. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**17. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Email from Alex White, TD, Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding SIRO.

Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin expressed his dissatisfaction with the content of the email.

**18. Any Other Business:**

Cllr. D. Wadding notified the meeting that she intended to bring her motion regarding circus animals back to the meeting in 6 months time.

Cllr. R. Ireton advised the meeting about the illegal dumping of mattresses and other large items in rural areas of Gorey.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh proposed that the prioritisation of Rosslare Harbour be included in any discussions with the Minister.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

|                |               |              |                    |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| P. Breen;      | M. Byrne;     | G. Carthy,   | K. Codd-Nolan,     |
| A. Connick;    | A. Donohoe,   | K. Doyle,    | M. Farrell;        |
| W. Fitzharris; | J. Hegarty,   | D. Hynes;    | R. Ireton;         |
| P. Kavanagh;   | W. Kavanagh;  | J. Fleming;  | G. Lawlor,         |
| J. Moore;      | BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;   | J. Mythen,         |
| L. O'Brien;    | O. O'Connell; | J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; |
| M. Roche;      | M. Sheehan;   | J. Sullivan, | D. Wadding,        |
| O. Walsh.      |               |              |                    |

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant;  
Mr. G. Mackey, Community Development Officer;  
Mr. T. Banville, Head of Local Enterprise;  
Mr. G. Forde, Senior Engineer.  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors: A. Kelly; F. Staples; M. Whelan,

At the outset the Cathaoirleach notified the meeting that he and the Mayor had issued a civic invitation to Pope Francis to visit Wexford and Our Lady's Island as part of his visit to Ireland. The Mayor noted that it was a great honour and privilege to make the joint invitation on behalf of Wexford.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Gus Byrne, former Mayor of Wexford and former Chairman of Wexford County Council
- The family of Mike Clancy, father of Claude Clancy, Rates Department
- The family of Mary Percival, mother of Hazel Percival, Gorey Library
- The family of Pat McDonagh, father of Linda McDonagh, IT Department
- The family of Kathleen Duignan, mother of Jane Duignan, IT Department
- The family of Bridget Murphy, mother of Catherine White, Community Dept and Esther Lanney, Housing Dept,

It was also agreed to issue a letter of solidarity to the American Ambassador in respect of those killed in Orlando, Florida.

**Congratulations:**

- Joe and Kate O' Regan, a couple in their 80's who completed the Cork City Marathon recently.
- Brendan Howlin on becoming Leader of the Labour party
- New Ross Town team who recently won the mini World Cup
- North End
- Jamie Codd who won the National Point to Point for the second time
- Paul O'Brien whose film Staid won an award recently in Los Angeles

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne seconded by Councillor R. Ireton the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

**2. Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**

2.1 LAC 1602 – Construction of a 2 Storey Detached Special Needs Dwelling and all associated site works at Cum An Tobair, Oilgate, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr K. Codd Nolan, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

**3. Draft Wexford Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021:**

The Cathaoirleach congratulated the Community Department on the work they had done in preparing the Plan. He noted that the Plan will develop both the community and the economy of County Wexford in tandem.

The plan was considered by the Members and a number of issues raised were answered by officials in attendance. The Members congratulated the staff on the preparation of the Plan and also on the community consultations that had taken place. It was hoped that the Plan would become widely available on the Council's website.

John Carley, Director of Services commended the Plan to the Members, congratulated the team and Tony Larkin and the Economic Department for the work and actions they have carried out.

The Chief Executive said that the Plan was a road map for development of the community and economy in County Wexford and again congratulated the team who had worked on the Plan. He also congratulated the Cathaoirleach Tony Dempsey who is the Chairman of the LCDC.

The Plan was unanimously agreed by the Council.



**4. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The Members approved the CPG Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**4.A Q1 Financial Report 2016:**

Q1 Financial Report 2016 was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe and approved by the Members.

Questions raised by the Members were answered by Ms. L. Lacey, Financial Accountant.

**5. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report for June 2016.

**6. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

**7. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 7.1 Special LCDC & SPC Meeting 30.05.16
- 7.2 New Ross Municipal District 21.04.16
- 7.2 Borough District of Wexford 18.04.16
- 7.3 Adjourned Borough District of Wexford 25.04.16
- 7.4 Protocol Committee Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 18.04.16
- 7.5 Gorey Municipal District 19.04.16
- 7.6 Enniscorthy Municipal District 20.04.16
- 7.7 Joint Policing Committee Meeting 09.05.16
- 7.8 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 20.04.16
- 7.9 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 01.03.16

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by all the Members the above minutes were noted and approved.

**8. Notices of Motion:**

**8.A. Councillor M. Roche.**

"In light of the completely inappropriate nature of a mass trial, the length of the delay before his trial and the lack of evidence provided against him, this Council calls on Egypt to immediately release Irish citizen Ibrahim Halawa and asks An Taoiseach Enda Kenny to write to the Egyptian embassy to convey our views".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by all Members present.

**8.B. Councillor Malcolm Byrne:**

“That Wexford County Council amend our social housing allocation policy so that priority is given to applicants who can prove that they have resided in Co. Wexford for the previous five years”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty. It was agreed to remove the word “previous” from the motion and to replace it by “at least”, this amendment was accepted by the proposer.

John Carley, Director of Services, advised that allocations are done in accordance with the Social Housing Regulations and that new regulations had been issued very recently. Following further debate the motion as amended was agreed by the Council:

“That Wexford County Council amend our social housing allocation policy so that priority is given to applicants who can prove that they have resided in Co. Wexford for at least five years”

**8.C. Councillor Malcolm Byrne:**

“That in light of the decision concerning Paul Murphy TD, that Wexford County Council write to the Minister for Justice and seek an immediate review of the Legal Aid system to ensure that well paid and resourced individuals cannot benefit from legal aid.”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne. Cllr. J. Mythen proposed an amendment to the motion and this was seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding. The amendment was defeated and the original motion as proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne was seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe and this motion was agreed by the Council following a vote.

**8.D. Councillor David Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the Government to remove the VAT on Defibrillators. This is a life saving piece of equipment.”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes and was agreed by the Council.

It was noted that this motion had previously been passed by the Council.

**8.E. Councillor Johnny Mythen:**

“That this Council recognises the strong public opposition to green bin charges and opposes the introduction of a pay-by-weight system imposed by the previous Labour Minister for the Environment, Alan Kelly which is due to come into effect from July 2016;

recognises the serious financial difficulties this system will cause for the 70,000 carers across the state who cannot recycle medical waste material, and; low-income earners; those in receipt of state benefits, and those who suffer from ill health or disability;

recognises that the introduction of green bin charges will discourage people from recycling their household waste;

Calls on the Government to take into account the concerns expressed by citizens, carers and advocate organizations and stop the imminent imposition of this scheme.”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding.

This motion was agreed by all. John Carley, Director of Services, notified the meeting that changes to the pay by weight system had been made recently.

**8.F. Councillor Johnny Mythen:**

"That this Council would support the open letter by the Master of the High Court to acting Minister for the Environment Alan Kelly and its immediate call to action re the housing crisis. That we, as a Local Authority identified in this letter, recognise the immediate urgent need for social housing now. Also given the time scale of at least 2 to 3 years for new builds, it would be both incumbent and legally appropriate to acquire houses from vulture funds through compulsory purchase orders."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding.

The motion was carried.

The Chief Executive notified the members that all of the Chief Executives had met with the new Minister for Housing and the Taoiseach in Dublin recently. The Minister said that Housing is the main priority of the new government and had sought suggestions from the Chief Executives as to how the provision of new housing could be expedited.

The Chief Executive also highlighted the initiative taken earlier in the year by Wexford County Council with regard to seeking expressions of interest from property owners who wished develop their properties.

**8.G. Councillor George Lawlor:**

"In view of the fact that the "Programme for a Partnership Government" contains the following paragraph:

*Technological Universities:*

*The new Government will support the creation of Technological Universities. These regional institutions will have greater links to industry and will have an enormous impact on our capacity to create and retain jobs in regions. We will prioritise those institutions with clear ambitions and plans for the furthering of industry-relevant technological research and education. The requirement of a mandatory merger of existing institutions can be reviewed, if a case can be proven, that for geographical reasons, a merger isn't feasible.*

"Wexford County Council calls on the new government to immediately commit to a University of the South East with the merging of Carlow IT and Waterford IT as any move to allow a "go it alone" approach by Waterford IT will have a disastrous affect on Co. Wexford."

Cllr. M. Byrne notified the Cathaoirleach that the issue under debate could give rise to a perceived conflict of interest and he left the meeting while the matter was debated.

Cllr. G. Lawlor asked that the last paragraph of his motion be amended, to read as follows: "Wexford County Council calls on the new government to immediately commit to a University of the South East with the merging of Carlow IT and Waterford IT"). This was accepted by the Members. The amended motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the meeting.

**8.H. Councillor Barbara Anne Murphy:**

“In view of recent activities in south east Carlow I call on Wexford County Council to establish a compressive policy to regulate mining within our county, so as to protect the environment, the landscape, local economies, livelihoods and communities”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by all.

**9. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. L. O’Brien the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**10. Correspondence and Communications:**

Cllr. K. Codd Nolan was informed that no reply had been received from the Minister with regard to the proposals to reintroduce the assistance schemes for roads – she asked that the Council write to the Minister again.

Cllr. M. Farrell stated that she was not satisfied with the correspondence from the General Manager of Wexford Hospital regarding the hospital entrance and asked that the Council write again to clarify whether or not the issues raised by the Council will be addressed when the building is completed.

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Lily Byrnes, General Manager, Wexford General Hospital, regarding hospital entrance.
- Acknowledgement from Chris Quattrociocchi, Private Secretary to the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality.
- Acknowledgment from Shane Ross, TD, regarding insurance premiums.
- Acknowledgement from Simon Harris, TD, regarding 24/7 Psychiatric Unit for County Wexford.
- Acknowledgement from Sean Laffey, Head of Asset Management, Irish Water regarding Duncannon Sewerage Treatment.
- Martin Nolan, CEO, Bus Eireann regarding Bus Shelters on Newtown Road.

**11. Any Other Business:**

- Cllr. J. Hegarty asked when Wexford Day would take place and J. Carley, Director of Service agreed to come back with more detail on this matter.
- Cllr. W. Kavanagh wished all teams taking part in the Feile the best of luck.
- The Chief Executive advised the meeting of a number of new staff appointments:
  - Eileen Morrissey, County Librarian
  - Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer
  - Paul L’Estrange, Chief Fire Officer
  - He also expressed his best wishes to Gabrielle Willis who had recently retired as Civil Defence Officer.

- Following a question from Cllr. M. Byrne the Chief Executive also advised that applicants for the Arts Officer had been short listed and it was expected that the interviews will take place in the next 3-4 weeks.
- He also advised that the Special Projects Manager position is being filled by Oliver Tierney who will be taking up the position in the near future.
- Following a question for Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin, Mr. E. Hore advised that the positions in Roads including General Operations and General Services Supervisors are at interview stage and will be filled shortly.

The County Secretary advised the meeting that the Annual Meeting will take place at 1.30 p.m. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 – 1.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| P. Breen;     | M. Byrne;    | G. Carthy,    | K. Codd-Nolan, |
| A. Connick;   | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,     | M. Farrell;    |
| W.Fitzharris; | J. Hegarty,  | D. Hynes;     | R. Ireton;     |
| P. Kavanagh;  | W. Kavanagh; | A. Kelly;     | J. Fleming;    |
| G. Lawlor,    | J. Moore;    | BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;     |
| J. Mythen,    | L. O'Brien;  | O. O'Connell; | J. O'Rourke;   |
| M. Roche;     | M. Sheehan;  | F. Staples;   | J. Sullivan,   |
| D. Wadding,   | O. Walsh;    | M. Whelan.    |                |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance & ICT;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors: F. OSúilleabháin.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed back Cllr. Anthony Kelly, following his recent illness.

Cllr. T. Dempsey welcomed the Members to the annual meeting and thanked them for their support during the year. He also thanked Cllr. K. Codd Nolan for her work as Leas-Chathaoirleach and for her support and help during the year.

The Cathaoirleach went on to thank the Management Team and other Members of Staff, and the Press. He also thanked his wife, Gemma, and his family for their support over the year.

He then outlined the progress in the two main issues that he had identified as priorities on taking up office –

- a technical university for the South East, and
- the development of Rosslare Harbour as an economic driver for County Wexford.

He outlined a number of highlights that had occurred during his tenure as Cathaoirleach including the adoption of the Local Economic & Community Plan, the Council's Three Sisters Bid for the City of Culture, the New Ross and Enniscorthy By-Passes, the bringing of natural gas to Wexford, the 1916 celebration events and the purchase of Trinity Wharf and the setting up of innovation sites and business centers in the 4 main towns in County Wexford.

The Cathaoirleach also announced the setting up of a Junior Council in the Wexford District in the autumn which will be run by Comhairle na nOg - he hoped that this would help young

people to engage with politics. It is intended that the Junior Council will sit once a month and work on policies in a number of areas. The local media have agreed to liaise with the Junior Council and to support them in their work.

Representatives from each of the parties and independent Members congratulated the Cathaoirleach on a job well done – they highlighted his handling of the meetings, his fairness and impartiality and his role as an Ambassador for the County. They also noted his leadership qualities and his deep passion and commitment to County Wexford. Tributes were also made to the Leas-Cathaoirleach for her excellent work during the year particularly in relation to her role as leader of the Council delegation to Savannah.

### **Election of Cathaoirleach:**

Cllr. P. Kavanagh was proposed by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan and seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle.

Cllr. D. Hynes was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding.

### ***In Favour of Councillor P. Kavanagh:***

Councillors: P. Breen; M. Byrne; G. Carthy; K. Codd-Nolan; A. Connick; T. Dempsey; A. Donohoe; K. Doyle; M. Farrell; W. Fitzharris; J. Fleming; J. Hegarty; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; W. Kavanagh; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; BA Murphy; M. Murphy; L. O'Brien; M. Sheehan; F. Staples; J. Sullivan; O. Walsh; M. Whelan;.

### ***In Favour of Councillor D. Hynes:***

Councillors: D. Hynes; A. Kelly; J. Mythen; O. O'Connell; J. O'Rourke; M. Roche; D. Wadding.

Following a vote of 25 votes to 7, Councillor Paddy Kavanagh was elected Cathaoirleach and took the Chair.

### **Election of Leas Cathaoirleach:**

Cllr. J. Mythen was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly.

Cllr. M. Whelan was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming and seconded by Cllr. W. Fitzharris.

### ***In Favour of Councillor J. Mythen:***

Councillors: A. Connick; M. Farrell; D. Hynes; A. Kelly; M. Murphy; J. Mythen; O. O'Connell; J. O'Rourke; M. Roche; D. Wadding;.

### ***In Favour of Councillor M. Whelan:***

Councillors: P. Breen; M. Byrne; G. Carthy; K. Codd-Nolan; T. Dempsey; A. Donohoe; K. Doyle; W. Fitzharris; J. Fleming; J. Hegarty; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; W. Kavanagh; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; BA Murphy; L. O'Brien; M. Sheehan; F. Staples; J. Sullivan; O. Walsh; M. Whelan;.

Following a vote of 22 votes to 10, Cllr. M. Whelan was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

The new Cathaoirleach Councillor P. Kavanagh then thanked his proposer and seconder for their kind words. He also thanked his wife Brenda and his family for their ongoing support for his role as a Councillor. He pledged to continue with the work that had been carried out by the previous Cathaoirleach in respect of the University of the South East and the development of Rosslare Port.

In addition, he was delighted with the initiative of the Junior Council as it was an important way to show young people the way democracy worked. He outlined the low level of third level education in County Wexford and hoped that St. Senan's could be used as a centre of excellence for training in skills and trades. He also wished to continue the work of the European City of Culture.

The Cathaoirleach fully supported the Council's plans for the construction of enterprise centers in each of the four towns in County Wexford; he is also supportive of the Local Economic & Community Plan and promoted the idea that, at their monthly Municipal meetings, all four districts would discuss and work towards the implementation of the objectives set out in the Plan.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr. Anthony Kelly back to the Chamber. He regretted the absence of Cllr. Fergie Kehoe who, despite political differences, would have been the first to shake his hand and wish him well as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. M. Whelan, Leas-Chathaoirleach, thanked the Members and looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach and the Council.

Representatives from each of the parties and the independent Members congratulated the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach and wished them well during their year in office.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, echoed the remarks of the Council and commended the work done by the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Chathaoirleach. He paid tribute to Cllr. Tony Dempsey in representing Wexford with distinction, his ability as an accomplished speaker and his interest in education of young people. He also commended the outgoing Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan, in particular the accomplished manner in which she led the Council delegation to Savannah.

The Chief Executive welcomed Cllr. Anthony Kelly back after his recent illness.

He offered his own congratulations to the newly-elected Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh and Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Whelan, and looked forward to working with both in the year ahead. He emphasised the good working relationship that exists between the Members and Executive of the Council which ensures that the Council works well as a unit.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| P. Breen;      | M. Byrne;    | K. Codd-Nolan,     | A. Connick; |
| T. Dempsey;    | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,          | M. Farrell; |
| W. Fitzharris; | J. Hegarty,  | D. Hynes;          | R. Ireton;  |
| W. Kavanagh;   | A. Kelly;    | J. Fleming;        | G. Lawlor,  |
| J. Moore;      | BA Murphy,   | M. Murphy;         | J. Mythen,  |
| L. O'Brien;    | J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche;   |
| M. Sheehan;    | F. Staples;  | J. Sullivan,       | D. Wadding, |
| O. Walsh;      | M. Whelan.   |                    |             |

**Officials:** Ms. A. O'Neill, D/Chief Executive;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. T. Banville, A/Director of Services;  
Mr. G. Forde, Senior Engineer.  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors: G. Carthy; O. O' Connell.

At the outset the Cathaoirleach welcomed Adrian Hogan who is attending at all the County Council meetings in the 32 counties as part of the 1916 Commemoration. The Cathaoirleach advised that he will present Mr. Hogan with a letter to confirm his attendance at the County Council meeting in Wexford and all the letters received will be put into a time capsule to be opened in the future.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor M. Byrne the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

1.2 Annual Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Betty Jordan, sister of Cllr. Willie Kavanagh.
- The family of Risteard Mulcahy
- The family of Lily Devine, mother of Alice Devine, Branch Librarian, Wexford Library.
- The family of Mikey Sheil, Wexford Town
- The family of George Carley, former Firefighter, Wexford County Council
- The family of Eithne Mernagh, Oylegate

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- Cath Hogan on the publication of her book "They All Fall Down".
- Dean Kennedy who won the Strongman competition
- Gorey Comhaltas Ceoltóirí who won 6 of 12 titles in the Leinster finals and will now move onto the All Ireland finals
- Wexford Senior Hurling Team on their win over Cork
- Wexford Junior Football Team
- Wexford Camogie Team

Best wishes were also given to former Mayor of Wexford Jim Allen who is currently in hospital.

Cllr. M. Sheehan proposed the suspension of Standing Orders to take an urgent motion regarding the downgrading/closing of Wexford A&E. This motion was agreed by all and it was agreed to write to the Minister for Health to set out the concerns of the Council.

**2. Filling of Casual Vacancy – co-option:**

On the proposal of Councillor T. Dempsey, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, Lisa McDonald was co-opted to the Council.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Lisa McDonald to the Council and looked forward to working with her in the future. Councillors from all parties then welcomed Cllr. McDonald to the Chamber.

Cllr. McDonald thanked all present for their warm welcome and expressed her regret at the sad circumstances leading to her co-option to the Council.

Finally the Deputy Chief Executive, Annette O'Neill welcomed Cllr. McDonald to the Council Chamber on behalf of the Management and Staff of the Council.

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

3.1 Proposed disposal of property at 82 Ard Alainn, Castlebridge, Co. Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members agreed to the proposed disposal of property at 82 Ard Alainn, Castlebridge, Co. Wexford in accordance with the notice circulated.

**4. Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**

4.1 LAC1603 - Proposed new Bring Centre, comprising up to 8 receptacles for glass, aluminium cans, textiles and newspapers. Bring Centre will be located at the entrance to New Ross Mart. The development will comprise installation and servicing of receptacles and surfacing works to the Mart entrance.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. F. Staples the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

**5. Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Wexford County Council:**

5.1 Rehabilitation works on MacMurrough Island Bridge 1 (WX-N30-007), MacMurrough Island Bridge 2 (WX-N30-008), MacMurrough Island Farm Underpass (WX-N30-009), Ballybing Culvert (WX-N25-001.00) and Glebe Bridge (WX-N11-003.00). Flood alleviation works on the N25 at New Ross.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members agreed to the Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Wexford County Council as set out above.

**6. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

A number of issues were raised by the Members in attendance regarding the minutes including the following:

- The issue regarding the union dispute in the library
- The ending of the Gateway Scheme and the opportunities for persons on the scheme to apply for General Operative jobs in the Council
- Updates on a number of new position including Agriculture Scientist, Arts Officer, Special Projects Officer, Environmental Warden.

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that the phasing out of the Gateway Scheme was a government decision and was not instigated by Wexford County Council. The people working on the scheme have had the opportunity to apply for jobs as General Operatives which are being interviewed at present.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty the Members approved the CPG Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

## **7. Chief Executive's Report:**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members noted the Chief Executive's Report for July 2016.

A number of issues were raised which included the following:

- a request for an update on the Wexford Ambassadors
- the current status of the Coracle Project
- the current status of the loan for €3m from the Department by the Housing Dept
- housing land acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order by Wexford County Council
- update on the current housing programme
- the use of vacant houses as part of the housing programme

## **8. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

## **9. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 9.1 Housing Consultation Meeting with Borough District of Wexford 16.05.16
- 9.2 Protocol Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 16.05.16
- 9.3 Borough District of Wexford 16.05.16
- 9.4 Housing Consultation Meeting with Gorey Municipal District 17.05.16
- 9.5 Gorey Municipal District 17.05.16
- 9.6 Enniscorthy Municipal District 23.05.16
- 9.7 New Ross Municipal District 19.05.16
- 9.8 Housing Consultation with New Ross Municipal District 19.05.16
- 9.9 Special Meeting of New Ross Municipal District 26.05.16

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty and agreed by all the Members the above minutes were noted and approved.

## **10. Notices of Motion:**

10.1 Cllr. D. Wadding:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health and all relevant agencies to immediately make available medical Cannabis. We call on government to immediately legislate to legalise Cannabis for medical use in light of the growing body of evidence with regard to the efficacy of this treatment for a number of conditions and in recognition of the plight of some Irish families who are trying to access this treatment which is available in a number of US States and in Australia".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding and seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Cllr. L. O'Brien proposed an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle. The amendment was as follows: "advice should be sought from the HSE Forum before a final decision is made on this motion". The amendment was put to the meeting and was voted as follows – 18 voting in favour of the amendment and 13 voting against. The amendment was then carried.

10.2 Cllr. D. Wadding:

"We call on the Minister for Social Protection to reinstate the One Parent family payment in respect of all dependent children of school going age".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by all.

10.3 Cllr. D. Hynes:

That this Council calls on the government to ring fence the proceeds from the Criminal Assets Bureau (C.A.B) and the proposed new C.A.B and that this money most of which comes from the ill gotten gains of drug dealers be used to fund the treatment, rehabilitation of drug addiction".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

Cllr. M. Whelan proposed an amendment which was seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe. The amendment proposed the addition of the following wording "and to provide extra resources for Gardai to prevent drug crime" be included as part of the motion. This was agreed by the proposer Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by all.

10.4 Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council invite the Minister for Planning, Housing and Local Government, Simon Coveney, TD to address the Council on the issue of housing strategy at our September meeting or if unavailable on that date, at a meeting specifically convened for that purpose to suit his schedule"

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by all.

10.5 Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin:

"Following the Brexit referendum result, where a majority in the 6 counties voted "Remain", Wexford County Council calls for a the establishment of a border poll".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe as follows "Following the Brexit referendum result, where a majority in the 6 counties voted "remain", Wexford County Council calls for the examination of all relationships on this island and that an appropriate time for a border poll be considered on the issue of a united Ireland within the European Union" – this was put to the meeting and agreed by all.

10.6 Cllr. J. Mythen:

"That this Council taking into account the recent scandalous revelations of a well known charity, and in order to restore public confidence and trust, ask the Minister to immediately implement part 4 of the charities act, which enables the charity Regulator to carry out statutory investigations on Charities that operate within the state".

Cllr. J. Mythen withdrew this motion. He noted that the Minister had already taken action on the implementation on Part 4 of the Charities Act and he welcomed the actions of the Minister in this regard.

10.7 New Ross Municipal District:

"That this Council should seek support of all other Local Authorities and write to the Department of Social Protection, Department of An Taoiseach to request that the description/cause of death currently on the Death Certificates of the 1916 executed leaders be amended to reflect the fact that they were executed".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Whelan seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by all.

10.8 Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"That this Council notes the South East Monitor Report showing the South East as one of the poorest regions nationally, as County Wexford is the third poorest in Ireland, hereby reiterates our call for a Task force to be established for the South East region and that we circulate this motion to our neighboring counties to join us and seek a deputation with the Minister Mitchell O'Connor regarding the same".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

Following discussion the motion was amended removing "the South East Region" and agreed as follows – "That this Council notes the South East Monitoring Report showing the South East as one of the poorest regions nationally, and as County Wexford is the third poorest in Ireland, hereby reiterates our call for a Task Force to be established and to seek a deputation with the Minister Mitchell O'Connor regarding the same".

It was further agreed that this matter be referred to the Economic SPC to revert back to the Council in due course.

At this point Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, dealt with issues which had been raised earlier in the meeting with regards to the employment opportunities for people in the Gateway Scheme. He advised that 99 applications had been received for the General Operatives, and that this had now been shortlisted to 24 - 7 of those 24 were Gateway employees and a further 17 were Community Employment participants. This was noted by the meeting.

10.9 Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"That this Council seeks an overhaul of the TIPS to be more flexible in terms of the units eligible for sale and that our definition of income should remain the same in terms of mortgages as in the calculation of rents for the purposes of incomes under the TIP scheme".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Whelan and agreed by all. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Housing SPC and would revert to the Council in due course.

10.10 Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council strongly opposes and will resist any effort by the Department for Housing and Planning to remove further powers on planning and housing from local authorities and will communicate that view to the Minister".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by all.

10.11 Cllr. J. Sullivan:

"That Wexford County Council calls on the Dept. of Social Protection to further review the rent supplement rates for Co Wexford announced on 28th June 2016 as they in no way reflect the rental value of property (houses) in the County of Wexford and particularly the area of the Gorey Municipal District".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Sullivan seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding. Councillors K. Doyle, T. Dempsey and J. Fleming left the meeting due to a conflict of interest with the matter being discussed.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche to include the following "an increase in rent supplement be done in parallel with rent certainty". The amendment was then voted on – 9 voting in favour, 14 voting against, 2 abstentions. The motion was therefore declared lost. The original motion was then put to the meeting and was agreed unanimously.

10.12 Cllr. D. Hynes:

"This Council calls on the government to hold a referendum to retain the water network in public ownership as soon as possible".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding. Those voting in favour 5, those voting against 13. The motion was lost.

17.10 p.m. – Cllr. J. O'Rourke left the meeting

## **11. Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

## **12. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Acknowledgment from Niall Colgan, Private Secretary to the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality.
- Acknowledgement from Celine McEvoy, Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach.
- Correspondence from Eimear Friel, Private Secretary to Charles Flanagan, TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Cllr. D. Wadding welcomed the letter from the Dept of Foreign affairs.

**13.Any Other Business:**

- The Cathaoirleach wished the “Three Sisters” bid all the best and commended the staff for the excellent work they had done in the last year. The decision on the City of Culture will be made on Friday. The result will be emailed to Council members as soon as the decision becomes available. A live screening of the result declaration will be shown in the County Hall at 12 o’clock on Friday.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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|---------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| M. Byrne;     | G. Carthy;   | K. Codd-Nolan,     | A. Connick;    |
| T. Dempsey;   | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,          | W. Fitzharris; |
| J. Fleming    | J. Hegarty,  | R. Ireton;         | W. Kavanagh;   |
| A. Kelly;     | G. Lawlor,   | L. McDonald;       | J. Moore;      |
| BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;   | J. Mythen;         | L. O'Brien;    |
| O. O'Connell; | J. O'Rourke; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche;      |
| M. Sheehan;   | F. Staples;  | J. Sullivan;       | O. Walsh;      |
| M. Whelan.    |              |                    |                |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. L. Lacey, A/Head of Finance;  
Mr. M. O'Reilly, A/County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors: P. Breen; M. Farrell; D. Hynes; D. Wadding.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor M. Byrne the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Pat Codd, former Member and former Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council
- The family of Philomena Sinnott, mother of Dolores Whitty, former employee
- The family of Deirdre Barron, daughter of Jimmy Curtis former Member and former Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council
- The family of Christina Byrne, mother-in-law of Fionn Stafford, Water Charges
- The family of Mary Horan, mother of Caroline Horan, Access Officer
- The family of Tom Doyle, Enniscorthy Soccer fraternity
- The family of Martin Morris, Wexford Town
- The family of Kieran Whitty, Campile, Co. Wexford
- The family of the Hawe family, Co. Cavan.
- The victims of the recent Italian earthquake.

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- John Whelan, Ballycullane – ploughing champion.
- Eamonn Tracey, Carlow – ploughing
- All involved in Kennedy Summer School
- Tim Harrington on his appointment to the Irish Embassy in Beijing, China.
- Glynn/Barntown on their All Ireland Rounders success
- New Ross and Duncannon Football Clubs 50 years/40 years anniversaries
- Fr. Joseph Mallon on his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday
- All involved in the Cannonball Run and Wexford Rally
- Community Games Finalists including young Kevin O'Mahoney
- All involved in the Gorey August Bank Holiday Weekend Event
- Wexford Youths Women – UEFA ladies competition

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

2.1 Proposed disposal of land at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy to St. Aidan's Diocesan Trust.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Doyle seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Members agreed to the proposed disposal of land at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, to St. Aidan's Diocesan Trust in accordance with the notice circulated.

The Members expressed concern regarding parish assets and its linkage to the Diocesan Trust and requested that clarification be sought in this regard.

**3. Pre-Draft Gorey Town and Environs Local Area Plan 2017-2023:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty the Members approved the proposed amendments to the plan and approved that the plan will be placed on public display for a period of not less than 6 weeks.

**4. Approval of nomination of Community Representative to Joint Policing Committee:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Members approved the nomination of Ms. Anna Kehoe to replace Mr. JJ Kavanagh on the Joint Policing Committee as a Community Representative.

**5. Performance Indicators 2014 – NOAC Report:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. T Dempsey, the Council noted the content of the NOAC Report of December 2015 on the Performance Indicators in Local Authorities 2014.

**6. Adoption of Part IV of the Public Health Act 1890, (as amended) for Wexford Town, Enniscorthy and New Ross Town – Music and Singing Licences:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. O. O'Connell, the Members noted that this matter will be placed before the Council at its October 2016 meeting for adoption.

**7. Approval for Part 8 applications for roundabouts at Oaklands, New Ross and the Rosslare Harbour Access Road under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Kieran Whelan, ARUP Consultant, to the meeting. Mr. Whelan gave a presentation on the proposed Rosslare Europort Access Road and outlined details of the scheme and its benefits.

Following a discussion on the matter, during which the Members welcomed this development, on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, the Council approved the Part 8 application.

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Members approved the Part 8 application in respect of the roundabout at Oaklands, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

**8. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe the Members approved the CPG Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

**9. Chief Executive's Report:**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, the Members noted the Chief Executive's Report for September 2016.

A number of issues were raised and responded to by the officials present, and these included the following:

- Housing and housing allocations
- Annual Housing Needs Survey
- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Castlebridge House and its protection/conservation.
- The appointment of the new Arts Officer

**10. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training, and included a conference in Brussels regarding economic development.

**11. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 11.1 Gorey Municipal District 21.06.16
- 11.2 Annual Meeting of Gorey Municipal District 21.06.16
- 11.3 Gorey Municipal District and Gardai 21.06.16
- 11.4 Annual Meeting of New Ross Municipal District 23.06.16
- 11.5 New Ross Municipal District 09.06.16
- 11.6 Annual Meeting of the Borough District of Wexford 28.06.16
- 11.7 Borough District of Wexford 20.06.16
- 11.8 Protocol Committee Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 01.06.16
- 11.9 Enniscorthy Municipal District 20.06.16
- 11.10 Annual Meeting of Enniscorthy Municipal District 20.06.16
- 11.11 Enniscorthy Municipal District 18.07.16
- 11.12 Economic Development and Enterprise SPC 25.07.16
- 11.13 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 11.07.16

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by all the Members the above minutes were noted and approved.

## **12. Notices of Motion:**

### **Cllr. A. Kelly:**

"That this Council select a cross party deputation to meet with the Minister for mental health with regard to a 24/7 mental health acute service for Wexford".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by all Members present.

### **Cllr. J. Hegarty:**

"With the growth of solar farms both nationally and globally and given the increased interest in such farms at various locations within County Wexford, I propose that Wexford County Council would develop a policy for dealing with solar farms within County Wexford."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton and agreed by all Members present.

## **13. Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

## **14. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister Francis Fitzgerald regarding CAB
- Acknowledgement from Private Secretary to Minister Leo Varadkar regarding rent allowance rates for County Wexford
- Correspondence from Mary Mitchell O'Connor regarding a Task Force for the South East
- Correspondence from Department of Social Protection regarding One-Parent Family Payment
- Correspondence from Private Secretary to Minister Leo Varadkar regarding death certificates of the 1916 executed leaders.
- Acknowledgment from Private Secretary to Minister for Finance regarding insurance premiums
- Correspondence from Monsignor Paolo Borgia regarding invitation to Pope Francis
- Acknowledgment of book of condolences from Kevin F. O'Malley, United States Ambassador to Ireland
- Email from Secretary to Minister Shane Ross regarding meeting
- Correspondence from Private Secretary to Minister Richard Bruton regarding a Technological University for the South East
- Correspondence from Private Secretary to Minister Francis Fitzgerald regarding legal aid system
- Correspondence from Simon Harris, TD, regarding Wexford General Hospital

- Correspondence from Private Secretary to Minister Simon Coveney regarding Pay-by-Weight
- Email from London Wexford Association regarding amenity grant
- Correspondence from Social Welfare Services regarding rent supplement limits

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 10.00 a.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr P. Kavanagh, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| T. Dempsey,    | M. Byrne,   | G. Carthy,    | K. Codd Nolan, |
| A. Connick,    | A. Donohoe, | K. Doyle,     | M. Farrell,    |
| W. Fitzharris, | J. Fleming, | J. Hegarty,   | D. Hynes,      |
| A. Kelly,      | G. Lawlor,  | J. Moore,     | B.A. Murphy,   |
| M. Murphy,     | J. Mythen,  | O. O'Connell, | J. O'Rourke,   |
| M. Roche,      | M. Sheehan, | F. Staples,   | J. Sullivan,   |
| D. Wadding,    | O. Walsh,   | M. Whelan,    | L. McDonald.   |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Ms. Lynda Lacey, Financial Accountant;

**Apologies:** Cllr. P. Breen, Cllr. R. Ireton, Cllr. F. Ó'Súilleabháin, Cllr. L. O'Brien,  
Cllr. W. Kavanagh

**Minutes of CPG/Budget Working Group Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy the minutes of the CPG/Budget Working Group were adopted by the Council.

**Budget 2017 – Strategy Discussion (In Committee):**

The Cathaoirleach highlighted the fact that the meeting was "In Committee". He stated that Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance would give a presentation on the Budget Strategy 2017, followed by a brief presentation from Mr. Tom Enright, Chief Executive. He explained that the press would be asked to join the meeting before the vote on LPT.

The Head of Finance presented a detailed presentation and analysis of the Council's budgetary position as set out in the Budget Strategy 2017 Discussion Paper that had been circulated to the Members. The Discussion Paper included:

- Section 1 - Budget Schedule
- Section 2 - Local Property Tax (LPT) variation
- Section 3 - Rates on Vacant Properties
- Section 4 - General Municipal Allocation (GMA)
- Section 5 - Base Year Rate for the County
- Section 6 - Base Year Adjustment for 2017 – Rates Harmonisation Process

In addition to the above, the presentation covered the following topics:

- Outline of what is new for 2017
- Budget Considerations for 2017
- DHPCLG and Revenue requirements by 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Financial Position of the Council at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016
- LPT Analysis including buoyancy, variations & averages
- Rates Analysis including ARV & customers
- Budget Strategy 2017 Conclusions & Recommendations

She further advised that a Preliminary Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the coming financial year was submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. A decision in relation to the LPT Variation for 2017 must be notified to the DHPCLG and the Revenue Commissioners by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The Cathaoirleach introduced the Chief Executive, Mr. Tom Enright who gave a brief presentation on the economic benefits of raising Council funds through a proposed increase of 5% in LPT and the economic vision for County Wexford through the development of property solutions.

The Cathaoirleach complimented both the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive on their presentations. There followed a lengthy discussion during which the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance responded to a range of issues raised by the Members including:

- LPT Equalisation Fund
- Increased Staff Costs & the central funding for the provisions of Lansdowne Road
- Vacant properties within the town centres
- Charity Shops status
- Impact if 0% increase in LPT
- Impact of amalgamation of Pension Levy
- Rates Harmonisation
- Social Housing
- Rates Incentive Scheme (RIS)
- Urban Renewal
- Job Creation & Economic Development

Of the topics raised the rates exemption of charity shops was mentioned as a particular issue especially when they are in direct competition with rate paying businesses. The Head of Finance confirmed that the Council's local policy of rates exemption is only applied if the shops have been granted charitable status by the Revenue Commissioners and this policy can be revised by the Councillors if they so wish. It was agreed that this topic should be reviewed and considered further with a view to amending the local policy for the 2018 financial year.

Another issue of note was the increase in staff costs associated with the reversal of the Lansdowne Road agreement under the FEMPI programme. The current position is that the local authority will need to fund this cost from the Council's own resources. Cllr. Byrne pointed out that all other public sector bodies would receive central funding for these increased costs. He further stated that to his knowledge the only sector not receiving central funding for this cost was Local Government and he proposed that the Council



formally write to the Department seeking funding for same. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Whelan.

The following conclusions & recommendations were agreed unanimously by the Councillors:

- Budget Schedule – Recommendation: proceed as required by Department deadlines
- Rates on Vacant Premises – Recommendation: No change for 2017
- General Municipal Allocations – Recommendation: No change for 2017
- Base Year Rate for Wexford Co. Co. – Recommendation: Retain €71.52 for 2017
- Harmonisation of Rates – Recommendation: A move of 2.73% in WBC former rating area to achieve harmonisation in 2017 and a 2.90% move in the ETC and NRTC former rating areas

As discussion on the remaining agenda item was no longer in-committee, members of the Press attended the meeting.

#### **Local Property Tax Variation:**

Following a discussion on the topic of variation of the Local Property Tax the following proposals were presented:

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. A. Connick, a motion to maintain the LPT unchanged, i.e. a 0% variation, was defeated by 18 votes to 5 votes.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly, a motion to reduce the LPT by 3%, was defeated by 21 votes to 4 votes.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey a motion to increase the LPT by 5%, was carried by 18 votes in favour and 8 votes against.

#### **Other Matters:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Service advised the meeting that a Special “In-Committee” meeting on Housing has been arranged for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 11.30 a.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| P. Breen;          | M. Byrne;    | G. Carthy;    | K. Codd-Nolan, |
| A. Connick;        | T. Dempsey;  | A. Donohoe,   | K. Doyle,      |
| W. Fitzharris;     | J. Fleming   | J. Hegarty,   | D. Hynes;      |
| R. Ireton;         | W. Kavanagh; | A. Kelly;     | G. Lawlor,     |
| L. McDonald;       | J. Moore;    | BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;     |
| J. Mythen;         | L. O'Brien;  | O. O'Connell; | J. O'Rourke;   |
| F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche;    | M. Sheehan;   | F. Staples;    |
| J. Sullivan;       | D. Wadding;  | O. Walsh;     | M. Whelan.     |

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Larkin, D/Chief Executive;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary;  
Mr. S. Begley, Management Accountant;  
Mr. P. L'Estrange, Chief Fire Officer;  
Ms. E. Morrissey, County Librarian;  
Ms. L. Burns, Arts Officer.

**Apologies:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Ms. A. O' Neill, Head of Finance;  
Councillor: M. Farrell.

At the outset the Cathaoirleach introduced three new officers recently appointed to the Council

- Mr. Paul L'Estrange, Chief Fire Officer
- Ms. Eileen Morrissey, County Librarian
- Ms. Liz Burns, Arts Officer

The Cathaoirleach wished them all well in their new appointments.

**1. Launch of Wexford Comhairle na nÓg Cyber Bullying Pack:**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Members of Comhairle na nÓg and introduced three speakers who were there to speak on behalf of Comhairle na nÓg namely Gavin Mooney, Comhairle na nÓg, Laura Howard, participating teacher and Aoife Murphy, participating student.

Following the presentation by the speakers Members of the Council raised a number of questions and issues including the following:

- The mainstreaming of the Cyber Bullying programme to all secondary and primary schools in County Wexford.
- The Councillors congratulated the work that had been done and agreed that Wexford County Council would put the document on Wexford County Council's website in support of the effort by Comhairle na nÓg.
- It was further agreed that legislation was needed to deal with cyber bullying.

### **Congratulations:**

The Members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- Cllr. M. Whelan congratulated the Gusserane Footballers on winning the County Final. Cllr. W. Fitzharris also offered his congratulations.
- Cllr. G. Lawlor congratulated the minor softball doubles team and the Wexford Tidy Towns, the Rosslare Tidy Towns and in particular Peggy Stennet
- Cllr. J. Moore congratulated the Kilmore Camogie Club on winning the County Final
- Cllr. O. Walsh congratulated Enniscorthy and Blackwater Tidy Towns
- The Cathaoirleach congratulated all Tidy Town Groups who had performed so well in the recent Tidy Towns competition.
- Cllr. M. Sheehan congratulated the "Better Business" award winners.

### **Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

- The family of Joan Gough mother of Annette Caffrey, Water Services.
- The family of Nora Cummins mother of Nóirín Cummins, Housing Dept.
- The family of Fr. Fritz O'Kelly, OFM.
- The family of Jim Kinsella, Oylegate, previous employee of Wexford County Council.
- The people of Haiti who had suffered recently in the hurricane.
- Cllr. K. Codd Nolan proposed a vote of sympathy to the families who had died in the Carrickmines tragedy as its first anniversary approaches.
- Cllr. J. Fleming passed a vote of sympathy for the Flood family of Clonroche and the Wickham family of Rathurtin.
- Cllr. G. Lawlor passed a vote of sympathy for Ger Murphy.

## **2. CFRAM Draft Flood Plan Presentation:**

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, gave a brief introduction to the Plan. Mr. N. O'Driscoll noted that the plans are on display at Reception, Wexford County Council and online at [www.opw.ie/floodplans](http://www.opw.ie/floodplans). The presentation was then given by Gerry Gallagher, OPW. He highlighted the areas of County Wexford which will be dealt with by the new plan and notified the Members that there is now a period of consultation prior to finalising the plan which will be brought back to the Council for adoption at a later stage.

Questions from Members were then answered by officials from the OPW and the Council.

At 3.30 p.m. Cllr. A. Kelly left the meeting.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes:**

3.1 County Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

3.2 Special County Council Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and the Special County Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

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

4.1 LAC1604 – Proposed development of two no. houses with associated site works at Cois Mara (ED Rosetown), Rosslare, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

**5. Overdraft Facility 2017:**

Mr. S. Begley, Management Accountant, advised that approval was being sought for borrowing by way of temporary overdraft accommodation of €13m to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017, the same level of overdraft facility as 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, the Members approved borrowing by way of temporary overdraft of €13m to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

**6. Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA Allocation Meeting Dates):**

The Members noted and agreed the following dates of the General Municipal Allocation Meetings:

- Enniscorthy Municipal District - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
- Gorey Municipal District – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
- New Ross Municipal District - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
- Borough District of Wexford – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

**7. Date of Budget 2017 Meeting:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members noted and agreed that the date set for the Statutory Meeting to consider the Budget 2017 is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

**8. Review of land acquisition in Anne Street, Wexford for new Government Offices:**

The attached Review, prepared by Director of Services, Tony Larkin was circulated to the members of the Council. The Director outlined the context and circumstances which led to the Review being commissioned.

He detailed the meetings he had with Members of the Council and other interested parties where he heard their concerns regarding the land acquisition in Anne Street. He also referred to the files he examined in respect of the case, including the Council's own files and legal files relating to the case.

The Director highlighted the complexity of the case. He advised the meeting about the process used by the Council to allow access to both Councillors and other interested parties to the files and to copies of documents, in accordance with Data Protection principles.

Having examined and considered all of the above, the Director set out his findings under three separate headings, as follows:

1. There was no evidence that Wexford Borough Council acted "ultra vires" i.e. outside it's powers in respect of the acquisition of the two sites in question.
2. There was no evidence of any party receiving money to which they were not entitled.
3. There was no evidence of any party being unfairly treated or adversely affected by the actions of Wexford Borough Council.

Finally, the Director summarised that he had heard the concerns of Councillors and interested parties, examined the files and tried to deal with the issues raised. He pointed out that no further prima fascia evidence had been produced during the process period and that it was not possible for the Council to deal with third party issues in which they were not involved.

Following the Director's presentation, Cllr. W. Fitzharris stated that, given the complexity of the issues, he needed time to study the report. Cllr. D. Wadding asked that the publication of the report be delayed to take account of new information which had come to light.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding, it was agreed to invite comment from members, to be submitted in writing to the Director, before Friday 28th October 2016. The Director agreed to examine any such new evidence and amend his report take account of the evidence submitted, if appropriate.

Cllr. J. Moore left the meeting at 5pm  
Cllr. J. O' Rourke left the meeting at 5pm

**9. Adoption of Part IV of the Public Health Act 1890, (as amended) for Wexford Town, Enniscorthy and New Ross Town – Music and Singing Licences.**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. W. Fitzharris the adoption of Part IV of the Public Health Act 1890 (as amended) was agreed by the Members.

**10. Ratification of County Wexford Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members approved ratification of County Wexford Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020.

**11. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

Cllr. M. Byrne raised the issue regarding the CPG decision to disallow his motion. The Cathaoirleach explained that the motion had been disallowed because the issues would be dealt with at the Special County Council meeting regarding Housing held prior to the Council meeting.

Following discussion, Cllr. M. Byrne proposed that his motion be addressed at today's meeting and this was seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by the Members.

**12. Chief Executive's Report:**

A number of issues were raised and responded to by the officials present.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the meeting be extended to 5.45 p.m. This was agreed by the Members.

**13. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training.

**14. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 14.1 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 03.05.16
- 14.2 Protocol Committee Meeting of the Borough District of Wexford 18.07.16
- 14.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 18.07.16
- 14.4 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 19.07.16

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy and agreed by all the Members the above minutes were noted and approved.

A query was raised regarding the publishing of a list of persons prosecuted by Wexford County Council for litter offences. It was agreed that a review of the data protection reasons for publishing or not publishing would be checked out and reported back to the Members.

**15. Notices of Motion:**

15.1 Cllr. O. O'Connell:

"This Council:

- requests the Irish Medical Council expeditiously examine the therapeutic, palliative and pain relief potential of Cannabidiol-type chemicals and derivatives (note: different from plant and material sources); with a view as to whether these can be recommended for licensing, import, and prescription;
- demands that the Minister of Health, and all legislators of the Oireachtas, expedite any such medical recommendations by the Irish Medical Council in future;
- request that state agencies show a common sense and compassionate attitude in any interim period.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. O. O'Connell seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by all present.

Cllr. M. Byrne's motion was taken next:

"That Wexford County Council shall construct or acquire at least 500 additional social housing units by end 2018; that an update on progress be delivered on this matter near to the beginning of each County Council meeting from now until end 2018; that such updates shall outline any blockages to attaining any aspect of this goal and shall suggest actions to address these blockages; that the Housing SPC shall prioritise achieving this goal and work with the executive to ensure all policy and practice is so directed".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by all present with members of Fine Gael present abstaining.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de , 2016.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| P. Breen;          | G. Carthy;   | K. Codd-Nolan, | A. Connick;  |
| T. Dempsey;        | A. Donohoe,  | K. Doyle,      | M. Farrell;  |
| W. Fitzharris;     | J. Fleming   | J. Hegarty,    | D. Hynes;    |
| R. Ireton;         | W. Kavanagh; | A. Kelly;      | G. Lawlor,   |
| L. McDonald;       | J. Moore;    | BA Murphy,     | M. Murphy;   |
| J. Mythen;         | L. O'Brien;  | O. O'Connell;  | J. O'Rourke; |
| F. Ó Súilleabháin; | M. Roche;    | M. Sheehan;    | F. Staples;  |
| J. Sullivan;       | D. Wadding;  | O. Walsh;      | M. Whelan.   |

**Officials:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary;  
Ms. L. Lacey, A/Head of Finance;

**Apologies:** Councillor: M. Byrne.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor R. Ireton the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

A number of issues were raised by Members which were answered by Council Officials in attendance including - an update on St. Patrick's Special School and an item which had arisen at a previous meeting regarding publishing the names of those found guilty of littering offences.

The Director J. Carley agreed to send out advices that he had received from the Department of the Environment to all the Members.

1.2 Special County Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd Nolan seconded by Councillor R. Ireton the Council approved the minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.



**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

- The family of Mary Agnes Nolan who had been the Registrar for Bunclody Cemetery and had died in Bunclody in her 105<sup>th</sup> year.
- The family of Elizabeth Quinn, sister of Bernie McGuire and mother of Tracey Sinnott, Cleaning Staff and sister of Kevin Hurley, former Technician, Housing Department.

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- World Shore Angling Championships
- Business People of Gorey who achieved second place in “Ireland’s Friendliest Town” at the Retail Excellence Awards
- Greenacres who won the “Business of the Year” at the Retail Excellence Awards.
- Springmount Garden Centre who won a prize at the Retail Excellence Awards
- Tadhg Furlong playing for Ireland in their recent win over the All Blacks
- Leanne Boland in her success at U15 handball
- Jack O’Connor who was successful in a recent kick boxing competition
- Students of Carlow IT including Margaret Galvin, who graduated recently.
- Kate Kelly on her 9<sup>th</sup> All Star Award for Camogie

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

2.1 Sale of site at Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, Wexford to Mr. Keith and Mrs. Natasha Devereux, Rosedale, Kyle Upper, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy the Members agreed to the proposed sale of site at Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, to Mr. Keith and Mrs. Natasha Devereux, Rosedale, Kyle Upper, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford in accordance with the notice circulated.

2.2 Proposed transfer of a plot of ground at Distillery Road, Wexford to David Dempsey, Gaelic Bar Public House, Distillery Road, Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor A. Kelly seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Members agreed to the proposed transfer of a plot of ground at Distillery Road, Wexford to David Dempsey, Gaelic Bar Public House, Distillery Road, Wexford, in accordance with the notice circulated.

2.3 Licence 0.05 acres of land at Park Road Camolin, Co. Wexford to Camolin Community Development Association.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe the Members agreed to the proposed Licence of 0.05 acres of land at Park Road Camolin, Co. Wexford to Camolin Community Development Association, in accordance with the notice circulated.

**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 LAC1605 – Construction of a proposed erection of 1 no. single storey detached special needs dwelling with all associated site works at Cum An Tobair, Oylegate, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. W. Kavanagh the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

3.2 LAC 1606 – Proposed development of 10 no housing units along with auxiliary and associated site works at Creagh, Creagh Demesne, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

**4. Section 85 Agreement: Wexford County Council and Wicklow County Council for Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) and Wexford County Council:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. P. Breen the Members approved the Section 85 Agreement between Wexford County Council and Wicklow County Council for Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) and Wexford County Council.

**5. Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, explained that the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 was being presented to the Council for their approval to go out to public consultation.

Councillors raised a number of issues regarding the plan and problems associated with litter throughout the County including the following:

- Charge for recycling centers
- It was clarified that the Environment Department was the place to go to for clean ups
- The monitoring of dog fouling
- The increase in fly tipping
- Using street bins for domestic waste
- Derogation for black bags in particular for elderly people
- Community bins
- Posters erected by circuses
- Extension of local recycling facilities to include plastic wrapping and cardboard
- Cleaning of rural roads initiative – needs to be done in a constructive way throughout the county
- Banning dogs from various town centre areas
- The effectiveness of the 1800 number
- Awareness about washing out milk carton, yogurt pots etc.
- Burning mattresses and rubbish at bonfires

- Congratulations were given to tidy towns groups, including Wexford Town who have won medals and prizes in the recent Tidy Towns Competition.
- Members praised the efforts of the Tidy Towns Groups and congratulated them on the work they have done to keep Wexford cleaner.

Following discussion, it was agreed to go to public consultation.

Mr. J. Carley, reminded the meeting that the Environment Awards would be taking place Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, and all Members were encouraged to attend.

## **6. Review of land acquisition in Anne Street, Wexford for new Government Offices:**

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised the meeting that arising from the decision at the meeting of the Council to seek any further submissions in relation to Anne St., he had received only one submission which was circulated to the Council Members.

The Director noted that the issues raised in the submission had already been dealt with and required no amendments to the original report presented to the previous meeting of the Council.

Cllr. W. Fitzharris withdrew his motion in respect of Anne Street, given that the matter was up for discussion under this item. He proposed that a further meeting should be held with the people involved and some Members of the Council; Cllr. D. Wadding supported the motion.

The Cathaoirleach advised the meeting that they were not covered by privilege and advised Members to take care with any statements they intended to make as part of the debate. A debate then ensued to which a number of Members contributed dealing with issues of how this matter could now be dealt with.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, outlined once again the work that had gone into the preparation of the review including the meetings with the group involved and some members of the Council. He had heard their concerns and had taken the approach that if something was uncovered he would report it. He noted that while the file was complex, the Council displayed its duty to deal with the issues raised in a transparent manner. He noted that the ongoing and lengthy public discussion of this matter was causing reputational damage to the Council. He concluded by stating that all the questions raised had been answered.

The Chief Executive, Mr. T. Enright, stated that it was important to be aware that the Council Chamber is neither the Dáil nor a Commission of Enquiry. The Council cannot deal with innuendo and hearsay, but must deal with facts.

Mr. Enright also queried why it had taken so long for these matters to come forward and why these issues were not raised at the time.

The issue as to whether the Council acted ultra vires or did something wrong had been dealt with by the Director. His findings were that there was nothing done that was wrong; the transactions were part of the normal business of Wexford County Council.

The Chief Executive stated that the Council had investigated the issues raised and that no new issues had arisen since the October 2016 meeting. It is now time to draw a line under the review. He advised that parties can contact the Council's Solicitors with any new evidence. Continuing to deal with innuendo and hearsay brings the Council into disrepute and this cannot be allowed to happen.

The Cathaoirleach then closed the debate and advised Members to bring up any issues with the Director or the Chief Executive.

## **7. European Capital of Culture:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, presented a report in respect of the European Capital of Culture bid, which was circulated to the meeting

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Paddy Kavanagh welcomed the new Arts Officer Liz Burns to the meeting and assured her of the help and assistance of all the Members of the Council. He also highlighted the hard work done by volunteers in preparation of Wexford's submission for the European Capital of Culture.

A discussion about the Capital of Culture ensued in which the Members echoed the remarks of the Cathaoirleach about public participation in the process on a voluntary basis and the great energy created during the process. The regional approach outlined in the Director's Report was also supported by Members and the proposed collaboration between the three Counties will be worked on in the future.

Ms. L. Burns, Arts Officer, thanked the Members for their support and noted that she was available to meet Members to address some of the matters raised in detail.

The Chief Executive welcomed the Arts Officer and advised Members that the Council would be seeking an increase in the 2017 budget for the Arts. He also thanked the volunteers for their efforts and time and he highlighted the value of working together with the other partners in the region as an important part of the Council's Arts Strategy for the region in the next few years.

## **8. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell the Members approved the Report of the Corporate Policy Group.

## **9. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Chief Executive's Report was circulated to the meeting. A number of questions were raised by Councillors present were answered by Council Officials. The issues raised included the following:

- The sponsorship for the Spiegeltent
- The buy and renew scheme in housing
- Wexford Quayfront
- Start date for replacement of Ballymitt
- The resurfacing of the road through Bunclody Town
- The delay and loss of income due to the delays doing Rent Revisions by the Valuation Office
- The inclusion of four bedroom houses on the tenant purchase scheme
- Paying off arrears of rates
- Community involvement scheme for roads - It was agreed that the County Secretary would write again to the Minister seeking a meeting with Wexford County Council
- Housing in Gorey
- New Tourist office in north Wexford

## **10. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as circulated to the meeting.

The Members noted and approved the following:

- Report on visit to Bayeux 6/7 October, 2016 – Cllr. M. Byrne
- Normandy Co-operation Initiative

The County Secretary advised that he intended to draw up guidelines for Members with regard to foreign travel.

## **11. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 11.1 Special Meeting of Enniscorthy Municipal District 15.09.16
- 11.2 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 19.09.16
- 11.3 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 20.09.16
- 11.4 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 13.07.16
- 11.5 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 14.09.16
- 11.6 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 19.09.16
- 11.7 Economic Development & Enterprise Meeting 21.09.16
- 11.8 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 29.08.16

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy and agreed by all the Members the above minutes were noted and approved.

## **12. Deferred Notices of Motion:**

12.1 Cllr. O. O'Connell:

"Acknowledging both the importance of renewable energy, entrepreneurial innovation, and community needs and wishes;

This Council -

- Advises the relevant Ministers, government and state departments, that future state subsidies or special tariffs for solar energy, should *only* accrue to any commercial solar energy development within this County, that either

a) Abides by a specific commercial solar-energy planning policy, *to be determined* by the members of this Council; or

b) Abides by a state-wide minimum set of planning standards, that we urge the Government and Dáil to formulate;"

This motion was proposed by Cllr. O. O'Connell, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by all present. It was also agreed that the Council would write to the Minister.

12.2 Cllr. D. Wadding:

"That I call on this Council to declare Wexford County Council a nuclear free Council"

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and this motion was carried.

12.3 Cllr. D. Wadding:

"That I call on this Council to urge their Party members and associates in the Dáil to support the Bill to repeal the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen, but was subsequently withdrawn.

## **13. Notices of Motion:**

13.1 Cllr. A. Kelly:

"I move that this Council call on Minister Simon Coveney to carry out an urgent review on the current criteria of income levels of social housing applicants which is impacting on applicants eligibility".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by all present.

13.2 Cllr. D. Hynes:

"This Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to insure that Iarnród Éireann does not under any circumstances discontinue the rail link to Enniscorthy, Wexford town and Rosslare. As this would have disastrous effect on the county that is already neglected and even further hamper the county in our drive to create jobs, provide better educational opportunities and develop tourism and in addition set back any plans to develop Rosslare Europort".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by all present. It was also agreed to include the restoration of the Rosslare/Waterford line as part of the motion.

13.3 Cllr. B.A. Murphy:

"I propose that this Council establishes a programme to install Carbon Monoxide alarms in all our housing stock as a matter of urgency".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by all present.

13.4 Cllr. B.A. Murphy:

"I call on Wexford Co. Council to examine the potential of Restorative Practice as an approach to internal and external conflict resolution for members, staff and the public".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche and agreed by all present.

13.5 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin:

"Following a National Transport Authority review of rail services, this council expresses it's alarm at the possibility of the severing of Co. Wexford's rail service south of Gorey. The council now calls on Iarnród Éireann to maintain, expand and develop existing rail services in the county, including those at Rosslare Europort, and we also call for immediate top-level talks between Wexfords public representatives, concerned groups, the Minister for Transport and Iarnród Éireann to counter the proposal before it gains any traction"

This motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin, seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen and agreed by all present.

13.6 Cllr. M. Roche:

"That this Council calls on the Minister of Defence Enda Kenny and Minister of State at the Department of Defence Paul Kehoe, both having a duty of care to Irish defence personnel overseas, to consider the evidence and decisions other armed forces have taken to stop the administration of Lariam (Mefloquine) to their serving forces overseas because of the long-term damaging side effects Lariam was having on their troops and to consider advising the Irish Medical corps to do the same.

Taking into account the American Armed forces have stopped using Lariam since 2009 due to the psychotic and long term effects this drug was having on its troops, particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq, taking into account the French armed forces have also removed Lariam from its list of anti Malaria drugs.

Taking into account the removal of Lariam off the Irish Market in July this year by its manufacturer".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by all present.

13.7 Cllr. M. Sheehan:

“Recognising the contribution workers have made their whole working lives and to reiterate our support for equal treatment for retirees, that this Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to restore the qualifying criteria for the Contributory State Pension to the 2012 rules and restore the pensions for people who have, in good faith, contributed all their lives only to find that the goals posts have been changed and no recourse to address their losses”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly and agreed by all present.

13.8 Cllr. J. Moore:

“Given the continual rise in road deaths both nationally and countywide Wexford County Council is requested to apply to the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to implement a traffic management/speed control programme in our rural villages/towns using camera detection technology”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche and agreed by all present.

5.30 p.m. – Cllr. D. Hynes and Cllr. L. McDonald left the meeting.

13.9 Cllr. W. Fitzharris:

“In light of the Anne St report presented to the October council meeting and in view of subsequent questions raised I request that this council would facilitate a discussion with the group of affected parties in an effort to address unanswered questions”.

This motion was withdrawn by Cllr. W. Fitzharris.

13.10 Cllr. O. O’Connell:

This Council notes:

- That as recently as the international 2005 survey, over half of European countries give BCG (TB) vaccinations to children up to 12 years old[1];
- That there is currently only one, sole, approved manufacturer & seller of BCG Vaccine in the entire EU;
- That even were a selective regime of administering to at-risk population adopted, this would comprise 13% of this state's population[2];

This Council requests the relevant Ministers, Departments, and appropriate agencies:

- to update us on what steps are being taken by this state and government to secure a ready supply of BCG Vaccine - regardless of regime adopted for administration - and when this will be available again.

[1] <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=604>

[2] <http://www.irishhealth.com/article.html?id=24905>

This motion was proposed by Cllr. O. O’Connell, seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy and agreed by all present.



#### **14. Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Wadding, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

#### **15. Correspondence and Communications:**

Deferred Correspondence from October Meeting:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from the Civil Registration Service regarding the death certificates of executed 1916 leaders.
- Correspondence from Minister Simon Coveney's office regarding addressing a meeting of Wexford County Council.
- Acknowledgement from the Department of Health regarding Mental Health Services.
- Correspondence from Fr. John Carroll, Secretary, St. Aidan's Diocesan Trust regarding Title issues

November Correspondence:

- Correspondence from Minister Simon Coveney's office regarding funding of national pay restoration
- Correspondence from Minister Simon Harris regarding a 24/7 Psychiatric Unit for County Wexford

It was agreed that the County Secretary would once again write to the Department of Health and insist that the Minister meet with a delegation from the Council; the Minister in question is Helen McEntee.

#### **16. Any Other Business**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, sought approval as attached for payments to Members attending on behalf of the PPN – this was proposed by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien and agreed by all present.

- Ratification of Councillors on SPC's
  - Cllr. W. Kavanagh on Transportation & Water SPC to replace James Browne
  - Cllr. L. McDonald on Housing, Community & Environment SPC to replace the late Fergie Kehoe

These were both ratified and agreed by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. M. Whelan, Leas Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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| P. Breen;   | M. Byrne;      | G. Carthy;    | K. Codd-Nolan,     |
| A. Connick; | T. Dempsey;    | A. Donohoe,   | K. Doyle,          |
| M. Farrell; | W. Fitzharris; | J. Fleming    | J. Hegarty,        |
| D. Hynes;   | R. Ireton;     | W. Kavanagh;  | A. Kelly;          |
| G. Lawlor,  | J. Moore;      | BA Murphy,    | M. Murphy;         |
| J. Mythen;  | L. O'Brien;    | O. O'Connell; | F. Ó Súilleabháin; |
| M. Roche;   | M. Sheehan;    | J. Sullivan;  | D. Wadding;        |
| O. Walsh;   |                |               |                    |

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary;  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, District Manager, Enniscorthy.

**Apologies:** Councillors: P. Kavanagh, L. McDonald, J. O'Rourke, F. Staples.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members expressed their votes of sympathy to the following:

- The family of Donal Minnock – retired Town Clerk, Enniscorthy
- The family of Peter Reck – former employee Enniscorthy Area Office
- The family of Evelyn Montague mother of Susan Montague, Housing Department
- The family of Christopher Barrins, father of Tracey Barrins, Environment Department
- The family of Willie Casey – father of Sinead Casey, District Manager, New Ross
- The family of Mary Moore – mother of Terry Moore, outdoor staff.
- The family of Mrs. McCauley, Enniscorthy – mother of Sam McCauley.

**Congratulations:**

The Members expressed their congratulations to the following:

- Gusserane on winning the U21 County Final title

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

### **1.1 County Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.**

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy seconded by Councillor J. Fleming the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

### **1.2 Statutory Budget Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd Nolan seconded by Councillor J. Sullivan, the Council approved the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

The Leas Cathaoirleach then invited Cllr. W. Fitzharris to give a verbal report on a recent meeting with Minister Helen McEntee. Cllr. Fitzharris advised that the Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cathaoirleach, chaired the meeting which was attended by Cllr. Fitzharris, Cllr. W. Kavanagh and Cllr. J. Mythen on behalf of Wexford County Council.

Minister Paul Kehoe, Deputy James Browne and Deputy Michael D'Arcy also attended. Minister McEntee was accompanied by two officials from the Health Board.

The deputation got a good hearing where they insisted that a 24/7 mental health service should be located in County Wexford and that Wexford needed better service and better support for families. It was also noted that patients are not turning up to Waterford for appointments because of the lack of support and the travel involved.

The Health Officials advised that the statistics show that the services are adequate for the area and Cllr. Fitzharris advised that the delegation was disappointed with this response. The role in educational awareness models in school and community were also discussed.

A number of Councillors were disappointed that they did not have the opportunity to meet with the Minister and following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Tony Dempsey that a written report by Cllr. W. Fitzharris be prepared for the next meeting of the Council when consideration could be given to seeking a further meeting with the Minister.

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

2.1 LAC1608 N25/R733 Oaklands Roundabout: The reconfiguration of the existing N25/R733 priority junction to a conventional roundabout layout; The widening of footpaths on the immediate approach roads to the proposed roundabout; The provision of ancillary works including road drainage, public lighting, the installation of road markings, road studs and signage; Landscaping works.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. O. O'Connell the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

2.2 LAC1609 The proposed development of 14 No. Housing Units with Associated Site Works at Cloghulatagh, Taghmon, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted the report of Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. On the proposal of Cllr. W. Fitzharris, seconded by Cllr. J. Fleming the Members agreed and approved the development as outlined in the report.

**3. Date of January Meeting of Wexford County Council:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by all Members present it was agreed to hold the January Meeting of Wexford County Council on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**4. Report on County Wexford 1916 Centenary Programme:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, presented the report which had been circulated to the Members. He thanked the President of the Committee Sean Doyle, the Secretary Eddie Breen and the County Co-Ordinator Padraig O’Gorman for the work they had done in delivering the overall programme for the County. He outlined a number of highlights including the concert held in the Cathedral in Enniscorthy, the Easter Monday celebrations in Enniscorthy and a number of other events.

He went on to thank the Members and the communities who helped with the organisation of a wide range of events. Mr. P. O’Gorman, County Co-Ordinator, acknowledged and thanked the huge assistance of the Members of Wexford County Council, indoor and outdoor staff of Wexford County Council, Civil Defence and relatives of the participants and the people of Wexford generally.

Cllr. B. A. Murphy congratulated the Council on its efforts and noted that tourism figures were up for 2016 and she was very proud of the events and in particular the relatives night which was an emotional and moving event held in the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy.

Other Members then echoed the sentiments of thanks and congratulations and praised the quality of the events carried out throughout the county.

The Leas Cathaoirleach offered his congratulations and noted that it had been a great year and the celebrations were a fitting tribute to those who had taken part in the 1916 Rising. He extended his congratulations to all who had taken part in the many events throughout the county.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, thanked the Staff Members in preparing the programme; he thanked Mr. J. Carley and Mr. P. O’Gorman in particular both in their efforts in putting the programme together and accessing funding to allow many of the events to go ahead. He also thanked the re-enactors and noted the inclusive nature of the events which included families from both sides of the conflict. He also noted the huge success that the events in Enniscorthy on Easter Monday had been.

He also advised that the Council is now looking at further commemorations for over 800 people from County Wexford who died in the 1914/18 war and that a number of proposals will come before the Council in 2017.

**5. Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The report of the Corporate Policy Group was noted.

**6. Chief Executive's Report:**

The Chief Executive's Report was circulated to the meeting. Questions raised by Councillors present were answered by Council Officials. The issues raised included the following:

- Delay in closing house sales
- New Government Culture Plan
- Failure rate on septic tank inspections
- Grants for septic tanks
- Charges for cruise ships in Kilmore Quay
- Refurbishment of New Ross Library
- Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ) 2016
- Littering on road sides
- Proposals to have Open Libraries
- Vacant Property Grant Scheme
- Village Bundle Scheme
- Economic development in areas of high unemployment

At 3.40 p.m. Cllr. John Fleming left the meeting.

- CPO vacant houses
- Threat of closure of Gorey to Rosslare rail line
- Housing maintenance for St. James' Drive Tomhaggard
- Voluntary housing offer of land to Wexford County Council
- Tourist strategy and the prospect of funding for tourist strategy for Enniscorthy
- Remedial works to road closed at Keellogues, Barntown

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members approved the Chief Executive's Report.

**7. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training:**

The Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as circulated to the meeting.

**8. Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by all the Members present the above minutes were noted and approved.

8.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 12.10.16

8.2 Borough District of Wexford 17.10.16

8.3 Enniscorthy Municipal District 17.10.16

8.4 Gorey Municipal District 18.10.16

**9. Notices of Motion:**

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

“That Wexford County Council calls for the expansion of the M11/M50 in North Wicklow/ South Dublin to be expanded to three lanes and for Transport Infrastructure Ireland to develop a comprehensive plan, involving public and private transport, to improve commuting travel times between the Counties of Wexford and Wicklow and Dublin. This motion will also be forwarded to the Councils of Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton.

A vote was taken and it was agreed by all with the exception of Cllr. D. Wadding.

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

“That Wexford County Council welcomes refugees from the Syrian conflict to this County and will assist positively in integrating them to Irish society. On their expected arrival in 2017, the Council will arrange an appropriate welcoming reception.

This Council asserts that Wexford is a welcoming County for those who seek refuge or asylum from war, natural disaster or the abuse of human rights”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by all present.

The Chief Executive advised that he had been sitting on the Task Force for Refugees since 2014 and was aware of the tragic circumstances regarding refugees and the need for Ireland and County Wexford to play its part in helping them.

He noted that Syrian Refugees would arrive in Ireland by the middle of 2017 and that the Refugee Commissioner would deal quickly with their applications for refugee status, allowing them to settle in Ireland within a short number of weeks.

Housing will be a critical service to be offered to the refugees and Wexford County Council is already looking at housing solutions which will not impinge on our current housing list. The housing units required in County Wexford would mostly be family units. The Chief Executive advised that he would report back to the Council on this issue in the New Year.

**Cllr. J. Mythen:**

“That this Council gives clarification as to whether a landlord must have their rental property registered with P.R.T.B. Prior to entering into a H.A.P. Contract”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly and agreed by all present.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Service, advised the meeting that he intends to seek clarification with the Department of Environment, with regard to the anomaly pointed out by Cllr. Mythen.

**Cllr. J. Mythen:**

“That this Council calls on the Minister of Health Simon Harris, and the H.S.E. To address the serious situation in County Wexford regarding C.A.M.H.S. (children and adolescent mental health services) posts.

Taking into account, only one psychologist consultant post exists for the 2 Counties of Wexford and Waterford with a combined population of 198,000.

Taking into account people are waiting up to 18 Months and beyond for assessment appointments”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and agreed by all present. A minor amendment to the population numbers was made to 216,000 rather than 198,000.

It was agreed that the motion as passed should also be brought to the attention of the Minister for Health in any future meeting as had been agreed earlier in the meeting. Details of this motion will also be passed on to the HSE.

**10. Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.



## **11. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Letter of congratulations from Senator Robbie Gallagher re Disability Services Provision Award at Excellence in Local Government Awards
- Acknowledgement from Office of the Taoiseach regarding the effects of Lariam
- Acknowledgement from Office of Minister Naughten regarding Solar Energy planning policy
- Acknowledgement from Office of Minister Leo Varadkar regarding the State Pension
- Correspondence from Private Secretary to Minister Shane Ross regarding the rail network in Ireland.
- Acknowledgement from Minister Simon Harris regarding BCG Vaccines.

The Chief Executive reported that the Council had been in contact with both the Chamber of Commerce and the Hotels in County Wexford to make a submission to Irish Rail in the review of the rail network in Ireland.

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

It was noted that the text alert system in Gorey is to be extended across the county with regard to disabled parking services.

Further congratulations were made to Damian McDonald who is now the new Secretary General of the Irish Farmers Association and it was suggested that he be invited to attend a future meeting of Wexford County Council.

An emergency motion was then proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell with regard to the need for the HSE to provide services and a unit to deal with narcolepsy which had been promised by the HSE. It was agreed that this motion be forwarded to the Minister.

It was noted that the Joint Policing Committee will meet on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 11am to deal with the national review of Garda Divisions.

The Chief Executive thanked the Members for their support of the Executive in 2016 and for the huge amount of time given by members in serving the people of Wexford, working with and representing communities throughout County Wexford.

He also asked Members to remember Cllr. Fergie Kehoe who had passed away in 2016 and extended his respects to Cllr. Kehoe's family. He also extended his sympathy to the families of ex Councillor Gus Byrne and Pat Codd who has both passed away in 2016.

He finally extended his best wishes and a Happy Christmas to the Members of the Council and the Council staff.

The Leas Cathaoirleach echoed the Chief Executive's good wishes for a Happy Christmas to all the Members of the Council and the Staff. He also relayed his best wishes to the

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh who had suffered from a recent illness and wished him a speedy return to the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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