

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 9th November, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. A. Fenlon

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	J. Hegarty;	T. Howlin;
R. Ireton;	P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;	G. Lawlor;
D. MacPartlin;	J. Moore;	M. Murphy;	L. O'Brien;
P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;	

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan,
Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Apologies:

Councillor M. Kinsella

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- John Dunne on the death of his mother Ellen Dunne
- Dolores Whitty on the death of her cousin Eithne Sinnott

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 12th October, 2009.

Proposed Disposal of Land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notices circulated;

- Proposed disposal of lands at Castlemoyle, New Ross, Co. Wexford, to the Department of Education and Science.

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

- **LAC0498** – Extension of the Promenade Riverwalk and Erection of a Pedestrian Bridge Crossing of the River Urrin at The Promenade, Enniscorthy, St. John's Townsland, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 9th November, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, had no objection to the development proceeding.

County Manager's Report:

The Members considered the County Manager's Report as circulated. In response to the Members, the County Manager advised:

- The allocation of €2m over four years from the Department of Marine and Natural Resources for Wexford Harbour presents an opportunity to carry out works that would otherwise not be done. The Manager further advised that the Council should resolve to take over the Wexford Harbour in line with the request from the Department. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council resolved to take over Wexford Harbour.
- €2m had been collected in respect of the NPPR charge but the income had mostly been absorbed by the reduction in the Local Government Fund Grant.
- The CPO for the New Ross By Pass had been challenged in the High Court and a date for a hearing is awaited. On the assumption that the statutory process is successful, the NRA has commenced the procurement process for a PPP Project.

Wexford County Council SPC Scheme:

The Members considered submission by the Environmental Pillar seeking representation on the Planning SPC, Water, Environment & Emergency SPC, Transportation SPC, and Economic & Social Development SPC. On the proposal of Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the Members amended the draft scheme to include an environmental representation on these committees.

Appointment of Members to SPC's:

Planning SPC

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the following Members were appointed to the Planning SPC – Cllrs M. Kinsella, T. Dempsey, R. Ireton, K. Doyle.

Water, Environment & Emergency SPC

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the following Members were appointed to the Water, Environment & Emergency SPC – Cllrs. D. Kennedy, M. Sheehan, O. Walsh, D. MacPartlin.

Transportation SPC

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the following Members were appointed to the Transportation SPC – Cllrs. J. Moore, K. Doyle, K. Codd-Nolan, T. Howlin.

Housing SPC

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy, the following Members were appointed to the Housing SPC – Cllrs. P. Cody, M. Murphy, A. Fenlon, P. Reck.

Economic & Social Development SPC

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody, the following Members were appointed to the Economic & Social Development SPC – Cllrs. M. Byrne, P. Kavanagh, J. Moore, T. Howlin.

Nomination of Member to New Ross Port Company:

The County Secretary advised that the Council's nominee would be submitted to the Minister for Transport requesting appointment to the Port Company.

Cllr. L. O'Brien was proposed by Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

Cllr. M. Sheehan was proposed by Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle.

Those voting in favour of Cllr. O'Brien:

Councillors – P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan, P. Cody, A. Fenlon, G. Lawlor, J. Hegarty, T. Howlin, R. Ireton, P. Kavanagh, D. Kennedy, J. Moore, L. O'Brien, O. Walsh.

Those voting in favour of Cllr. M. Sheehan:

Councillors – M. Byrne, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Murphy, P. Reck, M. Sheehan.

Those abstaining: Cllr. D. MacPartlin

Cllr. O'Brien was nominated on 13 votes to 6.

Deferred Notice of Motion:

Proposed by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. D. MacPartlin and agreed by the Council.

“Wexford County Council calls on the Taoiseach and Minister for Social and Family Affairs to publish the National Carers Strategy as committed to in the Social Partnership Agreement – Towards 2016 and in the programme for Government as a matter of principle”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton

“Where Wexford County Council fails to deliver a satisfactory service and where there is provable damage to the interest of a customer, an appropriate deduction of charges should pertain”.

Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting.

Those voting in favour – Councillor D. MacPartlin

Those voting against – Councillors P. Codd, T. Dempsey, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Lawlor, J. Moore, P. Reck, K. Codd-Nolan, P. Cody, K. Doyle, P. Kavanagh, O. Walsh, M. Byrne, J. Hegarty, R. Ireton, D. Kennedy, M. Murphy, L. O’Brien.

Those abstaining – Cllr. M. Sheehan

Proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin and agreed by the Council.

“That the Government when drawing up the Budget 2010, if at all possible not to cut funding for Community Groups who are doing so much for disadvantage areas and individuals around our Country especially here in Co. Wexford”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by the Council.

“I call on Wexford County Council to support the people of our County in their efforts to maintain and improve the services that are needed in Wexford General Hospital. This facility cannot be lost to our county”.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:**Finance – Budget 2010:**

The Members agreed to hold the Statutory Budget Meeting on Monday 14th December at 10.30 a.m. The Members further agreed that the December monthly meeting would be held on the same day at 10.00 a.m. for the conduct of statutory business only.

Finance:

The Members noted the financial position of the Council at 31st October, 2009, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 9,694,164 DR	€ 7,596,519 DR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 8,840,950 DR	€ 4,048,143 DR
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	€ 18,535,114 DR	€ 11,644,662 DR

In response to the Members the County Manager advised that the Council could hold a special meeting to discuss finance when the 2009 AFS was completed.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

The Members considered monthly report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services.

In response to the Members the Director advised:

- He expected the Department to publish the Water Services Investment Programme in February 2010.
- There was insufficient funding available to take over Ballymoney Group Water Scheme.
- He anticipated that the Brown Bin collection service would be extended to all villages with a population in excess of 1500.

Housing:

In response to the Members, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Service, advised

- The Council had leased 4 houses in Clongeen and 10 in Ferns.
- There were funding restraints in relation to the provision of central heating.

Community & Enterprise:

In response to the Members, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Service, advised that the Community & Enterprise Department were examining the outputs from the workshops held at the Economic Forum and a report would be prepared for the consideration of the Council.

Planning:

In response to the Members Mr. E. Hore, Director of Service, advised:

- The Planning Enforcement Section was looking at all unfinished Housing Estates.
- The Gorey Area Plan draft would be brought to the Council early in 2010.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 19th October, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area of 16th October, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area of 25th September, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area of 13th October, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting of 12th October, 2009.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence and Communications (as circulated):

The Members noted correspondence from Deputy B. Howlin in relation to the Housing (Local Authority loans) Regulations 2009 and Wexford Arts Section.

Notice of Motions:

Cllr. M. Kinsella & Cllr. P. Kavanagh

"That Wexford Co. Council calls on the government not to impose an 80% rollover tax on compulsory purchased land and to clarify its position on same immediately"

Cllr. P. Kavanagh withdrew the motion

Cllr. Declan MacPartlin

"As the composition of the Board of An Bord Pleanala has not been maintained with the balance envisaged at its formation, the members of Wexford County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to institute an enquiry into the current composition of the Board and urge him to take steps to ensure that, for the future, it will be broadly representative of society as originally prescribed"

This motion was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. M. Kinsella

"That Wexford County Council shows full solidarity with all efforts seeking the release of Fr. Mick Sinnott, the Columban priest being held captive in the Philippines and that our prayers are with him"

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. P. Reck and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. K. Doyle

“That Wexford County Council changes the rate per metre service charge on Horticultural land to differentiate it from Agricultural land from €5 per metre squared to 50 cent per metre squared”

This motion was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. J. Moore

“That Wexford County Council aims to have all Polling Stations in the constituency accessible to wheelchair users within a set timescale. Wexford County Council recommend that polling stations use ground floor facilities in the polling stations”

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. A. Fenlon and agreed by the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 14ú Ia de Nollaig, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 14th December, 2009 – 10.00 a.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore, Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	J. Hegarty;	T. Howlin;	R. Ireton;
P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;	M. Kinsella;	G. Lawlor;
D. MacPartlin;	M. Murphy;	L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;
M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;		

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; A. O'Neill, Management Accountant, G. Griffin County Secretary.

The Vice-Chairman, Members and County Manager sent their best wishes to the Chairman, Cllr. Anna Fenlon, who was recovering from illness.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the families of following recently deceased:

- Emer Lovett, Piercestown, Wexford
- Paddy Kinsella, father of Michael Lonergan, Motor Tax
- Kelly Lane, daughter of Bernard Gavin, Wexford Fire Station Officer
- Liam Doyle, brother of Assumpta Doyle, FOI Officer

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 9th November, 2009.

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

- **LAC0494** – Development of new Burial Ground at Enniscorthy T.D., Enniscorthy Rural E.D., Co. Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 30th November, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Reck, had no objection to the development proceeding.

County Manager's Report:

- The Members noted the contents of the County Manager's Report as circulated.

Extension of Overdraft Facility:

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Members approved the extension of the Council's overdraft accommodation of €15m to 30th June, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Taking in Charge of Phase II of Clonattin Estate, Gorey, Co. Wexford:

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 14th December, 2009. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, had no objection to the road listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

The Council shall also take in charge any open spaces, car-parks, sewers, watermains, or drains within the attendant grounds of the development, in accordance with Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Takeover of Battletown Group Water Scheme:

The Members considered report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 14th December, 2009. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, approved the Takeover of Battletown Group Water Scheme.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:**Finance:**

The Members noted the financial position of the Council at 30th November, 2009, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 6,060,525 DR	€ 1,063,407 DR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 12,364,543 DR	€ 12,791,287 DR
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	€ 18,425,068 DR	€ 13,854,694 DR

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 16th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area of 13th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area of 30th October, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area of 3rd November, 2009.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 11ú la de Eanáir, 2010.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

***Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting of
Wexford County Council
Held on Monday 14th December 2009 – 10:30 a.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor J. Moore, Leas-Cathaoirleach

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	J. Hegarty;	T. Howlin;
R. Ireton;	P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;	M. Kinsella;
G. Lawlor;	D. MacPartlin;	M. Murphy;	L. O'Brien;
P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;	

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; A. O'Neill, Management Accountant, G. Griffin County Secretary.

Budget 2009:

The County Manager advised the meeting that the 2010 Budget provided for revenue expenditure of €109m and together with the Capital Programme there would be expenditure by the Council of almost €200m in 2010.

The Manager further advised that there was concern about the Council's deficit and the possibility that the 2010 road grants would be less than 2009. Even with the Road Grant maintained at 2009 level the Council would struggle to maintain employment for the roads staff. The Department of Environment had notified the Council that there would be a small increase in the Local Government Fund and that the Council could retain some of the payroll savings announced in the National Budget which would help address the matter of the Council's deficit. Being conscious of the financial pressures being experienced by both commercial and household sectors the draft Budget was presented with no increases in Commercial Rates, Commercial Water Charges, Domestic Refuse Charges or Housing Rents.

The Manager recommended the Budget to the Council.

The Council considered the detailed proposals of the Budget.

Division A – Housing and Building

The Members considered the provisions under services A 01 to A 11.

In response to the Members,

Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised:

- Service support costs were apportioned over the 8 divisions on an activity basis and that there was a reduction in the overall provision for service costs.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised:

- The provision for the homeless was based on the last 6 months activity and generally supported the Women's Refuge and Oznam House.
- Housing loan applications were now subject to credit checking in line with Government policy.
- The Council's accommodation for Travellers was to a very high standard and included halting sites in Bunclody and New Ross, Group Schemes in New Ross and Enniscorthy and individual houses.
- There is an increased uptake for the RAS.
- There was a provision of €25 K per electoral area for estate maintenance which would be considered by each Area Committee.
- Rental income provision took account of the recent social welfare changes in the National Budget.

Division B – Road Transport and Safety

The Members considered the provisions under services B01 to B11.

In response to the Members

The County Manager advised,

That the Roads Programme was dependent on grants allocated by the Department of Transport and even at 2009 levels the Council would struggle to maintain 3,500 km of roads and employ 186 road men. The Manager further advised that some of the payroll savings arising from the budget would have to support the Roads Programme.

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised:

- The Council did not have any solar powered public lighting.
- The reduced outturn for National Primary Road surfacing dressing was due to this grant being cut.
- It was not possible to ring fence the income from Gorey parking fees.
- Regional road surface dressing was provided for the local road provision.

Division C – Water Services:

The Members considered the provisions under services C 01 to C 07.

In response to the Members,

Mr. N.McGuigan, Director of Services, advised:

- The Council had 11 public conveniences.
- The income from the Gorey P.C. was in the region of €3,200 and maintenance was €15,000.
- EPA monitoring would cost the Council €400K in 2010.

Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised:

- The provision for Water Charges income for 2010 was a prudent estimate.

Division D – Development Management:

The Members considered the provisions under services D 01 to D 12.

In response to the Members,

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised:

- The provision for Urban and Village Renewal contained provisions for contributions to the South East Regional Authority and the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly.
- The provision for unfinished estates was to cater for necessary emergency works to unfinished private housing estates.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised:

- The provision for general Community & Enterprise expenses contained contributions to the County Development Board, Community Forum together with provision for Youth and Childcare, and economic development.
- The provision for Tourist Development contained contributions to SERTO, Wexford Tourism and New Ross Marina together with other tourism projects in the county.
- The provision for RAPID was for New Ross and Wexford as there had not been a notification regarding Enniscorthy.

Division E – Environmental Services:

The Members considered the provisions under services E 01 to E 14.

In response to the Members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised

- There was a reduction in landfill income because the volume expected was not realised.
- Reduced income in refuse collection was due to market forces but the costs had also reduced.
- Fire Service charges were billed to the end user.
- The provision for litter control initiatives included litter management and the rapid response team.
- There was no reduction in Water Quality Management. A portion of the costs were now borne by the Department of Environment by way of a capital grant.

Division F – Recreation and Amenity:

The Members considered the provisions under services F 01 to F 06.

In response to the Members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised

- The provision under Community Grants included the Members discretionary €5K for Amenity Grants.
- WINC were in receipt of grants from other sources and it had been indicated to them last year that the Council would not be supporting them in 2010.
- The Department of Environment had allocated a capital grant of €250K for the library book fund and together with the revenue provision the total book fund for 2010 was €500K.
- The provision under Recreational Development included partial funding of the FAI Officer – LSP, GAA Officer and to Sporting Development Manager.
- Details of the Arts Programme would be discussed by the SPC.
- While the mobile library service was funded for 2010, the operations of the Libraries would be reviewed in light of reducing staff and the opening of the new Library in Gorey.
- There were 26 playgrounds supported by the Council in the county.
- There were community facilities in Taghmon, Kilanerin and Oilgate which were supported by the Council from planning levies.

Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare:

The Members considered the provisions under services G 01 to G 06.

The County Manager advised:

- The Council was sympathetic to Horticultural Activists in relation to commercial rates; there was no charge for glass houses unless there was a shop attached and the development levies were the same as an agricultural operation.

- He would raise with the Department of Transport and Marine and the Council's Insurers the Members concerns regarding existing and future liabilities attaching to Wexford Harbour which should not be the responsibility of the Council when the Harbour was taken over.

Division H – Miscellaneous Services:

The Members considered the provisions under services H 01 to H11.

In response to the Members,

The County Manager advised:

- The Council would accept payments for commercial rates on a monthly basis.
- Local casual trading was encouraged by the Government and traditional market rights existed in the towns.

Adoption of Budget 2010:

Following discussion by the Members it was proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, that Wexford County Council adopt for the financial year ending 31 December, 2010, the draft budget as set out in tables A to E of the prescribed form of Budget prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 and Local Government Financial Procedures and Audit Regulations 2002 and that Wexford County Council determine in accordance with the budget adopted for the financial year ending 31 December 2010 the rates set out in tables B, C and D to be the Annual Rates of Valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Table A.

The proposal was unanimously agreed by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary.

Daingnithe ar an _____la de Eanáir, 2010.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 12th January, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor P. Byrne, Chairperson

Councillors:

L. Allen, L. Carthy, P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan,
J. Curtis, J. Dwyer, A. Fenlon, J. Fleming,
T. Howlin, F. Kehoe, D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella,
D. MacPartlin, B.A. Murphy, M. Murphy, L. O'Brien,
P. Reck, M. Roche, O. Walsh

Officials:

Messrs: A. Doyle, Deputy County Manager, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan,
E. Hore, Directors of Services; G. Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Apologies:

Cllr: S. Doyle.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- John Thorpe (previous employee) on the death of his wife
- Carmel King, Social Worker, on the death of her mother
- Tony Murphy, Senior General Services Supervisor on the death of his mother
- Family of the late Moya Kehoe
- Family of the late Tony Gregory

The Council observed a minutes silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 8th December, 2008, and Statutory Budget Meeting held on 15th December, 2008.

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2007:

LAC0484 – Renovations and Extension of existing dwelling with associated site works at 22 Mayview Park, Oulart, Bolaboy, Co. Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 5th January, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor J. Fleming, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, had no objection to the development proceeding

LAC0485 – Erection of a single storey dwelling with associated site works at 7 Cois Mara, Rosslare Strand, Co. Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 5th January, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor J. Fleming, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, had no objection to the development proceeding.

Appointment of Members to Joint Policing Committee:

The Chairman advised the meeting he had received correspondence from Séamie Davitt, Cathaoirleach, Wexford Sinn Féin, advising that the Sinn Féin nominee for the Joint Policing Committee was Cllr. J. Dwyer

Cllr. M. Roche was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. L. Carthy.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. Roche was appointed to the Joint Policing Committee.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC of 27.11.08.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor J. Dwyer, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC of 18.12.08.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 02.12.08.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee of 28.11.08.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee of 19.12.08.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee of 15.12.08.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Housing SPC:

In response to the members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised:

- The final allocation for the Social Housing Investment Programme was awaited but it was likely that 319 new units would be achieved over the three year period 2009-2011.
- There was no central allocation for the provision of central heating in 2009 but vulnerable tenants would be catered for from the Council's own resources.
- The Council would not normally purchase houses with a poor energy rating but value for money would be a deciding factor in any proposed purchase.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, the Council resolved to write to the Minister for Energy requesting that the Building Energy Rating requirement for the sale of houses from 1st January be suspended because of the economic climate.

Gorey Electoral Area Committee:

Cllr. M. Kinsella requested the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Minutes of 28th November, 2008, be amended to record that he dissented from the motion regarding concrete bollards on Courtown north and south piers.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Notice of Motions:

Cllrs: J. Fleming and L. Allen:

“That Wexford County Council installs oil tanks and burners in Rathlin Cuillin as a matter of urgency”

It was agreed to defer this matter to the Gorey Electoral Area Committee at the request of Cllr. J. Fleming.

Correspondence:

The members noted acknowledgements as follows:

- Acknowledgement from office of Mr. Brian Cowen, Taoiseach, dated 8th January, 2009 regarding the Cervical Vaccination Programme.
- Acknowledgment from office of Ms. Mary Harney, T.D., regarding the Cervical Vaccination Programme.
- Acknowledgement from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Transport, dated 9th January, 2009, regarding the rate per kilometer for road improvement works.
- Acknowledgement from office of Mr. Eamon Ryan, T.D., Minister for Communication, Energy and Natural Resources, regarding broadband.

Progress Reports:

Community & Enterprise:

In response to the members Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised that he would arrange for the Community Wardens in Gorey to increase the patrolling of litter.

Water Services:

In response to the members Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised

- In relation to the Village Bundle, there were villages which required foreshore licences and if this delayed the project the bundle would be split and villages which did not require a foreshore licence would proceed in advance of those which did.
- It was intended to improve the water supply in Bunclody when the waste water improvements was complete
- Approval to funding the waste water improvements in Taghmon had not yet been received.

Road Services:

In response to member's questions, Mr. A. Doyle, Deputy County Manager, advised:

- Archaeological investigations would be carried out on lands for the New Ross By Pass in 2009 and the landowners would be notified.
- The Director for Housing and himself would consider a scheme for the improvement of roads and footpaths in Council Housing Estates (one estate per electoral area) for 2009.
- The road from Tagoat to Our Ladys Island would be considered under the 2009 programme of works.

- The timber structure at Larkins Cross had been constructed for safety reasons.
- The design for an alternative access to Rosslare Harbour was in progress and funding was dependant on the Department of Transport and CIE.
- Mobile CCTV unit would be in place at the parking areas on the Gorey By Pass in the near future
- There was no area in Wexford Town for the construction of a Coach Park
- The permanent roundabout at Kents Cross was dependant on an allocation from the Department of Transport but he hoped it would commence in the middle of the year.
- He was hopeful of some funding for the improvement of Wexford Quays.

Environment:

In response to member's questions, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised:

- The Council was negotiating rates for Holmestown Landfill with commercial refuse operators.
- Leachate is sent to the Councils wastewater treatment plants for treatment before being discharged.
- Negotiations were on going with the owner of the premises for the Gorey Civic Amenity Site.
- There was a hardship scheme for Fire Charges and each case would be examined on its merits.
- Bathing water in Duncannon was being monitored.
- Community Employment Schemes would be beneficial in the upkeep of Burial Grounds.

Planning:

In response to member's questions, Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised:

- The draft Gorey Local Area Plan would be available for consideration by the Gorey Electoral Area Committee in April.
- The Bunclody Local Area Plan would proceed in advance of Carlow County Council's Carrigduff Plan. The Bunclody Plan would be available for consideration by the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee in February.

Finance:

The members requested a month by month report on Motor Taxation activity.

Any other business:

Finger Post Signs:

The members raised the matter of the €635 charge for finger post signs for non accommodation related tourist businesses and expressed concern that the imposition of the charge was causing hardship for small tourist related businesses.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe, the Council resolved to seek a deputation with the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to address the problem.

Mallin Street, Library:

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that tenders for Mallin Street Library were being resought under the new form of contract and it was expected that the process would be complete by September 2009. In the meantime the site would revert to its use as a car park to cater for car parking needs in the town centre.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 9ú la de Feabhra, 2009.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 9th February, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor P. Byrne, Chairperson

Councillors:

L. Allen,	P. Codd,	K. Codd-Nolan,	J. Curtis,
S. Doyle,	J. Dwyer,	A. Fenlon,	J. Fleming,
T. Howlin,	F. Kehoe,	D. Kennedy,	M. Kinsella,
D. MacPartlin,	B.A. Murphy,	M. Murphy,	L. O'Brien,
P. Reck,	M. Roche,	O. Walsh	

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan,
E. Hore, Directors of Services; G. Mulvey, Head of Finance; B. Cooney,
Senior Executive Scientist, G. Griffin, County Secretary.

Apologies:

Cllr: L. Carthy

Congratulations:

The members congratulated the following:

- Cllr. L. Allen on his recent marriage to Pauline
- Kevin Doyle on being awarded Senior International Player of the Year

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 12th January, 2009.

Draft River Basin Management Plan:

Mr. B. Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist outlined to the members the progress of the Draft River Basin Management Plan under the following headings:

- Water Quality in Wexford 1980-2007
- Details of legislation and background to the plan
- Water Framework Quality Indices
- Consultation mechanism
- Programme of measures

In response to the members, Mr. Cooney advised:

- There was no central funding available to the Council to implement the measures contained in the plan
- There was no one source of pollution there were a number of contributing sources
- There was independent testing of Waste Water Treatment Plants and monitoring by the EPA

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche and agreed that the Council write to LAMA and the General Council of County Councils seeking support for central funding to implement the programme of measures contained in the plan.

Proposed Disposal of Land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor M. Roche, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notices circulated;

- Proposed disposal of land at Knockeen, Forth, Co. Wexford to facilitate the construction of the new O'Flaherty entrance.
- Proposed disposal of land at No. 96 Bridgemeanows, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. (Affordable Housing)

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2007:

LAC0481 – Proposed erection of one wind turbine and meteorological mast at Holmestown Great T.D., Forth E.D., Co. Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 4th February, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, had no objection to the development proceeding.

Draft Annual Report 2008:

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, the Council adopted the Draft Annual Report 2008.

Local Government Audit Report 2007:

The members considered the report of the Local Government Auditor in respect of the year ending 31 December, 2007.

- 3.1. Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised that all of the €22.6m in planning levies outstanding referred to was not yet due as the amount referred to developments which had not yet commenced or were being built in phases.
- 3.3. The members noted that the Councils decision to dispose of land to Sports (Wexford) Ltd for the extension of the Wexford Racecourse had been examined by the Auditor and was found to be disposed of for social and economic reasons in accordance with Section 121 (1) of the Local Government Act, 2001, the proper procedures provided for.

The Chairman and Members welcomed the Auditors comments.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy, the Council adopted the Auditors Report.

Pre-Draft Ferns Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The members noted report of Mr. E. Hore, Director of Service, dated 4th February, 2009. On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, the Council approved the Pre-Draft Ferns Local Area Plan 2009-2015 to go to public display.

Bunclody Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The members considered the Manager's report on submissions received during the public consultation period.

The members noted that amendments had been made to the plan which were material in nature and recommended the plan be placed on public display for an additional 4 weeks in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 (3) (e) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2007.

Scheme of Priorities for Assessment of Applications for Conservation Grants in 2009:

The members noted report of Mr. Liam Bowe, Executive Planner & Conservation, dated 29th January, 2009. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, the Council approved the Scheme of Priorities for Assessment of Applications for Conservation Grants in 2009.

Takeover of Curraduff Group Water Scheme:

The members noted report from Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Service, dated 9th February, 2009. On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, the Council approved the Takeover of Curraduff Group Water Scheme.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The members noted the Financial Position at 31st January, 2009 as follows:

The Council's financial position at 31st January, 2009 was noted by the Members, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 1,612,381 CR	€ 385,862 CR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 4,388,952 DR	€ 4,895,157 DR
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	€ 2,776,571 DR	€ 4,509,295 DR

Burial Grounds:

In response to the Members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Service, advised that the new cemetery in Enniscorthy would be interdenominational and that there were no plans to cater for any one religion specifically.

Transportation:

In response to the Members, Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Service, advised

- There was no funding allocation in 2009 for elimination of ragworth.
- There was not a suitable location in Wexford Town for a bus park

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, the Council approved minutes of special meeting of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee of 23.01.09.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee of 19.01.09.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford EAC of 13.01.09.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Enniscorthy EAC of 23.01.09.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of special meeting of the Enniscorthy EAC of 29.01.09.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Dwyer, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee of 19.01.09.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

In response to the Members, Mr. E. Breen, County Manager, advised:

- The Council had to have regard to the criteria of the project when assessing tenders
- Public procurement rules prohibits showing favouritism to local tenderers
- There was no further price negotiation where a contract had been signed

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor S. Doyle, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence:

The members noted correspondence as follows:

- Acknowledgement letter dated 12th January, from the Office of the Minister For Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Brendan Smith, TD regarding the re-instatement of the Installation Aid Grant and Early Retirement for farmers.
- Acknowledgement letter dated 12th January, from the Office of the Minister For Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Brendan Smith, TD regarding the Farm Waste Management Scheme.
- Acknowledgement letter from the NRA, dated 9th January, regarding the proposed 24 hour truck service areas and parking facility at Ballyellin, Inch, Gorey.
- Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Health and Children, regarding the Cervical Vaccination Programme.
- Acknowledgement letter from the Office of the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, dated 19th January, regarding the Building Energy Rating.
- Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Education and Science, regarding the budget measures relating to education.
- Acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding a meeting to discuss finger post signs for non-accommodation related tourist businesses.
- Thank you letter from Noel Gregory & Annette Dolan

Progress Reports:

Housing – Rental Accommodation Scheme:

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Dwyer, seconded by Cllr. P. Reck, the Council resolved to request the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to remove the requirement whereby applicants had to be in receipt of a rent allowance to qualify under the scheme as due to the economic downturn people not in receipt of rent allowance now find themselves in the position where they needed to avail of RAS.

Water Services – Redwood Park, Murrintown, Wexford.

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Service, advised the Members that the Council issued proceedings against the developer in 2006, had been in the court 8 times and has had to pay fines and costs of €5657.90. The company still exists and Wexford County Council have issued proceedings for continuous offences which will involve daily fines of €400.

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Service, advised that the estate was not yet taken in charge by the Council but because of the seriousness of the problem and in the interest of public health the Council would use CCTV to assess what work needed to be done and he hoped a mechanism could be found to sort the problem.

General Matters:

In response to the Members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Service, advised:

- The Council had met with the Department Inspectors regarding the Village Bundle and another meeting was scheduled for 17th February where the Council would submit a redesigning of one village and if acceptable the redesign of the remaining villages would proceed.
- He expected the contract for the treatment plant in Bunclody would proceed this month.
- The route for the Water Improvement Scheme for Taghmon was surveyed and the planning process would commence in March.
- The sewage improvement scheme for Taghmon had not yet been sanctioned.
- The site selection for the Fethard-on-Sea sewerage improvement scheme had to be submitted to the Department for approval.

Road Services:

In response to member's questions, Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Service, advised:

- The reinstatement of roads and footpaths in Coolgreany following the sewerage scheme could be considered under the 2009 Road Works Scheme.
- He would investigate the status of road improvements in Ballymurn
- There was a gritting programme in place with priority being given to National, Secondary and Regional routes.
- There was an inordinate amount of potholes to be filled because of the bad weather.
- The Director of Housing and himself hoped to have a scheme to provide funding for repairs to one Council Housing Estate per Electoral Area next month.
- The Scarawalsh roundabout was complete and the Council had raised the question of the balance of the funding with the NRA.
- The Council was not responsible for damage to cars arising from potholes caused by the weather or wear and tear.
- Improvements were planned for the Wexford Quays at the junction of the bridge.

Fire Services:

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Service, advised that he would arrange to have the Fire Services schedule of charges published.

Environment:

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised:

- The Council was negotiating with the owner of the premises for the Gorey Civic Amenity site.
- Green waste was not accepted at Holmestown presently but there were plans to do so.
- He would raise the matter of vandalism and anti-social behaviour with the St. Stephens Joint Burial Board.
- Income from recycling was picking up slowly.

Planning:

The Members welcomed the new legislation which deals with developers who defaulted on their planning permissions.

Any other business:

Bus Shelter at Clough, Gorey:

The Members welcomed the installation of a bus stop at Clough following the Council's resolution of September 2008. The Members requested the Council write to Bus Eireann calling for bus shelters at Clough, Gorey Town and Wexford Hospital.

Casual Trading:

The County Secretary advised that there was no Casual Trading area designated in Bunclody.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 9ú la de Martha, 2009.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 9th March, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor P. Byrne, Chairperson

Councillors:

L. Allen, L. Carthy, P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan,
J. Curtis, S. Doyle, A. Fenlon, J. Fleming,
T. Howlin, F. Kehoe, D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella,
D. MacPartlin, B.A. Murphy, M. Murphy, L. O'Brien,
P. Reck, M. Roche, O. Walsh

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan,
E. Hore, Directors of Services; G. Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Apologies:

Cllr: J. Dwyer

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Anthony Bailey, Rapid Co-ordinator, on the death of his father
- Dolores Whitty, Assistant Staff Officer, on the death of her mother-in-law
- Carmel King, Social Worker, on the death of her mother
- Claire Rochford, Housing Inspector, on the death of her father
- Families of the soldiers recently killed in Northern Ireland

The Council observed a minutes silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 9th February, 2009.

Proposed Disposal of Land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notices circulated;

- Proposed disposal of lands Caislean an Dinigh Housing Estate, Carrig, Danescastle, Co. Wexford to E.S.B. Netowrks, Kilcannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford by way of deed of transfer to facilitate the placement of an E.S.B. substation on this site.
- Proposed disposal of lands at Hillview, Esmonde Road, Enniscorthy to John and Anne Redmond, Hillview, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford in order to rectify boundaries therein.

Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2009-2013:

The Members considered the Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2009-2013 together with report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 2nd March, 2009.

The Council adopted the plan on the proposal of Cllr. A. Fenlon, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche with Councillors D. Kennedy, B.A. Murphy and K. Codd-Nolan, voting against.

2009 Road Works Programme:

The Members considered the 2009 Road Works Programme as circulated.

In response to the Members, Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised:

- There was a provision of €800,000 for works to Wexford Quays and the works would commence at the Wexford Bridge
- The Environment Response Unit had performed a clean up of the Gorey By-Pass
- There was no specific allocation for the elimination of noxious weeds
- Specific sanction from the Department of Finance was now required for each contract entered into.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck the Council resolved to write to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, regarding the undermining of Local Government following from the requirement to seek Department of Finance sanction for small roads contracts.

The Council adopted the 2009 Road Works Programme.

Manager's report on the review of the New Ross Town & Environs Development Plan 2004:

The Members considered the report of the County Manager and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. J. Fleming, approval was given to proceed with the draft town and environs plan.

Manager's report on the submissions received on the proposed amendments to the Draft Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014:

The Members considered the report of the County Manager and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, adopted the plan.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Council's financial position at 28th February, 2009 was noted by the Members, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 918,436 CR	€ 1,000,576 DR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 5,498,056 DR	€ 8,746,909 DR
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	€ 4,579,620 DR	€ 9,747,485 DR

Oil Spill off South Coast:

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, apprised the Members of the events surrounding the oil spill off the south coast.

- Oil spill first picked up on 14 February
- Local Authority staff and organisations are on alert
- Wexford County Council's draft Coastal Pollution Response Plan activated
- Local co-ordination meetings are held as required
- Irish Coast Guard continues to monitor and assess and keeps local agencies informed
- The slick is dissipating and it is unlikely if it will reach the Wexford Coast

Rural Water Programme Allocations 2009:

The Members noted the 2009 allocation of €2.2m.

Capital Water Services Schemes:

In response to the Members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised that the Gorey Main Drainage scheme was designed to cater for a 20 year need and it may not have the capacity to cater for the inclusion of Ballymoney, Ballygarrett and Killenagh into the future.

Local Authority Housing Estate Repairs:

Following discussion the Members, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, approved the recommendation of the CPG that the entire allocation be spent in one area per year on a rotation basis with Woodview Drive, Adamstown, being the recipient in 2009.

Housing:

Nab Co Voluntary Housing Agency:

The Members noted that the Nab Co Scheme was not included in the Councils 3 year programme due to difficulties regarding the scheme not conforming to the Department of Environment guidelines.

Community & Enterprise:

2009 Grant Scheme:

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Allen, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy, the Council approved the Community Grants 2009 as circulated.

Capital Projects:

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy, the Council approved grant support to Capital Projects in Taghmon, Kilanerin and New Ross as circulated.

Hook Heritage:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, the Council approved a guarantee in default for a loan of €127,000 for Hook Heritage for the purposes of installing a sewage treatment plant.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee of 30.01.09.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 10.02.09.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee of 20.02.09.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee of 16.02.09.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee and New Ross Town Council of 23.02.09.

On the proposal of Councillor D. MacPartlin, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Environment SPC meeting of 27.11.08.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Environment SPC:

In response to the members Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised:

- There was a detailed report being prepared regarding the taking over of the Wexford Harbour Board but the enabling legislation authorising any takeover was not yet in force
- Every sewage treatment plant in Council ownership must be certified by the EPA. The cost of obtaining the licences is estimated at €1m and will have to be funded from the operational budget
- He would examine the matter of producing a promotional booklet of the two coastal counties in the south east.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Notice of Motions:

Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Fleming:

“That Wexford County Council call on the Minister of the Environment to withdraw the totally excessive finger post sign charges immediately”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. L. Allen and agreed by the Council. The Members requested that the support of the Wexford Oireachtas members be sought for the motion.

Motion in the name of Cllrs: K. Codd-Nolan and A. Fenlon:

“In view of the high standard of pre-school education provided by Childcare Providers and the knock effect high childcare costs have on the workforce that this Council write to the Minister for Environment requesting that legislation for exemption of Commercial Rates be extended to Private Childcare facilities in line with Primary and Secondary Schools”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. A. Fenlon. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. P. Reck and seconded by Cllr. L. Carthy that the motion be amended by the inclusion of the following “and that the Department of Environment reimburses the shortfall in income to Local Authorities”.

The amendment was put to the meeting.

Those voting in favour:

Cllrs. P. Reck, L. Carthy, M. Roche, S. Doyle, J. Fleming, B.A. Murphy, F. Kehoe, M. Murphy, J. Curtis, L. Allen, P. Byrne.

Those voting against:

Cllrs. T. Howlin, D. MacPartlin, O. Walsh, A. Fenlon, K. Codd-Nolan, M. Kinsella, D. Kennedy, L. O'Brien, P. Codd.

The amendment was carried by 11 votes to 9.

Motion in the name of Cllr. D. MacPartlin:

“This Council calls on the Government to suspend the contract process for the Metro North Project in Dublin which in the context of current national financial problems will not represent value for money compared with the many vital social and infrastructural developments required throughout the country”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin and seconded by Cllr. A. Fenlon. Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting.

Those voting in favour:

Cllrs. D. MacPartlin, A. Fenlon

Those voting against:

Cllrs. P. Byrne, L. Allen, J. Curtis, M. Murphy, F. Kehoe, B.A. Murphy, J. Fleming, M. Roche, S. Doyle, P. Reck, L. Carthy, T. Howlin, D. Kennedy, L. O'Brien, P. Codd

Those abstaining:

Cllrs. M. Kinsella, K. Codd-Nolan.

The motion was defeated by 15 votes to 2.

Motion in the name of Cllr. D. MacPartlin:

“No planning decisions should be made which adversely affect the living conditions of people in housing estates who purchased their properties based on defined planning conditions – including numbers of houses involved and siting of roads – except for changes deemed to be in the public interest”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. A. Fenlon. Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting.

Those voting in favour:

Cllrs. D. MacPartlin, T. Howlin, L. Carthy, A. Fenlon.

Those voting against:

Cllrs. J. Fleming, BA Murphy, F. Kehoe, J. Curtis, L. Allen, P. Byrne, P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan, D. Kennedy, S. Doyle, M. Roche, P. Reck.

Those abstaining:

Cllr. M. Kinsella

The motion was defeated by 12 votes to 4.

Correspondence:

The members noted correspondence as follows:

- Correspondence from Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, regarding Building Energy Rating.
- Correspondence from Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, regarding better broadband.
- Correspondence from Tim Hayes, Chief Executive, Bus Éireann, regarding bus shelters.

Progress Reports:

Housing:

In response to the members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised the members

- The Council had purchased 13 houses in 2008
- The 2009 allocation had not yet been finalised
- The Taghmon and Clonroche schemes were scheduled to be built in 2009
- The Rental Accommodation Scheme was most suitable for short to medium term needs
- There was already €700,000 committed from the 2009 allocation for grants for the disabled and elderly and the breakdown of the allocation between the elderly and disabled would be discussed with the Housing SPC and the Council at an early date.

Water Services:

In response to the members Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised the members

- A trial submission on one of the villages in the village bundle would be issued to the Department in March
- There had been a pump breakdown and leaking pipes which affected the water supply to Courtown and Ardamine. There was a contract ready to replace 2km of piping and he hoped the problem would be resolved before the summer

Road Services:

In response to member's questions, Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised the members

- Traffic Management Plan in towns were a matter for the relevant Town Councils
- Signs on National Roads are policed by the NRA
- He would raise the matter of the condition of the roads at Drinagh and Tacumshane with the Borough Engineer and the Wexford Area Engineer

Environment:

In response to member's questions, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised the members:

- He would consider having a programme of community clean up days
- There were in excess of 17,000 customers availing of the Councils refuse collection service
- The costs to the customer of providing the refuse service was being reviewed

Planning:

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised the members that the system of pre-planning appointments did not favour any one sector over another.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 14ú la de Aibreán, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Tuesday 14th April, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor P. Byrne, Chairperson

Councillors:

L. Allen,	L. Carthy,	P. Codd,	K. Codd-Nolan,
J. Curtis,	S. Doyle,	J. Dwyer,	A. Fenlon,
J. Fleming,	T. Howlin,	F. Kehoe,	D. Kennedy,
M. Kinsella,	B.A. Murphy,	M. Murphy,	P. Reck,
M. Roche,	O. Walsh		

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan,
E. Hore, Directors of Services; A. O'Neill, A/Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Apologies:

Cllrs: L. O'Brien, D. MacPartlin

Presentation of Painting:

Rev. Fr. J. O'Brien presented the Council with a painting on permanent loan executed by himself of the grave of Richard Pierce, Architect, who designed the twin churches – the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe St, and the Church of the Assumption, Bride Street. Fr. O'Brien advised the Council Mr. Pierce was Clerk of Works to the famous Architect Pugin and he had painted the work as a tribute to him in order that he might be acclaimed and honoured in his native Wexford.

The Chairman and Members thanked Fr. O'Brien

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Joe Curran, Senior Executive Officer, on the death of his mother
- Phyl Healy, Clerical Officer, on the death of her father-in-law
- Family of Jim Gannon, Ganger, Wexford County Council
- Irene Brennan, Library Assistant, on the death of her father
- Mark Hogan, Foreman, on the death of his mother
- Michael Roche, Water Services, on the death of his mother-in-law

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

Lauren Bergin and Dillon Murray on winning All-Ireland Boxing Titles
Good Counsel, New Ross – All Ireland Final College Hurling
Wexford VEC Football Team – won the All-Ireland

Confirmation of Minutes:

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 9th March, 2009.

Proposed Disposal of Land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated;

- Proposed disposal of freehold interest in land and property at 23, Chamberland Close, New Ross, Co. Wexford. (Shared Ownership)

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

LAC0486 - Proposed installation of Service Reservoirs at Shelmaliere Commons T.D. Forth E.D. and Knockbroad T.D. Taghmon E.D.

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 3rd April, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor M. Roche, had no objection to the development proceeding.

Draft Bunclody Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The Members considered the Draft Bunclody Local Area Plan 2009-2015.

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Fleming, the members adopted the plan.

Proposal to Declare Roads to be Public Roads - Kilrane Link Road from N25 to Station Road at Ballygillane, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford:

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, and on the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, resolved that the road listed above be declared a public road in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

Agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 – Transfer of Regional Roads in Wexford Borough Council’s Administrative Area from Wexford County Council to Wexford Borough Council:

The Members noted report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Service, dated 14th April. On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor F. Kehoe, the Council resolved to enter into an agreement with Wexford Borough Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 in relation to the transfer of regional roads in Wexford Borough Council’s Administrative Area.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

Finance:

The Council’s financial position at 31st March, 2009 was noted by the Members, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 5,527,165 DR	€ 1,036,970 CR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 5,370,632 DR	€ 8,196,193 DR
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	€ 10,897,797 DR	€ 7,159,223 DR

Water Services:

In response to the Members, the County Manager advised that the Directors of Services for Water and Roads would arrange for essential repairs to the roads in Bunclody arising from the water services works carried out.

Housing:

In response to the Members, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that he expected the 2009 housing allocation soon.

Circular on Staff Numbers:

The County Manager advised that all proposed appointments would require the specific approval of the Department of Finance.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee of 27.03.09.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Roche, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 03.03.09.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee of 27.02.09.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee of 23.03.09.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Dwyer, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC meeting of 19.02.09.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Wexford EAC:

In response to the members the County Manager advised that if the Council made bye-laws in relation to the control of leylandii trees it would be difficult to enforce the bye-laws on private lands. The Manager further advised that he would arrange to investigate the matter.

Planning SPC:

The members requested that documents discussed at SPC Meetings be circulated to the full Council.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Notice of Motions:

In response to Cllr. Dwyer the County Secretary advised that the order of motions depended on when they were delivered to the Secretary's Office – some were sent by email and some were sent by hard copy.

The Chairman ruled that the motions be taken in the order in which they appeared on the agenda with Cllr. Kennedy's and Cllr. Dwyer's motions relating to sewerage in Mountgarrett, New Ross, being taken together.

Motion in the name of Cllr. P. Codd:

"I call on Wexford County Council to support the board of County Wexford Tourism in their quest to ensure that their funding of €90,000 from Pobal will continue after 2009. Tourism is one of our strongest industries and needs all our support in this time of recession, to maximize on its potential".

Proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. J. Curtis and agreed by the Council.

Motin in the name of Cllr. P. Reck:

" That this County Council call on the Minister to allow those who are prepared to co-operate to offer employers particularly in Voluntary Organisations to take on FÁS works by raising funds themselves to cover the cost of the difference between the dole to FÁS".

Proposed by Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin and agreed by the Council.

Motion in the name of Cllr. P. Reck:

"In view of the impacts on employment in the country as a result of the current recession, this County Council carries out a survey of all employers private and public in the county to ascertain their current employment levels and prospects, so that a clear picture of employment is available. A report be prepared on the results and indicate what actions the Council can take to alleviate the level of unemployment"

Proposed by Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. L. Carthy.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that he would furnish a report prepared by the Community & Enterprise Department to the May meeting on employment and unemployment in the county.

The member's accepted the Directors response.

Motion in the name of Cllr. D. Kennedy:

“That Wexford County Council prioritize the connection of over 40 houses in Mountgarett to the new Ross Main Drainage Scheme when funding becomes available from the Department”

Proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh, following discussion agreed by the Council with Cllr. Dwyer abstaining.

Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Dwyer:

“That this Council recognises the serious environmental threat posed by old septic tanks currently being used in the Mount Garrett area of New Ross and we call on Minister John Gormely to ensure that this area is connected to the New Ross waste treatment plant without delay”

Proposed by Cllr. J. Dwyer, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche. Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting:

Voting in favour: Cllr’s J. Dwyer, M. Roche, S. Doyle

Voting against: None

All other members abstained. The motion was carried.

Motion in the name of Cllr. F. Kehoe:

“As a response to the increase in the live register for County Wexford this Council calls on the Tánaiste Mary Coughlan, Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, to significantly expand the Community Employment Schemes to be re-introduced through the Local Authority”

Proposed by Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. L. Allen and agreed by the Council.

Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Dwyer:

“That this Council agrees to initiate a pilot scheme in the New Ross Area to establish how households are disposing of their domestic waste”

Proposed by Cllr. J. Dwyer, seconded by Cllr. S. Doyle. Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised that a pilot study could be undertaken. All members agreed.

Correspondence:

The members noted correspondence as follows:

- Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr. Brendan Smith TD, regarding the Young Farmers' Installation Scheme
- Correspondence from the NRA regarding the National Roads Authority on Mitigation Measures for the Protection of Mammals
- Correspondence from Paul Kehoe, TD, regarding Finger Post Signs

In relation to the correspondence from the NRA, the County Manager undertook to contact the NRA to consider increasing the size of the openings in the median walls to accommodate larger animals.

Progress Reports:

Housing:

In response to the members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that in most cases the Council's role in the provision of affordable housing was to provide a list of qualifying purchasers, the transaction was then between the vendor and purchaser.

Water Services:

In response to the members the County Manager advised that there would not be a duplication of inspection of farms and that a protocol had been agreed whereby the Council would inspect farms adjacent to water intakes.

In response to the members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised

- Department decision was still awaited on Enniscorthy Main Drainage Stage III
- Water pressure problems in Courtown were being sorted out

Road Services:

In response to member's questions, Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised the members

- Funding was in place for the access road to Rosslare Harbour but the project depended on the co-operation of Iarnrod Eireann
- He would raise the matter of the condition of the approach road to Taghmon with the Area Engineer
- He would ensure the contractor meets his obligation in relation to landscaping of the Gorey By-Pass
- Tender documents were being prepared for resurfacing of Wexford Quay
- There were in excess of 200 housing estates to be taken in charge

Environment:

In response to member's questions, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised the members:

- Bye-laws were being prepared in relation to waste disposal which would result in the abolition of the use of refuse bags
- Contracts for the Civic Amenity Site at Enniscorthy would be signed shortly

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 11ú la de Bealtaine, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 11th May, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor L. Allen, Vice-Chairperson

Councillors:

P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan, S. Doyle, J. Dwyer,
A. Fenlon, J. Fleming, T. Howlin, F. Kehoe,
D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella, B.A. Murphy, M. Murphy,
P. Reck, M. Roche, O. Walsh

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan,
E. Hore, Directors of Services; A. O'Neill, A/Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Apologies:

Cllrs: L. Carthy, P. Byrne

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Geraldine Broaders, Credit Controller, on the death of her father, Philip Broaders
- Vincent and John Stamp, General Operatives, on the death of their father, Tommy Stamp,
- Breda Bolger, Finance Dept on the death of her father, John Doyle
- Tony Dempsey, on the death of his brother James

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 14th April, 2009.

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

LAC0487 – Proposed renovations and extension of existing dwelling with associated site works at 32 Hillcrest Drive, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 5th May, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor J. Fleming, seconded by Councillor L. Allen, had no objection to the development proceeding.

Pre-Draft Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The Members considered the Draft Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the members approved the plan proceed to public display.

Manager's Report on Submissions received on Ferns Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The Members considered report of Mr. E. Breen, County Manager, and on the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Fleming, approved that the plan proceed to further public display of four weeks.

Filling of vacancy on Joint Policing Committee created by the resignation of Cllr. Maurice Roche:

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Allen, it was agreed by all members to postpone the filling of this vacancy until after the Local Elections on 5th June.

Revised Road Works Programme 2009:

The members noted report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 6th May, 2009. The County Manager advised that the Council had to revise down the programme arising from the reduction in the allocation of €5m.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

Finance:

The Council's financial position at 30th April, 2009 was noted by the Members, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 6,210,289 DR	€ 723,101 CR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 3,677,485 DR	€ 5,336,388 DR
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	€ 9,887,774 DR	€ 4,613,287 DR

Water Services:

The members noted sanction of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to the raising of a loan of €6m to fund the Non Domestic Water Metering Project.

Audit Committee:

The Members noted report of the Audit Committee. Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan and Cllr. M. Murphy wished to thank the members of the Audit Committee for their help and assistance during their term on the Committee.

Overdraft Accommodation:

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the members approved the Council seeking of overdraft accommodation in the amount of €10m to 31st December, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Loan Approval for Enniscorthy Civic Amenity Site:

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Allen, seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, the Council approved the raising of a loan of €500,000 in respect of the Enniscorthy Civic Amenity Site in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Water:

In response to members question regarding the major burst of the pumps in the Courtown area the County Manager advised

- The pipe network is not up to the demand and efforts are being made to address that
- The significant sections will be rehabilitated. There will also be a new network.

Housing:

In response to members questions, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised:

- The successful projects for the Energy Efficiency houses have not yet been announced
- The leasing programme is new. Negotiations were held with a number of property owners and a range of projects will be submitted to the Department. The preference is for larger schemes rather than small scattered ones.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Fleming, seconded by Councillor L. Allen, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee of 27.03.09.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 06.04.09.

On the proposal of Councillor B.A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee of 17.04.09.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved minutes of meeting of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee of 20.04.09.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor M. Roche, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 21.04.09.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor M. Roche, the Council approved the minutes of the Economic & Social Development SPC meeting of 01.04.09.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Housing SPC meeting of 07.05.09.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Enniscorthy EAC:

In response to the members Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised that the Traffic Lights at Oilgate would be turned on soon.

New Ross EAC:

In response to members questions, Mr. A. Doyle advised:

- He will check the records regarding billing for Finger Post signs
- The NRA have a strategy for approving signs and will look at the details of same.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Notice of Motions:

Motion in the name of Cllr. L. Allen:

“That Wexford County Council support the Minister for Energy, Eamonn Ryan in his opposition to the proposed large number of nuclear plants in England and where will the waste material be put”.

Proposed by Cllr. L. Allen, seconded by Cllr. D. MacPartlin and agreed by the Council that the Council meet with the Radiology Institute of Ireland and get information from them regarding what would happen if there was an explosion in any of the plants. It was agreed that the Council liaise with other Councils on the east coast regarding this matter.

Motion in the name of Cllr. L. O’Brien:

“That Wexford County Council rejects the establishment of a second on farm inspectorate under the nitrates regulations and the water framework directive as a wasteful and unacceptable burden on farmers and an unnecessary cost that county councils can ill afford. This compliance and on farm inspections work is already being carried out competently by qualified Department of Agriculture inspectors”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. L. O’Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, and agreed by the Council.

Motion in the name of Cllr. L. Allen:

“That Wexford County Council call on the N.R.A. to refrain from sowing yellow furze bushes on any future by-passes in Ireland as a matter of urgency”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. L. Allen, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella. It was agreed that the County Manager would take up the matter with the NRA.

Motion in the name of Cllr. D. MacPartlin:

“That no small business premises that does not have water usage on that premises should be subject to the standing water meter charge”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy. Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised that the policy is that all non-domestic meter is charged for but individual cases would be treated on their merits.

Motion in the name of Cllr. D. MacPartlin

“That Wexford County Council seek to provide or source an outlet for disposing of polystyrene and aerosol containers, as currently there are no facilities other than landfill”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, and agreed by the Council.

Correspondence:

The members noted correspondence as follows:

- Correspondence from Mr. John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage, and Local Government, regarding the charging of rates on childcare facilities

Progress Reports:

Housing:

In response to the members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised

- The Council owned one derelict house and it was high priority to rebuild it
- The derelict house at Vinegar Hill is in private ownership and will discuss it with DOS Planning
- Most of the long term voids had been dealt with
- The policy for the Letting Priority Scheme not fully finalised yet. It will need sanction of the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

Environment:

In response to member's questions, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised the members:

- Further details were awaited from the owner of the Gorey Civic Amenity site
- Allocation had not yet been received for the Coastal Protection Works Programme
- There was very little funding available for Public Convenience provision

Planning:

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Service, advised the development on Vinegar Hill is not in accordance with the planning permission and enforcement proceedings have commenced.

Any other business:

Cllr. Allen paid tribute to Cllr. P. Byrne who had been a member of Wexford County Council since 1992 and would not be standing for election due to regulations. The members paid tribute to Cllr. Byrne as an excellent chairman, fair and impartial to all sides of the house.

Cllr. Allen also thanked the press for their coverage. He thanked the County Manager and all officials for their endeavour to maintain the services and employed.

Mr. E. Breen, County Manager, joined in the tribute to Cllr. Byrne who is the first member of staff to hold the position of Chairman. He thanked Cllr. Allen as vice-chairman and previous chairman. He complimented the strong council who were united for Wexford and whom could be proud of the past five years.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 13ú la de Iúil, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of First Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Friday 19th June 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Mr. P. Byrne, and later Cllr. A. Fenlon

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	A. Fenlon;	J. Hegarty;
T. Howlin;	R. Ireton;	P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;
M. Kinsella;	G. Lawlor;	D. MacPartlin;	J. Moore;
M. Murphy;	L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;
O. Walsh;			

Oireachtas Members:

B. Howlin, TD, P. Kehoe, TD, Senator J. Walsh

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan,
E. Hore, Directors of Services; G. Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 4, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001, the County Secretary read out the names of those elected to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the members, County Manager and staff for their courtesy and hard work during the term of the last Council and in particular during his year as chairman.

Election of Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. A. Fenlon was proposed by Cllr. P. Codd and seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. Fenlon was elected Cathaoirleach and took the chair.

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. Moore was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

South East Regional Authority – Board Membership (7 positions):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following groups were formed:

Group 1

Councillors P. Reck; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle

Councillor M. Sheehan was appointed by this group.

Group 2

Councillors M. Byrne; M. Murphy; M. Sheehan

Councillor K. Doyle was appointed by this group.

The remaining five positions were filled as follows:

Councillors P. Cody; L. O'Brien; P. Kavanagh; D. MacPartlin; T. Howlin; on the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd.

Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly (2 positions):

Councillor T. Howlin was proposed by Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor P. Cody.

Councillor P. Kavanagh was proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs. Howlin and Kavanagh were appointed.

South East Regional Authority – Operational Committee (EU Assistance Function) (1 post + Chairman ex-officio):

Cllr. D. MacPartlin was proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. P. Cody.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. MacPartlin was appointed.

South East Regional Tourism (1 position):

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. J. Moore was appointed.

St. Stephen's Joint Cemetery Committee:

The Members of the New Ross Local Electoral Area Committee were appointed to the St. Stephen's Joint Cemetery Committee.

General Council of County Councils (3 positions):

Cllr. D. Kennedy was proposed by Cllr. O. Walsh and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan.

Cllr. M. Sheehan was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy.

Cllr. G. Lawlor was proposed by Cllr. P. Cody and seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

A roll call was taken of the members as follows:

	D. Kennedy	P. Kavanagh	M. Sheehan	G. Lawlor
Byrne, M			X	
Codd, P	X	X		X
Codd-Nolan, K	X	X		X
Cody, P	X	X		X
Dempsey, T	X		X	X
Doyle, K		X	X	X
Fenlon, A	X	X		X
Hegarty, J	X	X		X
Howlin, T	X	X		X
Ireton, R	X	X		X
Kavanagh, P	X	X		X
Kennedy, D	X	X		X
Kinsella, M	X	X		X
Lawlor, G	X	X		X
MacPartlin, D	X	X		X
Moore, J	X	X		X
Murphy, M	X		X	X
O'Brien, L	X	X		X
Reck, P			X	
Sheehan, M			X	
Walsh, O	X	X		X
Total	17	16	6	18

Cllrs D. Kennedy, P. Kavanagh and G. Lawlor were appointed.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances (1 position):

Cllr. J. Hegarty was proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. J. Hegarty was appointed.

Library Association of Ireland (2 positions):

Cllr. P. Cody was proposed by Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Cllr. B. Ireton was proposed by Cllr. P. Cody, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs. P. Cody and B. Ireton were appointed.

County Wexford Tourism Board (1 position):

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. J. Moore was appointed.

County Enterprise Board (4 positions):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following group was formed

Councillors: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne

Cllr. M. Sheehan was appointed by this group.

The remaining three positions were filled as follows:

Cllrs: P. Cody, O. Walsh, M. Kinsella, were appointed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

Wexford Local Development (3 positions):

Cllrs: J. Hegarty; P. Codd and K. Codd-Nolan were proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Cllr. M. Byrne was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle.

A roll call of the Members was taken as follows:

	J. Hegarty	P. Codd	K.Codd-Nolan	M. Byrne
Byrne, M	X			X
Codd, P	X	X	X	
Codd-Nolan, K	X	X	X	
Cody, P	X	X	X	
Dempsey, T				X
Doyle, K		X	X	X
Fenlon, A	X	X	X	
Hegarty, J	X	X	X	
Howlin, T	X	X	X	
Ireton, R	X	X	X	
Kavanagh, P	X	X	X	
Kennedy, D	X	X	X	
Kinsella, M	X	X	X	
Lawlor, G	X	X	X	
MacPartlin, D	X	X	X	
Moore, J	X	X	X	
Murphy, M				X
O'Brien, L	X	X	X	
Reck, P				X
Sheehan, M				X
Walsh, O	X	X	X	
Total	16	16	16	6

Cllrs: J. Hegarty, P. Codd and K. Codd-Nolan were appointed.

County Wexford Vocational Education Committee (9 positions):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following groups were formed:

Group 1

Cllrs: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle

Cllr. P. Reck was appointed by this group.

Group 2

Cllrs: M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne

Cllr. M. Byrne was appointed by this group.

The remaining seven positions were filled as follows:

Cllrs: J. Moore, A. Fenlon, P. Kavanagh, K. Codd-Nolan, D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella, P. Cody, were appointed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

Chair-designate for Strategic Policy Committees (5 positions):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 a group was formed by the following members:

Cllrs: P. Reck; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; M. Sheehan; M. Murphy; M. Byrne;

Cllr. T. Dempsey was appointed by this group.

The remaining four positions were filled as follows:

Cllr. G. Lawlor on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody.

Cllr. L. O'Brien on the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllr. P. Codd on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

Cllr. J. Hegarty on the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh.

(The five Chairmen agreed, following the meeting, the chairs of the SPC's as follows)

Planning SPC	Cllr. G. Lawlor
Environment SPC	Cllr. L. O'Brien
Transportation, Water & Environment SPC	Cllr. P. Codd
Housing SPC	Cllr. T. Dempsey
Economic & Social Development SPC	Cllr. J. Hegarty

County Development Board:

The Chairman and the five SPC Chairmen were appointed to the County Development Board.

Protocol Committee (6 positions + Chairman ex-officio):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following group was formed:

Cllrs: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne

Cllr. M. Byrne was appointed by this group.

The remaining five positions were filled as follows:

Cllrs: O. Walsh and P. Codd on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

Cllrs: G. Lawlor and T. Howlin on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

Cllr. D. MacPartlin on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy.

Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (6 + Chairman of the Council and Chairman of Housing SPC ex-officio):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following group was formed:

Cllrs: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne.

Cllr. M. Sheehan was appointed by this group.

The remaining five positions were filled as follows:

Cllrs: P. Kavanagh, L. O'Brien, M. Kinsella, were appointed on the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllrs: P. Cody and B. Ireton were appointed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Rents Committee (7 positions plus Chairman ex-officio):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following groups were formed:

Group 1

Cllrs: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle

Cllr. M. Byrne was appointed by this group.

Group 2

Cllrs: M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne

Cllr. T. Dempsey was appointed by this group.

The remaining five positions were filled as follows:

Cllr. P. Reck was appointed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin.

Cllr. G. Lawlor was appointed on the proposal of Cllr. B. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin.

Cllr. O. Walsh was appointed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan.

Cllr. B. Ireton was appointed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh was appointed on the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

Wexford Heritage Trust (2 positions):

Cllr. T. Howlin was proposed by Cllr. P. Cody, seconded by Cllr. B. Ireton.

Cllr. P. Codd was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs. T. Howlin and P. Codd were appointed.

Wexford Heritage Trust Ltd – Reporting Sub-Committee (4 positions):

Under the terms of Article 18, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following group was formed:

Cllrs: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne

Cllr. M. Murphy was appointed by this group.

The remaining three positions were filled as follows:

Cllrs: M. Kinsella, O. Walsh and G. Lawlor were appointed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

Duncannon Fort Trust (2 positions):

Cllrs: D. Kennedy and M. Murphy were proposed by Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs. D. Kennedy and M. Murphy were appointed.

Hook Heritage Ltd (2 positions):

Cllrs: L. O'Brien and D. Kennedy were proposed by Cllr. J. Moore and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty.

Cllr. M. Murphy was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

A roll call vote of the members was taken:

	L. O'Brien	D. Kennedy	M. Murphy
Byrne, M			X
Codd, P	X	X	
Codd-Nolan, K	X	X	
Cody, P	X	X	
Dempsey, T			X
Doyle, K	X		X
Fenlon, A	X	X	
Hegarty, J	X	X	
Howlin, T	X	X	
Ireton, R	X	X	
Kavanagh, P	X	X	
Kennedy, D	X	X	
Kinsella, M	X	X	
Lawlor, G	X	X	
MacPartlin, D	X	X	
Moore, J	X	X	
Murphy, M			X
O'Brien, L	X	X	
Reck, P	X		X
Sheehan, M	X		X
Walsh, O	X	X	
Total	18	15	6

Cllrs: L. O'Brien and D. Kennedy were appointed.

Rural Water Monitoring Committee (3 positions):

Cllrs: B. Ireton, O. Walsh and P. Codd were proposed by Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs. B. Ireton, O. Walsh and P. Codd were appointed.

Courtown Waterworld (2 positions):

Cllr. M. Kinsella and B. Ireton were proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

Cllr. M. Byrne was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan. A roll call vote of the members was taken:

	M. Kinsella	B. Ireton	M. Byrne
Byrne, M		X	X
Codd, P	X	X	
Codd-Nolan, K	X	X	
Cody, P	X	X	
Dempsey, T		X	X
Doyle, K		X	X
Fenlon, A	X	X	
Hegarty, J	X	X	
Howlin, T	X	X	
Ireton, R	X	X	
Kavanagh, P	X	X	
Kennedy, D	X	X	
Kinsella, M	X	X	
Lawlor, G	X	X	
MacPartlin, D	X	X	
Moore, J	X	X	
Murphy, M		X	X
O'Brien, L	X	X	
Reck, P			X
Sheehan, M		X	X
Walsh, O	X	X	
Total	15	20	6

Cllrs: M. Kinsella and B. Ireton were appointed.

Wexford Monument Trust Ltd (2 positions):

Cllrs: D. Kennedy and L. O'Brien were proposed by Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs. D. Kennedy and L. O'Brien were appointed.

Fethard Castle (2 positions):

Cllrs: L. O'Brien and M. Murphy were proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs L. O'Brien and M. Murphy were appointed.

LAMA (1 position):

Cllr. M. Kinsella was proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. M. Kinsella was appointed.

Rural Transport Initiative Committee (1 position):

Cllr. P. Codd was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. P. Codd was appointed.

Wexford Energy Management Agency (1 position):

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

There being no other proposals, Cllr. J. Moore was appointed.

Environmental Monitoring Committee (2 positions):

Cllrs. P. Codd and P. Reck were proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin.

There being no other proposals, Cllrs: P. Codd and P. Reck were appointed.

South Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council (1 position):

The Chairman of the Environment SPC was appointed.

Regional Health Forum (4 positions):

Under the terms of Article 18, Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following group was formed

Cllrs: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne

Cllr. M. Murphy was appointed by this group.

The remaining three positions were filled as follows:

Cllrs: D. Kennedy, A. Fenlon and P. Cody on the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Joint Policing Committee (12 positions plus Chairman ex-officio):

Under the terms of Article 18, Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following groups were formed:

Group 1

Cllrs: M. Byrne and M. Murphy

Cllr. M. Murphy was appointed by this group

Group 2

Cllrs: M. Sheehan and K. Doyle

Cllr. T. Dempsey was appointed by this group.

Group 3

Cllrs: T. Dempsey and P. Reck

Cllr. K. Doyle was appointed by this group

The remaining nine positions were filled as follows:

Cllr. P. Codd on the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.
Cllr. M. Kinsella on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.
Cllr. L. O'Brien on the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin.
Cllr. B. Ireton on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.
Cllr. P. Cody on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.
Cllr. O. Walsh on the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by
Cllr. L.O'Brien.
Cllr. D. MacPartlin on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by
Cllr. B. Ireton.
Cllr. P. Reck on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien.
Cllr. D. Kennedy on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

Schedule of County Council Meetings:

The Members agreed that the monthly meetings of the Council would be held on the second Monday of each month with the exception of the month of August when the Council would not meet.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 13ú Ia de Iúil, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 13th July, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. A. Fenlon

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	J. Hegarty;	T. Howlin;
R. Ireton;	P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;	M. Kinsella;
G. Lawlor;	D. MacPartlin;	J. Moore;	M. Murphy;
L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore,
Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Sue Kent, Motor Tax, on the death of her father, Aidan St. Ledger
- Family of the late Cathy Kirby, member of staff
- Family of Fr. Johnny Coady, Mexico and formerly Enniscorthy

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

- Wexford Borough Council on winning 1st Round of IBAL National Anti-Litter Competition 2009.
- Grainne Murphy on winning gold for swimming in the Burze European Championship
- Starlights Under 14 Footballers on winning Feile 2009.
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The members requested that the Protocol Committee consider the civic awards for persons who achieved international recognition.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 11th May, 2009 and the First Annual Meeting on 19th June, 2009.

Proposed Disposal of Land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notices circulated;

- Proposed disposal of lands at Campile, New Ross, Co. Wexford to E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin by way of deed of Transfer to facilitate the placement of an E.S.B. Substation.
- Proposed disposal of lands at Creagh Woods, Gorey, Co. Wexford to E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam St, Dublin by way of deed of Transfer to facilitate the placement of an E.S.B. Substation.
- Proposed disposal of lands at Sli an Uisce, Clonroche, Co. Wexford to E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam St, Dublin by way of deed of transfer to facilitate the placement of an E.S.B. Substation.
- Proposed disposal of lands at 7 Ballyhine Lane, Barntown, Wexford, to Paul Kavanagh and Claire Murphy, 7 Ballyhine Lane, Barntown, Wexford.
- Proposed Grant of Right of Way over lands at Drumgoold, Enniscorthy to James Gahan, Chapel Lane, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy and Bennett Tarmacadam Ltd, Ballinakill, Enniscorthy.

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy the members approved the disposal of the lands at Ashgrove, Fethard-on-Sea, Wexford to Fethard Rangers AFC Lewistown, Fethard-on-Sea, by way of lease for a period of 4 years and 9 months as an amendment to the period 2 years and 9 months notified to the members.

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

LAC0489 – Construction of New Potable Water Service Reservoir for Blackstairs GWS.

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 13th July, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, had no objection to the development proceeding.

County Manager's Report – July 2009

The members considered the County Manager's Report as circulated. In response to the members, the County Manager advised:

- The Contractors for the Gorey Civic Square had given a completion date of the end of August
- The Gorey Library would be opened four weeks after completion of the building
- Very competitive tenders had been received for the Wexford Town Library and the capital cost implications were being discussed with the Department of Finance
- The library in New Ross was a purpose built library, it was in good condition and there were no plans to build a new one
- The C.P.O. had been served for the Clogh to Enniscorthy motorway and An Bord Pleanála would deal with individual submissions
- The road from Rosslare Harbour to Ashfield Cross was being pursued

Filling of Vacancies on Wexford Harbour Commissioners (2 positions)

Cllr G. Lawlor was proposed by Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh

The members agreed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck that the Council seek clarification on the further state of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne that the appointments be deferred pending clarification of the status of the Commissioners.

The proposal was put to the meeting:-

Those voting for – Cllr. P. Reck, Cllr. M. Byrne

Those voting against – Cllrs: P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan, P. Cody, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, A. Fenlon, J. Hegarty, T. Howlin, R. Ireton, P. Kavanagh, D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella, G. Lawlor, D. MacPartlin, J. Moore, L. O'Brien; O. Walsh.

Those abstaining – Cllr. M. Murphy, Cllr. M. Sheehan

There being no further proposals Cllrs. G. Lawlor and Moore were appointed to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

Filling of Vacancies on Audit Committee (2 Positions):

Cllr K. Codd-Nolan and M. Murphy were proposed by Cllr. Jim Moore and seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

There being no further proposals Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan and Cllr. M. Murphy were appointed.

The County Manager stated that he had consulted with the Chairman regarding the external members of the Audit Committee and he recommended Mr. R. Furlong, Seamus O'Beirne and Mr. Jim Byrne to be appointed.

The County Manager's recommendation was approved by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.

Filling of Vacancy on Rural Water Monitoring Committee (1 position – New Ross Area):

Cllr. L. O'Brien was proposed by Cllr J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

Cllr. M. Sheehan was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

A roll call of the members was taken as follows:

Those voting for Cllr. L. O'Brien:

Cllrs: P. Codd; K. Codd-Nolan; P. Cody; A. Fenlon; J. Hegarty; T. Howlin; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; D. Kennedy; M. Kinsella; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; L. O'Brien; P. Reck; O. Walsh.

Those Voting for Cllr. M. Sheehan:

Cllrs: M. Byrne; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; M. Murphy; M. Sheehan.

Those abstaining: Cllr. D. MacPartlin.

Cllr. L. O'Brien was appointed.

Annual Financial Statement 2009:

The members considered the pre-audit 2008 AFS and the report of the Head of Finance on the 2008 final accounts.

In response to the members Mr. Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance advised:

- Energy costs would be considerably less in 2009, the 2008 figures was due to the change over to a new supplier with the associated catch up costs of old outstanding accounts.
- All suppliers, together with consultants were being written to seeking a reduction in prices.

- The Bank position at the end of June was not reflective of the end of year position as there were loans and grants outstanding of approximately 15.5m.
- The debtors for water charges arose mainly from the introduction of the Non-Domestic Users Water Metering System which involved the installation of 7,000 meters across the County and the 2008 bills were not issued until the end of the year.
- In relation to planning levies some of the debt would not transpire due to developments not taking place and multiple permissions on the same site. Development levies did not affect the revenue position of the Council.
- In relation to the funding of Water Services Schemes, levies had to be retained in order to co-fund schemes which were approved by the DOEHLG. Levies could not be used to progress schemes which were not approved by the DOEHLG.
- DOEHLG approval was necessary for Schemes at Taghmon, Castlebridge and Piercestown.

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, the members adopted the 2008 AFS with Cllr. P. Reck dissenting.

Draft Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The members considered report of the County Manager in relation to the submission on the Draft Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015 together with report of Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advising of the recommendation of the Wexford Local Area Committee that the Plan be materially modified.

The members, on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, approved the modified Plan to proceed to public display for a further 4 weeks in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 (as amended by Section 6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2002.

Pre-Draft Clonroche Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the members approved the Plan to proceed to public display.

Draft Ferns Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The members considered the Manager's report dated 13th July, 2009, on the submissions received following public display. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, the members adopted the Ferns Local Area Plan.

Annual Report:

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr M. Byrne, the members adopted the Annual Report 2008 as circulated.

The members noted that the Cathaoirleach and County Manager's statements were translated into Irish.

Local Government (Charges) Bill 2009:

The Head of Finance appraised the members of the principal measures contained in the Local Government (Charges) Bill 2009 under the following headings:

Legislative
Implementation
Financial Implications

Details of the presentation are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

In response to the members the Head of Finance advised:

- The charge for properties in Town Council areas would be credited to the relevant Town Council.
- It is estimated that €700,000 would be received in the current year.
- Estimates for future years were difficult to project as the degree of compliance with the scheme is unknown.

The County Manager welcomed the legislation as it provided an additional source of income for Local Authorities which could be levied locally.

Planning & Development (Amendment) Bill 2009:

Mr. E. Hore, DOS, appraised the members of the measures contained in the Planning & Development (Amendment) Bill 2009 under the following headings:

- Main Aims Development Plans
- Local Area Plans
- Rogue Developers
- 5 Year extension to permissions
- An Bord Pleanala
- Increased Penalties
- Role of Regional Authority
- Ministerial Directions

The presentation is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

In response to the members the Director advised:

- The 5 year extension of time applied to significant developments.

- The Council had no discretion on the 2000 population limit for Local Area Plans but had discretion for areas with a population between 2000 and 5000.
- In relation to unfinished private housing estates, the Bill contains a measure where the local authority can withhold permission for a future development.

The County Manager advised that the Regional Authority is charged with preparing the Regional Planning Guidelines.

The members agreed that they would submit their observations to the Director and the Council would formulate a submission on the Bill in September.

EPA Report: Urban Waste Water Discharges in Ireland for Population Equivalents Greater than 500 Persons (2006-2007:

The members agreed to defer this item to the September meeting of the Council.

Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and South Dublin County Council, Westmeath County Council, Wexford County Council for the replacement of expansion joints on various Leinster Bridges and the re-surfacing/rewaterproofing of the M50, Knocklyon Footbridge:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by T. Dempsey the members resolved that the Council enter into an agreement with Kildare County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 for the replacement of expansion joints on Seamus Rafter Bridge and Scarawalsh Bridge.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 22nd May, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area of 3rd July, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee of 19th May, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 18th May 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 12th May, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC meeting on 19th May, 2009.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence and Communications (as circulated):

- **Correspondence from office of Ms. Mary Coughlan, TD, Tánaiste, regarding the Community Employment Scheme**
- **Correspondence from Deputy Sean Connick regarding Finger Post Signs**
- **Correspondence from Mr. Brian Lenihan, TD, Minister for Finance, regarding payment of rates on private childcare facilities**

The members requested the Planning SPC to consider the matter of enforcement proceedings in relation to fingerpost signs.

Notice of Motions:

Motion in the name of Councillor P. Codd:

“I call on Wexford County Council to look at how we can play a positive roll in stimulating our economy here in County Wexford. If it is possible for Members of the executive with the public representatives to look at areas that I believe have great potential for growth. Such as: Tourism, alternative energy, energy conservation, off farm enterprises and supporting the manufacturing industry here in County Wexford.

We should also encourage people to shop local and look at the whole area of shopping incentives.

Wexford County Council is the only Body to provide the leadership that is so badly needed in today's difficult climate”

The members agreed to defer this motion to the September meeting of the Council.

Motion in the name of Councillor M. Byrne

“Pending the resolution of the issue of the applicability or not of commercial rates to childcare facilities by Government, that Wexford County Council would suspend pursuance of such facilities for payment of commercial rates.”

This motion was seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan.

Following discussion by the Members the County Manager advised that he could not suspend the collection of rates from any one sector of rate payers, the rates were liable and he was statutorily obliged to collect them.

Motion in the name of Councillor M. Byrne

“That in the awarding of contracts by Wexford County Council, regard shall be had to the record of applicant companies in the payment of sub-contractors.”

This motion was seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan.

Following discussion by the members the County Manager advised that domestic sub-contractors were a matter for the main contractor and the Council had no relationship with them. Nominated sub-contractors are protected under the terms of the contract. Therefore it would be impossible for the Council to ascertain the status of the payment record between the main contractor and domestic sub-contractors.

Councillor M. Byrne amended this motion to read “nominated sub-contractors” and the motion was agreed by the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 14ú la de Mean Fomhair, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 14th September, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. A. Fenlon

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	J. Hegarty;	T. Howlin;
R. Ireton;	P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;	M. Kinsella;
G. Lawlor;	D. MacPartlin;	J. Moore;	M. Murphy;
L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan,
Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Family of Senator Ted Kennedy
- Nena Mann – sister of Paddy Busher and niece of Joe Fenlon both of Wexford Fire Brigade
- Michael Nolan – brother of Anthony Nolan, Enniscorthy Fire Brigade
- Richard Doyle of Lower Mount Carmel New Ross – Outdoor Staff
- Caroline Sadler – sister-in-law of Miriam Hillis, Wexford Area Office
- Ned Dempsey – father of Enniscorthy Firefighter David Dempsey
- Frances Lavin – mother of James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner
- Laurence McGrath – brother of Tim McGrath, Executive Technician
- Brian Murphy – brother of Marina O'Byrne, Internal Audit
- William Phillips, Roadman, Gorey Area
- Oliver Walsh – brother of Billy Walsh, International Boxing Coach
- Nancy Colfer – mother of George Colfer, Executive Engineer

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 13th July, 2009.

Proposed Disposal of Land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notices circulated;

- Proposed disposal of freehold interest in land at Blackhall, Killurin, County Wexford to Mr. Robert Lewis, Blackhall, Killurin, Co. Wexford by way of deed of rectification of boundaries.
- Proposed disposal of land at Ballinastraw, Glenbrien, County Wexford to Catherine O'Connor, Ballinastraw, Glenbrien, County Wexford by way of deed of transfer.
- Proposed disposal of land at Ashgrove, Fethard-on-Sea, Wexford to Fethard Community Development Association, c/o George Foley, Lewistown, Fethard-on-Sea, New Ross, Co. Wexford by way of lease (4 years 9 months) to facilitate the development of a soccer pitch.
- Proposed disposal of lands at Station Road, Rosslare Strand, Co. Wexford to Goff Developments Ltd and Francis Goff, Patricia Goff, Jason Goff and Damian Goff, Horetown, Killinick, Co. Wexford, by way of deed of transfer in respect of a correction of a mapping error.

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

- LAC0490 – Extension of the Potable Water Treatment Plant for Blackstairs Group Water Scheme Co-operative Society

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 14th September, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy, had no objection to the development proceeding.

- LAC0492 – Construction of the pump station at Ryland Road, Newtownbarry, TD, Newtownbarry ED, Bunclody, Co. Wexford

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 31st August, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, had no objection to the development proceeding.

County Manager's Report – September 2009

The Members considered the County Manager's Report as circulated. In response to the Members, the County Manager advised:

- The Contractors for the County Buildings had given a revised completion programme which contained certain milestones. Should the milestones not be achieved the contractor would be put on notice that he was in contractual conflict and the Council would then have to consider its options for the successful completion of the project.
A similar situation applied to the Gorey Civic Square.
- Tenders for the Kent's Cross roundabout had been received on 4th September and were still being examined.
- The New Ross Pipeline Scheme was practically complete and could not be extended to accommodate additional areas.
- There was a budget of €600,000 for remedial works to the Enniscorthy Castle and it was expected to be open for the summer of 2010. Discussions had been held with the organisers of the Enniscorthy 1500 celebrations.
- It was intended the Oilgate to Rosslare by-pass would be carried out by way of P.P.P.
- The first three lowest tenderers for the 13 house scheme at Clonroche withdrew their tenders for various reasons.

EPA Report: Urban Waste Water Discharges in Ireland for Population Equivalents Greater than 500 Persons (2006-2007) – Deferred from July Meeting:

The Members noted report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 8th July, 2009, as circulated.

Notice of Motions:

The Members agreed to suspend standing orders to take two motions pertaining to the Lisbon Treaty Referendum.

Councillor Michael Kinsella:

"That Wexford County Council supports a yes vote in the upcoming Lisbon Treaty Referendum".

Councillor Michael Sheehan:

"Recognising the legally binding guarantees conceded to Ireland, recognising Ireland's role at the heart of the European Union and to ensure continued investment for jobs, investment in our future, and for the good of County Wexford, that this House calls on the people of Wexford to vote 'Yes' in the forthcoming referendum on October 2nd".

Both motions were taken together and were proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

The Members discussed the motions and outlined the benefits to both the County and Country of voting yes.

The motions were unanimously carried.

Councillor P. Codd:

“I call on Wexford County Council to look at how we can play a positive roll in stimulating our economy here in County Wexford. If it is possible for Members of the executive with the public representatives to look at areas that I believe have great potential for growth. Such as: Tourism, alternative energy, energy conservation, off farm enterprises and supporting the manufacturing industry here in County Wexford.

We should also encourage people to shop local and look at the whole area of shopping incentives.

Wexford County Council is the only Body to provide the leadership that is so badly needed in today's difficult climate”

The motion was seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Cllr. M. Sheehan proposed by way of an amendment, that the Council convene a workshop of State, Semi State, SME, Industry, Tourism, Cultural and other relevant bodies to produce a plan to strengthen the economy of Wexford.

The amendment was seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

Following discussion the Members unanimously agreed the amended motion.

The County Manager advised that he fully supported the proposal and that the Director of Community & Enterprise would prepare a report for the November Meeting of the Council.

Manager's Report on the submissions received on the proposed amendments to the Draft Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The Members considered report of County Manager dated 1st September, 2009. The County Manager advised the Members that in relation to the extension of the plan boundary to facilitate rezoning under zoning amendment No. 2, he agreed with the DOEHLG's concerns and requests that the Members re-examine this amendment with a view towards reverting to the original draft land use zoning maps in relation to this area of the plan.

Following discussion the Members adopted the plan as presented on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey with Cllr. P. Reck dissenting.

Takeover of Three Rocks Group Water Scheme:

The Members considered report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 14th September. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, approved the Takeover of Three Rocks Group Water Scheme.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:**Finance:**

The Members noted the financial position of the Council at 31st August, 2009, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 5,658,923 DR	€ 1,498,991 CR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 5,825,726 DR	€ 5,192,711 DR
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	€ 11,484,649 DR	€ 3,693,720 DR

In response to the Members the County Manager advised;

- Overtime costs were €3m in 2008 which represented 8% of payroll costs and were the industry norm. However measures had been taken to reduce overtime costs which included tighter management and a pre determined response system to emergency call outs which may result in some responses at weekends not being delivered.
- Indoor staff numbers had been reduced by nearly 100 in the past 18 months.

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Corporate Affairs and Roads, advised:

- The maintenance of full time employment of the staff was of major concern.
- Agreements had been reached through the Handling Significant Change Committee for the redeployment of drivers due to the shortfall in the Department's grant for road maintenance.
- There were 3 types of overtime
 - Planned i.e. street sweeping at weekends.
 - Fixed i.e. certain procedures – opening and closing of offices out of hours.
 - Emergency Call Outs – our traditional response was to respond to every call out, the emphasis being on the quality of the service rather than the cost. These practices had been examined and a system of all call outs being channelled through the emergency no 1890 666 777 was now installed where call outs could be logged and assessed against a pre determined response system to see if a call out was warranted out of normal hours. All on-call staff had been met and the new system agreed.

Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised:

- Cash flow was difficult to predict between now and the end of the year.
- There was nearly €11m owed to the Council in respect of Water Services, Housing and the Local Government Fund by the DOEHLG.
- Collection of the Council's debts was managed by a team of Credit Controllers.
- Rate collection was 50% at 31st July which was an improvement on 2008.
- He would furnish a breakdown of Consultants costs as requested.
- Cash flow generally improved towards the end of the year.

Extension of Overdraft:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty, the Council approved the seeking of overdraft facilities in the amount of €15m to 31st December, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Water Services Programme 2009:

The Members considered the report of the Head of Finance dated 14th August, 2009, and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, approved the borrowing of €3.05m to fund the 2009 element of the local funding for the Water Services Capital Programme in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Capital Allocation for Publicly funded Housing Loans:

The Members considered report of the Head of Finance dated 4th September and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Council approved the borrowing of €2.4m to fund the 2009 house purchase and improvement loans in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

The Members considered monthly report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services.

In response to the Members the Director advised:

- In accordance with the requirements of the DOEHLG the Council was carrying out an Assessment of Needs for the Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012 and the Village Bundle would form part of the assessment. The assessment would be brought before the Council in October.

- The DOEHLG had requested some clarification regarding the Gorey Civic Amenity Site.
- The Askamore Group Water Scheme was a private scheme and therefore outside the control of the Council.
- Contracts would be signed for the Enniscorthy Civic Amenity Site this month.
- There was no funding to connect Castlebridge to the Wexford Main Drainage. In relation to Curracloe being connected the Council would consider a proposal from a developer who wished to connect to the Wexford Main Drainage system at his own expense.
- There was ample zoned and serviced land at Carcur which was available for development.

Corporate Affairs & Roads:

The Members considered monthly report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services. In response to the Members the Director advised:

- The 2010 Roads Programme would depend on the allocation received. If the 2010 allocation is the same or less than 2009 contract works will not be carried out and no commitment could be given in relation to works at Coolgreaney.
- Normal maintenance is being carried out by the Council's staff.
- The Council has taken action against persons who allow water discharge from their property on to the public road. The Council is required to specify to the landowner the works needed to remediate the problem.
- In relation to the by-pass projects the NRA approve the schemes and fund them and the Council acts as an agent for the carrying out of the work.
- The National Roads Liaison Officer deals with land acquisition and compensation.
- The asphaltting of the N30 at Clonroche had been tendered.
- The Council had discussed road restoration for the Campile road with the Great Island Developer.
- Gritting of roads will be carried out if required.
- The Council was obliged under the Planning Acts to take housing estates in charge if they were requested to do so under certain conditions.

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Planning & Development, advised the members that each planning permission contained a condition regarding road side drainage and it was enforceable under the Planning Acts or the Roads Acts.

The Members requested that "Taking Housing Estates in Charge" be placed on the October Agenda.

Housing, Community & Enterprise:

The Members considered report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Service. In response to the Members the Director advised:

- The 2009 allocation for Disabled/Mobility/Older People grants was €2.3m which had been expended. All applications to date under Priority 1 had been approved. Disabled grants and mobility grants to 31st December, 2008 had also been approved.
- The Council would continue to accept applications to cater for emergency needs.
- A pilot survey of 100 houses for Radon Gas had been carried out and he hoped to have a report for the next meeting of the Council.
- Nomination process for the Joint Policing Committee was complete and the first meeting would be held in early October.
- The assessment of applications for loans was now being carried out under the revised guidelines of 27th April 2009.

The Members requested the Council write to the 5 TD's requesting them to made representations to have the revised loans assessment guidelines rescinded due to the difficulties being experienced by applicants obtaining loan approval.

Planning:

The Members considered report of Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services. In response to the Members the Director advised:

- The Council's enforcement activity was the highest in the country.
- Observations on the 2009 Planning Bill could be made this month and he would raise the matter of the 10 years residency and
- 5 year occupancy clauses as requested by the Members.
- The matter of "rogue developers" was catered for in the new Bill.

Draft SPC Scheme 2009:

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Members adopted the Draft SPC Scheme 2009 as circulated.

Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009:

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Members adopted the 2009 Higher Education Grant Scheme.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 20th July, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area of 1st September, 2009.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence and Communications (as circulated):

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Mr. Joe Allen, DOEHLG, regarding induction course for newly elected local authority members.
- Closure of the R700 Thomastown to New Ross road, at Ferrymountgarrett Bridge (junction of R700 with N30).

Notice of Motions:

Motion in the name of Councillor Michael Kinsella:

“That Wexford County Council calls upon the National Roads Authority to amend its plans on the proposed N11 Clogh to Enniscorthy scheme, to include a bridge at Rockspring, Ferns and that this locally important road not be closed”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne.

The County Manager advised that the Council should allow the oral hearing process deal with the matters raised as that was the proper forum. It would be inappropriate for the Council as a Statutory Roads Authority to pass such a resolution.

Following discussion by the Members Cllr. Kinsella withdrew his motion.

Councillor M. Byrne and Cllr. P. Reck's motions were deferred to the October Meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 12ú Ia de Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 12th October, 2009 – 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. A. Fenlon

Councillors:

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	J. Hegarty;	T. Howlin;
R. Ireton;	P. Kavanagh;	D. Kennedy;	M. Kinsella;
G. Lawlor;	D. MacPartlin;	J. Moore;	M. Murphy;
L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan,
Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance;
G. Griffin County Secretary, B. Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Peter Murphy, brother of James Murphy, Credit Controller
- Kathleen Lucking, former Assistant County Librarian
- Margaret Galvin, Mother of Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer
- Mrs. Mai Canavan, grandmother of Caroline McCrea, Enterprise Board
- Mrs. Kirwan, mother of Jack Kirwan
- Mr. Paddy Bowe, granduncle of Liam Bowe
- Kathleen Fenelon, aunt of Senator Jim Walsh

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

- Taghmon Musical Society on production of The Wizard of Oz
- Horeswood GAA and their selector Cllr. L. O'Brien on winning the Senior Football County Final
- Kilrush/Askamore on winning the Intermediate Hurling Championship Final
- Blackwater on winning the Juvenile Hurling Div 3 Championship Final
- Blackwater Camogie on winning the Intermediate County Final
- Glynn Barntown on winning the Minor Hurling Div 1 Championship Final
- Craanford Junior Hurlers on winning the Junior Hurling Final
- Gavin Buggy, on winning the World Title in the men's 35 and over singles in Portland, Oregon.

South East River Basin Management Plan:

Mr. B. Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist, outlined to the members details of the Draft River Basin Management Plan under the following headings:

- Water Quality
- Legislation and background to the plan
- Water Framework Quality Indices
- Consultation Mechanism
- Programme of measures

In response to the Members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Service, advised:

- There was no funding available either from the Government or the EU to implement the measures contained in the plan.
- Improved sewage treatment facilities were needed in the County's towns and villages to assist with the plans objectives.

Mr. B. Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist, advised:

- Serious pollution is decreasing.
- The main problem was with nitrates and phosphates and that Wexford water quality was on a par with other EU Countries.
- The REPS programme had been successful in maintaining good water quality.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 14th September, 2009.

Matters arising from Minutes:

In response to the Members the County Manager advised:

- The Council had deployed some staff to the Towns to carry out works. The reduction in the Roads Grant by €6m necessitated the redeployment of staff into other areas in order to protect employment.
- Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Service, advised that the recent sample radon survey showed that 10% of houses had a radon issue. The Council would notify tenants and carry out remedial works where necessary

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2007

LAC0493 – Scheme of 11 No. houses (9 Social & 2 Affordable Units) with associated site works at Ballinatrav Upper T.D. Ardamine E.D.

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 5th October, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, had no objection to the development proceeding.

LAC0495 – Proposed erection of 2 No. single storey special needs dwellings with associated site works at Castlemoyle T.D., New Ross E.D.

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 5th October, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, had no objection to the development proceeding.

LAC0497 – Proposal to demolish existing dwelling and erect a detached single storey two bedroom dwelling with associated site works at Esmonde Road, Enniscorthy T.D., Enniscorthy Rural E.D.

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 5th October, 2009, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, had no objection to the development proceeding.

County Manager's Report – October 2009

The Members considered the County Manager's Report as circulated. In response to the Members, the County Manager advised:

- The contractor for the Gorey Civic Square had undertaken that the HSE building would be completed in two weeks, the Courthouse by end of October and the Civic Offices by end of November.
- €1.2m had been received in respect of the Non Principal Private Residence Charge but the Local Government Grant had been reduced by €800,000.
- Approval of the Department of Environment was required before the Mallin Street Library could commence.
- The NRA had not planned a roundabout at the Marshmeadows junction in New Ross.
- Preliminary works had commenced on Enniscorthy Castle, the cost was estimated at €600,000 – shared with the OPW. The Castle was expected to open in the summer of 2010.

Appointment of Members to Strategic Policy Committees:

The Members deferred this item to the November meeting of the Council.

Manager's Report on the submissions on the Draft Clonroche Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The Members noted the Manager's Report on the submissions on the Draft Clonroche Local Area Plan 2009-2015. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, the members adopted the plan.

Assessment of Needs for the Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012.

The Members considered the Assessment of Needs as circulated. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, approved the Assessment for submission to the DOEHLG.

Notice of Motions:

Deferred Notice of Motion from September Meeting:

Councillor Malcolm Byrne:

"In line with the provisions of S.8 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930 as amended by S.7 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 2001, Wexford County Council resolves that in the appointment of four members to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, that two such appointments shall be students, one male, one female. The mechanism for such appointment shall be determined in line with the legislation and in consultation with Comhairle na nOg, student councils at schools under the auspices of the VEC and with relevant youth and student groups in the County." For info, the relevant section is at - <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0023/sec0007.html#partii-sec7>

The motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan. Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting:

Those voting in favour:

Councillors: P. Reck, T. Dempsey, M. Sheehan, M. Murphy, M. Byrne, K. Doyle, D. MacPartlin

Those voting against:

Councillors: M. Kinsella, K. Cod-Nolan, J. Moore, P. Kavanagh, O. Walsh, J. Hegarty, A. Fenlon, D. Kennedy, L. O'Brien, P. Cody, T. Howlin, R. Ireton, G. Lawlor

The motion was defeated.

Councillor Malcolm Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council supports the lowering of the voting age to 16 years for local elections and calls on the Government to enact legislation to provide for same in advance of the next local elections."

The motion was seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty and agreed by the Council.

Councillor Padge Reck:

"In view of the enormous contribution made to the people of Wexford by former Councillors Leo Carthy and Jimmy Curtis I move that this Council expresses its strongest indignation at the publicity surrounding the gratuity payment received by both councilors as it appeared in the "Echo Newspaper".

The motion was seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Cllr. D. MacPartlin proposed the following amendment:

"In view of the recent unbalanced report in the Echo newspaper which focussed with unnecessary emphasis on gratuity payments to retiring Councillors, this Council requests that, in future, more balanced reports are printed which reflect the effort and years of service given to their communities by retiring Councillors".

Councillor M. Byrne seconded the amendment. Following discussion the amendment was put to the meeting.

Those voting in favour:

Councillors: K. Codd-Nolan, A. Fenlon, J. Hegarty, P. Kavanagh, D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella, J. Moore, L. O'Brien, O. Walsh, D. MacPartlin, M. Byrne

Those voting against: Councillor P. Reck

Those abstaining:

Councillors: M. Murphy, M. Sheehan, K. Doyle, T. Dempsey.

The amendment was carried.

Taking Housing Estates in Charge:

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised the Members:

- He would provide a report for each Area Committee on the applications on hand.
- The Council was legally obliged to take housing estates in charge under certain conditions.
- The Council had adopted a policy in July 2008 to regulate the process.
- The estates under review were in order.

Following discussion the Members on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor resolved that the Council take in charge Dowlsey Barn, and Stephens Court, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

Finance:

The Members noted the financial position of the Council at 30th September, 2009, as follows:

	2009	2008
Current Account	€ 5,654,366 DR	€ 2,232,670 DR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	€ 2,624,635 DR	€ 3,237,561 DR
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	€ 8,278,901 DR	€ 5,470,231 DR

Road Signs:

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised:

- The policy of removing unauthorised road signs was because of safety issues.
- The Council would examine regulating signs by way of bye-laws.

Blackstairs Group Water Scheme:

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised that the Council was working with the contractor to resolve the problem of water discolouration.

Forum on Economic Development:

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that a forum to discuss the economic development of Wexford had been arranged for 4th November and he would circulate full details to the Members.

Grants Allocation:

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that an additional allocation of approximately €600,000 was expected from the DOE in respect of disabled/elderly housing grants. The Council would allocate the additional resource to applicants who had already been inspected and who were in a position to carry out works immediately

Enniscorthy Enterprise Centre:

The Director advised that the allocation of a Community Grant had been deferred pending the receipt of information relating to the project. The information had now been received and a grant of €50,000 was recommended.

The Members recommended the Council allocate a grant of €50,000 to the Enniscorthy Enterprise Centre.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 21st September, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 18th September, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor D. MacPartlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 10th July, 2009.

Schedule of Tenders (as opened – subject to evaluation/assessment):

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the schedule of tenders as submitted to the meeting.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Notice of Motions:

The following motions were deferred to the November meeting of the Council.

Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan

"Wexford County Council calls on the Taoiseach and Minister for Social and Family Affairs to publish the National Carers Strategy as committed to in the Social Partnership Agreement – Towards 2016 and in the programme for Government as a matter of principle".

Cllr. D. MacPartlin

“Where Wexford County Council fails to deliver a satisfactory service and where there is provable damage to the interest of a customer, an appropriate deduction of charges should pertain”.

Cllr. P. Codd

“That the Government when drawing up the Budget 2010, if at all possible not to cut funding for Community Groups who are doing so much for disadvantage areas and individuals around our Country especially here in Co. Wexford”.

Cllr. P. Codd & Cllr. G. Lawlor

“I call on Wexford County Council to support the people of our County in their efforts to maintain and improve the services that are needed in Wexford General Hospital. This facility cannot be lost to our county”.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 9ú Ia de Samhain, 2009.

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