

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore

**Councillors:**

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
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: A. Doyle, D/County Manager, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; E. Taaffe, A/Senior Engineer; B. Galvin, Senior Engineer, G. Forde, Senior Executive Engineer; G. Willis, Civil Defence Officer; G. Griffin County Secretary.

**Apologies:**

Councillor T. Dempsey; Councillor A. Fenlon;

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Cllr. Tony Dempsey on the death of his son Muiris
- Cllr. Larry O'Brien on the death of his mother Stella
- Cllr. Ted Howlin on the death of his aunt Annie Howlin
- Siobhan Kelly, CO, New Ross, on the death of her mother Marie Roche
- Richie Gaynor (Outdoor Staff) on the death of his mother Sadie Gaynor (mother-in-law of Monica Gaynor, Planning Dept)
- Hugh O'Connor, Curralcoe on the death of his wife Breda O'Connor

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

**Adverse Weather Conditions:**

Mr. A. Doyle, D/County Manager, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, and Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, appraised the Members of the Council's response to the adverse weather conditions under the headings:

- Emergency Planning
- Timeline
- Water Services
- Waste Collection
- Road Conditions

The Members of the Council paid tribute to the staff of the Council for their work to maintain services to the public during the adverse weather while working in extremely difficult conditions.

The Deputy County Manager advised that the Council would engage in talks with the I.F.A. with a view to providing future stocks of materials to deal with difficulties in local areas not serviced by the Winter Maintenance Plan.

The D/County Manager further advised:

- The Winter Maintenance Plan would be reviewed.
- The Council would seek funding for the construction of units to hold a larger stock of salt.
- The road network in the County had suffered severe damage and the Council would need additional funding to remediate the damage done.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Council resolved to call on the Minister for Transport to make the necessary funding available to repair the damage caused to the Road Network as a result of the recent adverse weather conditions and further resolved to request the Minister to receive a deputation from the Council.

The resolution was unanimously agreed by the Council.

The Members requested the support of the Oireachtas Members be sought.

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

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

- Proposed disposal of land to Patrick & Maura Fleming, Ballyellin, Inch, Gorey, Co. Wexford. (N11 Gorey to Arklow Link CPO No 1 2003)

**Appointment of Members to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee:**

The Members considered the report of the County Secretary, dated 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. The Members noted there were 7 nominees as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Mr. Michael D'Arcy	Gorey Community Social Services Council
Ms. Barbara-Anne Murphy	Bunclody Community Council
Mr. Francis O'Connor	Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Enniscorthy
Mrs. G. Rothwell	The United Dioceses of Cashel & Ossory
Ms. Frances Ryan	JFK Trust, New Ross and New Ross Community Hospital Ltd
Ms. Theresa Walsh	St. Joseph's Community Centre, Wexford
Mr. Colin Webb	North Wexford Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Cllr. M. Kinsella advised the meeting that Cllr. M. D'Arcy had withdrawn his nomination.

A ballot was taken of the Members the result of which is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>No. Votes</b>
Mr. Francis O'Connor	18
Mr. Colin Webb	17
Ms. B.A. Murphy	06
Mrs. Georgina Rothwell	14
Ms. Frances Ryan	05
Ms. Theresa Walsh	13

The following were declared appointed to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee:

Mr. Francis O'Connor	Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Enniscorthy
Mr. Colin Webb	North Wexford Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Mrs. G. Rothwell	The United Dioceses of Cashel & Ossory
Ms. Theresa Walsh	St. Joseph's Community Centre, Wexford

**Draft Irish Language Scheme:**

The Members considered the Draft Irish Language Scheme as circulated. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Members adopted the scheme.

**Deferred Notice of Motions from November 2009 Meeting:**

Cllr. Declan MacPartlin

“As the composition of the Board of An Bord Pleanála 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”

The motion was seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy. Following discussion the motion was 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”

The motion was seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy. Following discussion the motion was agreed by the Council.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area of 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area of 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

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

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

**Notice of Motions:**

**New Ross Electoral Area Committee**

“New Ross Electoral Area Committee call on Wexford County Council/National Roads Authority to bring forward plans for a roundabout at Marshmeadows, New Ross, Co. Wexford”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, and agreed by the Council.

**Progress Reports:**

**Housing:**

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

- He had requested an assessment of the condition of Baile Eoaghain Housing Estate in Gorey and would be in a better position to comment when the assessment was complete.
- The Rent Committee would meet shortly and consider the question of the differences between the Town and County method of calculating differential rents.

**Community & Enterprise:**

On the recommendation of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, the Council approved grant aid for the following projects:

- Kilmore Quay Board Walk - €50,000 on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd.
- Oylegate Community Centre - €100,000 on the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh.

In response to the Members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that the Community & Enterprise Section was working with the business community to prepare an Action Plan arising from the Economic Forum held in November. The Plan would be considered by the SPC and then be brought to the Council.

**Finance:**

In response to the Members, Mr. A. Doyle, D/County Manager, advised that he would investigate the proposed sale of IDA lands in Gorey.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 8ú la de Feabhra, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore

**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; G. Griffin County Secretary.

**Apologies:**

Councillor. A. Fenlon;

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Catherine Ruttledge, wife of Liam Ruttledge, former employee.
- Breda Ryan, mother of Fiacra Ryan, Salville, Enniscorthy.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

**County Manager's Report:**

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

- Both the Gorey Civic Square and County Buildings projects were seriously behind schedule and that the penalties of the contract would apply to the contractor.
- The Enniscorthy By Pass had been elevated to motorway status from Gorey to Oilgate and the CPO had recently been approved.
- The New Ross By Pass had been separated from the Enniscorthy By Pass as the NRA were concerned that the High Court Challenge to the New Ross project might adversely affect progress on the Enniscorthy By Pass. If the court decision on the New Ross By Pass was in the Council's favour the project would proceed.
- The NRA had no plans to provide a roundabout at Marshmeadows, New Ross.

The Members requested the County Manager to arrange a deputation to the NRA to discuss the New Ross By Pass.

**Statutory Audit Report 2008:**

The Members considered the Statutory Audit Report 2008.

In response to the Members, Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised:

- Additional staff had been assigned to Water Service Charges.
- All internal audit reports were submitted to the County Manager and also considered by the Audit Committee.
- There was a 71% collection in respect of commercial water charges in 2009.
- The balance outstanding in planning levies includes levies on developments which had not yet taken place.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Members approved the Statutory Audit Report 2008.

**Draft Annual Report 2009:**

The Members approved the Draft Annual Report 2009 on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty



**Proposal to declare roads to be public roads – Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000:**

- **Brooklawn, Chambersland, New Ross, Co. Wexford.**

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy, the Members approved the road listed above be declared to be public roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and the services to the development be taken in charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

- **Woodview, Ballymurn Upper, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.**

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, the Members approved the road listed above be declared to be public roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and the services to the development be taken in charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

**Scheme of Priorities for Assessment of Applications for Conservation Grants in 2010:**

The Members considered report of Mr. Liam Bowe, Executive Planner, and on the proposal of Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, approved the scheme.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

**Finance Report:**

The Members noted the financial position of the Council at 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010, as follows:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Current Account	€4,370,996 DR	€1,612,381 CR
Commitments (O/s Payorders)	<u>€6,741,947 DR</u>	<u>€4,388,952 DR</u>
	€11,112,943 DR	€2,776,571 DR

### **Water Services:**

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

- The Water Services Investment Programme was due from the Department at the end of February.
- Draft bye-laws had been drawn up in relation to waste management including a provision to ban plastic bags with the exception of recycling bags.
- An application for the Gorey Civic Amenity Site was sent to the Department for approval in January.

### **Transport:**

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

- Repairs to the road network following the adverse weather had been estimate at €8.6m.
- A special meeting of the Council could be convened to discuss road repairs once the non-national road allocation had been received.

### **Housing:**

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

- The Carbon Neutral Housing Scheme proposal for Taghmon was a housing scheme with a very high energy rating (A2). The scheme was one of the largest in the country and was funded separately from the normal housing allocation.
- The 2010 housing allocation would cater for the houses currently under construction.

### **Community & Enterprise:**

In response to the Members, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services advised that he had raised the need for a boundary extension to the Enniscorthy RAPID Area with Pobal and would be making a formal application later that week. In his view it was essential that the RAPID area be expanded to include the extensive areas of social housing currently excluded. He would also request an additional place on the AIT for the County Council. He advised the Members that he had held discussions with Wexford Local Development who had agreed to undertake the animation and facilitation of the community representatives on RAPID AIT, as they already do for the Wexford and New Ross teams. He confirmed that no confirmation of a Co-ordinator post had been received and in the interim he was proceeding to service Enniscorthy RAPID using the existing Wexford/New Ross team.

**Planning:**

**Proposed Power Plant, Great Island, New Ross, Co. Wexford:**

The Members considered the report of the County Manager. Following discussion on the proposal of Councillor Larry O'Brien, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Members endorsed and supported the report of the County Manager.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

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 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area of 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area of 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of Proceedings of Joint Meeting of Enniscorthy Town Council and Enniscorthy Area Committee, WCC re: Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, in the 1798 Centre, Enniscorthy.

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

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, 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 M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**Notice of Motions:**

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne:

“Building on Wexford's rich tradition in the arts and literature and our recent economic forum, that Wexford County Council would brand the county as "Wexford - The Cultural County" and that we prioritise the development of the County as a home and destination for artists and writers and promote cultural tourism to the County”

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Members referred the motion to the Economic & Social Development SPC.

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne:

“That Wexford County Council supports the centralisation of the higher education grant schemes”

Proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan. Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting.

Those voting in favour:

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

Those voting against:

Cllrs: P. Codd, M. Kinsella, P. Kavanagh, O. Walsh, J. Hegarty, L. O'Brien, D. Kennedy.

Those abstaining:

Cllrs: K. Doyle, D. MacPartlin

The motion was defeated.

**Any other business:**

**Wexford Private Childcare Providers:**

The Members noted petition submitted by Wexford Private Childcare Providers in support of their application not to be liable for commercial rates.

**Pipe Laying at Polshone:**

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised the Members that the contractor would do as much as he could to diminish the impact of the works on local business.

**Renewable Energy Forum:**

The County Manager advised that when the report of the Economic & Social Development SPC on the outcome of the Economic Forum held in November was complete consideration could be given to including Renewable Energy and Technology.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 8ú la de Márta, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 – 2.30 p.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;	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, N. McGuigan, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; G. Griffin County Secretary.

**Apologies:**

Councillor. A. Fenlon;

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Mr. Pat Connolly, Ganger, New Ross Town Council.
- The family of Mrs. Winifred Redmond, mother of Kevin Redmond, former employee
- The family of Mrs. Elizabeth Hurley, mother of Kevin Hurley, Executive Architectural Technician.
- The family of Bill Beardwood, brother of Madeleine Quirke, CEO, Chamber of Commerce.
- The family of Mr. Pat Byrne, brother of John Byrne, employee.
- The family of John Franklin, former employee.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Cody, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

**Election of Chairman:**

Cllr. Jim Moore, Vice-Chairman, advised the Council that Cllr. A. Fenlon had resigned her position as Chairman due to ill health. The Members and County Manager paid tribute to Cllr. Fenlon and wished her a speedy recovery to full health.

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. P. Codd. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Moore was declared elected Chairman. Cllr. Moore resigned his position as Vice-Chairman.

**Disability Strategy Update:**

Ms. Caroline Horan, Access Officer, advised the Members on the Council's progress on its Disability Strategy under the following headings:

- Provisions of the Disability Act 2005
- Sectoral Plan
- Funding
- Services and Training
- The Council's accessible building stock
- Introduction of Disability Access Certificates for non domestic buildings and apartment blocks.

In response to the Members Ms. Horan advised:

- Dished kerbs are constructed to approved standards.
- Non domestic buildings and apartment blocks will require a disability access certificate with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 in the cases of new buildings or changes of use to existing buildings.
- A walkway to the beach with a "landing area" had been provided in Courtown.
- It was possible to drive onto Duncannon beach.
- Not all beaches were capable of being made accessible.

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

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

Proposed disposal of land at Carrigban, Bunclody, 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 on site.

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

Proposed disposal of land at Orristown (Stephenstown), Killinick, Co. Wexford to Mary Redmond, Orristown, (Stephenstown), Killinick, Co. Wexford, by way of deed of transfer to rectify an error in registration that occurred Circa 1979.

### **County Manager's Report:**

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

- The High Court Challenge to the New Ross By Pass had been unsuccessful which meant the joint project of Enniscorthy and New Ross By Passes could now proceed.
- He was working closely with the Design Team and Bondsman regarding the Gorey Civic Square and County Buildings. Both projects were seriously behind schedule and the penalties contained in both contracts would be applied. The Council had paid for work carried out to date as certified by the Architects.
- It was expected to seek tenders for minor refurbishment works at Enniscorthy Castle over the next month and it was intended to re-open the Castle in the Summer.

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

#### **Finance Report:**

Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, advised that a comprehensive report would be furnished to the Council on a bimonthly basis.

#### **Water Services:**

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

- The Water Services Investment Programme allocation was expected from the DOEHLG shortly.
- The extension of Waste Water Treatment to Castlebridge would require funding from the DOEHLG.
- New guidelines for treatment of waste water from single houses were as severe as the existing rules.
- The Environment SPC Meeting would be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- The new cemetery for Enniscorthy would be ready in the autumn.



**Transportation:**

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

- The weather damage to the road network had been estimated at €8.6m. it was intended to convene meetings of the four Electoral Area Committees on the morning of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, and hold a special meeting of the Council that afternoon to discuss the programme of works for the repair of the road network.

**Housing:**

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

- The Gorey Electoral Area Committee would be briefed on the status of repairs to Baile Eoghainn Housing Scheme.
- The Rent Sub Committee would meet in the coming weeks.
- The allocation for Traveller Accommodation had not yet been received – the Council had applied for €4m to purchase 20 units of accommodation.
- There were approximately 2,000 housing applicants.

**Community & Enterprise:**

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

- There would be a report on the outputs from the Economic Forum submitted to the SPC in April.
- New Ross Town Council were dealing with the Skateboard Park for New Ross.
- In relation to Amenity Grants he would arrange to increase the St. Patrick's Day Parade allocations to each of the towns by €500.

**Irish National Heritage Park:**

The County Manager advised that the Heritage Park had been successful in seeking a grant from Bord Fáilte in the amount of €1.8m for further development. The development would also require local funding of €250,000 which was proposed by way of a loan. A condition of the award of the grant was that the Council would underwrite the grant for a period of 10 years in the event of the Park ceasing to operate, a guarantee in respect of the loan would also be required.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Members resolved the Council to underwrite the grant and loan for a period of 10 years.

**Planning:**

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

- It was normal practice for a planning application to be considered where the proposed development was the subject of enforcement proceedings.
- There was one additional member of staff working in the Planning Enforcement Section than 3 years ago.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area of 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area of 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

**Matters arising from Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting 19.02.10:**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody it was agreed that Cllr. P. Kavanagh be County Council representative on R.A.P.I.D., in the event that membership be extended to the Council.

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

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

**Notice of Motions:**

Cllr. K. Doyle & Cllr. M. Sheehan:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to consider exempting Greyhound Breeders and Hunt Associations entirely from the Dog Breeding Establishment Bill 2009”.

This motion was deferred to the April Meeting of the Council

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 12ú la de Aibreán, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors:**

M. Byrne;	P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;
T. Dempsey;	K. Doyle;	J. Hegarty;	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, N. McGuigan, E. Hore, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; G. Griffin County Secretary,

**Apologies:**

Councillor. A. Fenlon; Councillor T. Howlin

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Liam Anthony Phelan, nephew of Rosemary Doyle, Gorey Office
- The family of Margaret (Peggy) Gleeson, sister of Kathleen Gleeson, Gorey Library
- The family of Jim Crowley, father of Jackie Crowley, Planning Dept
- The family of Stella Callaghan, mother of Tina Lonergan, Fire Service
- The family of Mary Ann Ryan, mother of Ann Culleton, Motor Tax
- The family of Michael Corrigan, Enniscorthy, founder of Slaney Search & Rescue
- Polish Community on the tragic death of their President

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Cllr. Anna Fenlon was proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

There being no other nominations Cllr. Fenlon was elected.

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

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated;

- Proposed disposal of lands at Ballyknockan, Rosslare Harbour (St. Helen's ED) – to William Wilson, Barryville, Rosslare Harbour – Boundary Rectification.

**County Manager's Report:**

The Members considered the County Manager's report. In response to the Members the County Manager advised:

- Practical completion of the County Buildings was expected by the end of June with possession in September.
- Public consultation on the route selection process for Oilgate to Rosslare would commence in early summer.
- The design for the roundabout at Ashfield Cross was not yet complete.
- The works on Enniscorthy Castle would be phased with exhibitions on the ground floor and first floor in 2010 and the remaining floors completed in following years.
- There were no plans at present for a Civic Building Programme for New Ross as the Town Council Offices at the Tholsel had been refurbished and the County Council Area Office was satisfactory.

**Finance:**

The Members noted the finance report as circulated.

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

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

- The WSIP allocation was expected on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- The matter of litter would be addressed by the SPC at its next meeting.
- IBAL survey shows that the Major Towns are becoming cleaner each year.
- There were 130 burial grounds vested in the County Council.

**Housing/Community & Enterprise:**

The Members noted report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, outlining details of the 2010 grant allocation for disabled and elderly.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Council approved the report as presented.

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

- Sports Action Wexford provided assistance to sporting groups.
- He expected to have a report on the output from the Economic Forum for the May meeting of the Council.
- The allocation for Traveller Accommodation was not yet finalised.

**Roads:**

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

- The Archaeological Contract for the Enniscorthy By-Pass had been signed.
- He would arrange to meet Coillte regarding the impact on roads following tree felling.
- He would examine the possibility of tendering for small works twice a year instead of annually.
- There were 8 housing estates in the process of being taken in charge currently.

**Planning:**

The Members requested to be provided with a list of persons against whom planning enforcement proceedings were taken in the District Court.

**Pre-Draft Gorey Town & Environs Local Area Plan 2010:**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Council approved the Draft Gorey Town & Environs Local Area Plan 2010 to go to public display.

**Proposed Closure of the South Wexford Rail Service:**

The Members considered the proposed closure of the rail service from Rosslare to Waterford citing the negative effects on the economy of Wexford. Following discussion the Members agreed the following:

- The NTA be requested not to make a decision on the proposal until a submission had been received from the Council.
- Call on Iarnrod Eireann to attend the next meeting of the Council.
- The County Manager, Chairman of the Council and Cllr. P. Codd, T. Dempsey, D. Kennedy and L.O'Brien assist in the preparation of a submission to the NTA requesting the non closure of the rail line.

**Draft Regional Planning Guidelines:**

The Members considered the Draft Regional Planning Guidelines as circulated and agreed to forward their comments to the Director of Planning for inclusion in the Council's submission on the guidelines.

**Deferred Notice of Motion:**

Cllr. K. Doyle & Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to consider exempting Greyhound Breeders and Hunt Associations entirely from the Dog Breeding Establishment Bill 2009".

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle. Cllr. Kennedy proposed the motion be amended by replacing "consider exempting" with "exempt". The amendment was seconded by Cllr. O'Brien. Following discussion the amendment was put to the meeting and carried with Cllr. D. MacPartlin voting against and Cllr. R. Ireton abstaining.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the Joint Meeting of Gorey Electoral Area Committee and Gorey Town Council of 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the Special Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council approved the minutes of the Special Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

**Schedule of Tenders:**

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

**Sealing of Documents:**

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

**Notice of Motion:**

Cllr. G. Lawlor:

“Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to reverse any decision that will reduce the working time of the 24hr Search & Rescue Helicopter in South-East”.

The Members welcomed the decision of the Minister to reverse the decision to reduce the 24 hour search & rescue helicopter service.

The following motions were deferred to the May Meeting of the Council:

Cllr. G. Lawlor:

“Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Transport in response to “The Marine Pollution Prevention, Preparedness and Response Capabilities Study 2008” to immediately provide Emergency Towing Vessels (ETV) around the Irish coastline in order to protect Ireland’s coastline from Economic and Environmental damage”.

Cllr. P. Codd & Cllr. L. O’Brien:

“We call on the government to make Wexford constituency a priority for attention. More investment ensuring job creation. Better infrastructure. Maintaining a 24 hour A&E service in Wexford General Hospital. Upgrading the Rosslare/Dublin rail service and maintaining Rosslare/Waterford line. More funding for our county road. Bring broadband up to the required standard. Ensuring that the 24 hour rescue helicopter service is maintained. With a Minister of State recently appointed to our constituency it is now an ideal time to push for the above measure.

Cllr. M. Byrne:

“That Wexford County Council publish on its website an outline of the work and responsibilities of Councillors and provide online on a monthly basis a breakdown of all payments to and expenses incurred by Councillors”.



**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 10ú Ia de Bealtaine, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore, 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;
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**Officials:**

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, N. McGuigan, E. Hore, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; G. Griffin County Secretary, E. Taaffe, A/Senior Engineer, B. Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist, R. Spain, South Eastern River Basin, R. Earle, Eastern River Basin Management, G. Glasgow, Consultant.

**Apologies:**

Councillor. A. Fenlon;

**Visit of Amercian Ambassador:**

The County Manager advised that the American Ambassador proposed to visit Wexford on 20<sup>th</sup> April. The Members requested that the Chairman and County Manager make the necessary arrangements to receive the Ambassador.

**Date of Joint Policing Committee:**

The Members agreed to hold a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 a.m.

**River Basin Management Plans:**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the members resolved to conduct the business of the meeting in Committee.

Ms. Grace Glasgow outlined to the Members the contents of the plan under the following headings:

- Legislative Background
- Objective of the River Basin Management Plan

- Surface Water and Ground Water Status
- Programme of Measures
- Integrating Plans and Programme
- Water Management Units

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 131 of the Local Government Act 2001, resolved to adopt the Eastern River Basin District River Basin Management Plan and the South Eastern River Basin District River Basin Management Plan for the first cycle from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010 to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

### **Road Works Programme 2010:**

Mr. E. Taaffe, A/Senior Engineer, gave an overview of the Road Works Programme under the following headings:

- National Roads Funding
- Non-National Roads
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  - extent of road network
  - manpower
  - contract work
  - direct labour costs

The Members discussed the Road Works Programme in depth and in response to the Members, Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised:

- the main difficulties arose from the unprecedented bad weather and the shortfall in funding needed to execute all the repairs
- the Council was committed to identifying efficiencies
- the Council would liaise with the IFA and Community Groups

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, the Council adopted the Road Works Programme 2010 as presented.

### **2010 National Roads Bridge Works Programme:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, the Council resolved to enter into an agreement in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 with Kildare County Council and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council for the replacement of expansion joints on various Leinster Bridges.

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County Secretary

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County Secretary

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore, Cathaoirleach

**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;	M. Murphy;
L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;

**Officials:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Colm Quigley, Wexford General Hospital  
Myles McHugh, Emmet Cotter, David Murphy – Iarnród Eireann

The Chairman and Members welcomed back Cllr. A. Fenlon to the Council Chamber following her absence due to illness.

**Wexford General Hospital Update:**

The Chairman thanked Dr. Colm Quigley, Clinical Director, Wexford General Hospital, for his attendance and invited him to address the meeting. Dr. Quigley advised the Members of the challenges in providing and maintaining Hospital Services in Wexford.

- Budget cut from €62.4m to €56.9m in last year on top of a cut of €7.5m over the previous two years.
- Ceiling of staff of 880 full time equivalents and currently 870 persons in posts.
- Hospital is statutorily obliged to provide services within budget.
- Moratorium on recruitment of staff.
- Impact of European Working Time Directive.
- Shortage of Doctors.

In response to the Members Dr. Quigley advised:

- The Reconfiguration Group would have its final report by September 2010.
- The reduction in Doctor training posts was having an adverse impact nationally.



- The National Cancer Control Programme resulted in Rectal, Breast and Lung cancer being dealt with in Waterford and Dublin.
- There would be a move towards providing day case surgery in Wexford with surgery requiring overnight stay being dealt with in Waterford Regional Hospital.
- There were no proposals to close any of the services provided by Wexford General Hospital currently.
- The Hospital had met the challenges imposed upon it during the past number of years and would continue to do so.
- The Hospital deeply appreciated the funds raised locally and donated to the Hospital. The recent funds raised will enable the Hospital to purchase a 64 slice CT Scanner and additional ultra sound equipment which will improve early diagnoses.
- The HSE had plans for integrated service areas.
- The Management of the Hospital planned to meet Care Doc personnel to investigate the provision of an integrated approach to the current need.

The Chairman and Members thanked Dr. Quigley who then left the meeting.

**Proposed Closure of Rosslare/Waterford Rail Service:**

The Chairman welcomed Myles McHugh, Emmet Cotter and David Murphy, Iarnród Eireann, to the meeting.

Mr. McHugh advised the Members:

- Iarnród Eireann were experiencing economic difficulties due to decreased revenue.
- Significant staff efficiencies had been achieved over the past number of years.
- The ongoing viability of the Rosslare/Waterford Rail Service was seriously impacted by the loss of freight revenue from the sugar beet industry.
- The option for savings was to withdraw the rail service and replace it with a bus service.
- Nett savings would be €2m approx.
- Population had decreased in the areas serviced by the line.

The Members of the Council made the following points:

- The negative impact on the economy of South Wexford with this loss of infrastructure.
- Rosslare Europort would be adversely affected.
- The need for Iarnród Eireann to source freight business locally.
- The need for Iarnród Eireann to design a time table for the rail service that would accommodate commuters to Waterford.
- The need to market the rail service.

The County Manager advised the Members:

- The South East Regional Authority was commissioning a business plan to support the retention of the Rail Service and it was desirable that Iarnród Éireann considered that Plan.
- There were two large freight users opening up in the area and the possibility of their custom should be examined.
- The population decrease in the south Wexford area was due to the lack of services but with the infrastructure about to be provided under the Water Services Investment Programme the population would now increase in those areas.

Mr. McHugh advised that they were unaware of the possibility of new freight business in Wexford but would investigate. Iarnród Éireann had made a submission to the National Transport Authority and were currently awaiting its decision.

The Chairman thanked Mr. McHugh, Mr. Cotter and Mr. Murphy who then left the meeting.

**Retirement:**

The Chairman and Members congratulated Mr. Ger Griffin, County Secretary, on his retirement acknowledging his contribution to local government administration over many years and wished him and his family well in retirement.

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Michael Carthy, father of Mick Carthy, Roads Foreman, Wexford Area.
- The family of John O'Connor, former Chairman of Wexford Festival Opera.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

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

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

- Proposed disposal of land at No. 76 Whitemill Road, Wexford to Francis Kavanagh, Loughgunna, Murrinctown, Co. Wexford.

**County Manager's Report:**

The Members noted the County Manager's report as circulated. In response to the Members the County Manager advised:

- There were 8 expressions of interest for the PPP for New Ross and Enniscorthy By Passes.
- Progress on the Gorey Civic Square was good and the July deadline should be achieved.
- It was intended to move into the County Buildings at the end of the year.

**Date of Annual Meeting:**

The Members decided to hold the 2010 Annual Meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 12 noon.

**South East Homelessness Action Plan:**

The Members considered the Plan and adopted it on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

**Deferred Notice of Motions:**

Cllr. G. Lawlor:

"Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Transport in response to "The Marine Pollution Prevention, Preparedness and Response Capabilities Study 2008" to immediately provide Emergency Towing Vessels (ETV) around the Irish coastline in order to protect Ireland's coastline from Economic and Environmental damage".

The motion was seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin and agreed by the Members.

The Members requested the motion be circulated to all Local Authorities.

Cllr. P. Codd & Cllr. L. O'Brien:

"We call on the government to make Wexford constituency a priority for attention. More investment ensuring job creation. Better infrastructure. Maintaining a 24 hour A&E service in Wexford General Hospital. Upgrading the Rosslare/Dublin rail service and maintaining Rosslare/Waterford line. More funding for our county road. Bring broadband up to the required standard. Ensuring that the 24 hour rescue helicopter service is maintained. With a Minister of State recently appointed to our constituency it is now an ideal time to push for the above measure.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien and agreed by the Members. The Members requested that Minister Sean Connick be invited to the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council publish on its website an outline of the work and responsibilities of Councillors and provide online on a monthly basis a breakdown of all payments to and expenses incurred by Councillors".

Cllr. M. Byrne advised that he wished his motion be referred to the Whips of the political parties for consideration.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

**Finance:**

The Members considered report of Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, dated 30<sup>th</sup> April and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd resolved the Council raise loans in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the following purposes:

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Holmestown WMF-Cell Development Phase 2	2,160,000
Brown Bin Purchase	400,000
Holmestown WMF-Cell Development Phses 3&4	100,000
Gorey Civic Amenity Site	475,000
Killurin Landfill Restoration	450,000
Bunclody Sewerage Scheme	2,000,000
New Ross Main Drainage Treatment Plant	3,800,000
New Ross Main Drainage Network	620,000
Taghmon Water Supply Scheme	1,100,000
New Ross Water Supply Scheme	480,000
	<u>11,585,000</u>

**Transportation:**

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, advised the Members that supplementary Pavement Improvement allocations had been received as follows:

South of Enniscorthy N11	€200,000
Scarawalsh/Enniscorthy N11	€300,000
Jamestown N30	€250,000
New Ross Ring Road N30	€ 50,000
Total	€800,000

The Members welcomed the allocations.

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

In response to the Members, Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, advised that the Shellfish Waters Pollution Reduction Programme for Waterford Harbour had an impact on the Village Bundle Programme. The Director further advised that the Department intended to review the WSIP annually.

The Members expressed concern that villages submitted by the Council were excluded by the Department and on the proposal of Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne resolved the Council write to the Minister expressing their concern and seeking their reinstatement.

**Housing:**

In response to the Members Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that the scheme providing specific instance houses still existed but that there was not an allocation available this year.

**Community & Enterprise:**

Following discussion the Members agreed that each SPC would consider the contents of the report "Positioning Wexford for the Upturn" at their next meetings. The Members also decided to list the report on the agenda for the June Meeting of the Council for discussion.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Joint Policing Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

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 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPC Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Economic & Social Development SPC Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

**Schedule of Tenders:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, 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 P. Codd, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**Notice of Motion:**

**New Ross Electoral Area Committee:**

“That this Committee calls on the County Council to hold a special meeting to discuss the formation of a Tourism and Cultural strategy for County Wexford and that meeting be held in the New Ross area”.

It was agreed to defer this motion to the June Meeting of the Council.

**Cllr. D. MacPartlin:**

“Wexford County Council deplores the decision of the Department of the Environment, Heritage, Heritage and Local Government to omit the villages of Camolin, Ferns, Curracloe, Duncormick, Kilmore Quay and Oylegate from the “Village Bundle” sewerage scheme and calls for their immediate reinstatement into the project”.

Proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. M. Byrne:

“That during each five year term of Wexford County Council, one full meeting of the Council shall, where practicable, take place in each of the districts of Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross”.

It was agreed to defer this motion to the June Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. P. Cody:

“Wexford County Council calls on the HSE (S) to maintain the Continuation of Acute Care Availability with Approved Centre Status, as part of the future proposals for a comprehensive Mental Health Service in Co. Wexford, following the agreed phased closure of St. Senans Hospital Enniscorthy, and to seek a meeting with Mr. Pat Healy the Regional Director of Operations HSE (S)”.

Cllrs: K. Codd-Nolan, P. Kavanagh, O. Walsh:

“With the impending closure of St. Senan’s Hospital announced by the HSE that Wexford County Council write to Mary Harney, T.D., Minister for Health, to request a written undertaking to retain the acute psychiatric admissions unit with County Wexford and to provide a purpose built acute unit either on the grounds of St. John’s Hospital, Enniscorthy or Wexford General Hospital”.

The Members considered the above two motions jointly amended as follows

“With the impending closure of St. Senan’s Hospital announced by the HSE, Wexford County Council seek a deputation with the Minister for Health to request that the commitment given in 2002 for an acute psychiatric unit in County Wexford be honoured and that the unit be provided either on the grounds of St. John’s Hospital, Enniscorthy or Wexford General Hospital”

The amended motion was agreed by the Members.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 13ú Ia de Meitheamh, 2010.**

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore, Cathaoirleach

**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;	M. Murphy;
L. O'Brien;	M. Sheehan;	O. Walsh;	

**Officials:**

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary, M. O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer.

**Apologies:**

An apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr. P. Reck

**Address by Deputy Sean Connick, TD, Minister of State, Fisheries & Forestry:**

The Chairman welcomed Deputy Sean Connick, Minister of State, to the meeting and congratulated him on his promotion. Deputy Connick's attendance arose from an earlier notice of motion agreed at the May County Council Meeting and an invitation extended to the Minister to attend.

In an address to the meeting Deputy Connick referred to the activities of Wexford County Council, Enterprise Ireland, the IDA and the success of companies within the county in securing jobs and employment in addition to various department funded initiatives assisting infrastructural developments vital for the economic development of County Wexford. He acknowledged the importance of the availability of finance and credit to business, the need for investment and expansion of Rosslare Europort and connecting rail network.

In response to the Minister the Members outlined their concerns in relation to poor road infrastructure, general economic difficulties, the need for additional investment in water and sewerage, rail infrastructure, the importance of retaining hospital services, and the urgency of creating employment opportunities in the county.

In conclusion the Minister thanked the Manager and Council for the opportunity to attend and looked forward to working for Wexford and its people in meeting the challenges ahead.



The Chairman thanked the Minister, wished him well in his new role and looked forward to him working with the Council in dealing with the numerous issues raised during the meeting. The Minister then left the meeting.

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Josephine Freeman, mother of Bernie Lennon, FAS Supervisor.
- The family of Tom Cullen, father of Geraldine Cullen, Freedom of Information Office.
- The family of James O'Reilly, brother of Ger O'Reilly, General Operative, Wexford Area Office.
- The family of Angela Morris, mother of Brendan Doyle, Community Warden, Enniscorthy.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Congratulations:**

The Members extended their congratulations to the following:

- Billy Walsh on the success of the Irish Amateur Boxing Team at European Championship in Moscow.
- Wexford U14 Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland.
- Medal Winners, participants and organisers of the Special Olympics.
- Shamrocks – Winners Hurling Club Division 2 Title in Leinster
- Mary Dowling – Winner Irish Ladies Golf Close Championship
- John Colfer – County Council Dog Warden, Success in working with the WSPCA in finding homes for 1000 dogs over the past year

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, subject to an amendment to the minutes congratulating the former County Secretary, Ger Griffin acknowledging his contribution to local government administration over many years and wishing him and his family well in retirement.

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

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

- Proposed disposal of land at Creagh Demesne, Gorey, Co. Wexford, to the Minister for Education & Science.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated;

- Proposed disposal of land at 2 St. Cyprians Villas, Screen, Co. Wexford to Mary Murphy by way of Deed of Transfer.

**County Manager's Report:**

The Members noted the County Manager's report as circulated. In response to a number of issues raised the County Manager advised the Council of the following matters:

- Progress on County Hall indicates a realistic re-location to new premises end December 2010/January 2011.
- Library and Civic Square Gorey to be completed end of July, early August.
- New Ross and Enniscorthy By-Passes. 4 Bids being examined: Confirmation of successful tenderer by end of year.
- It was intended to review the current premises in use by New Ross Library.
- Wexford Harbour Board to be taken over by County Council on 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- Enniscorthy Castle – invitation to tender issued to 8 contractors, September opening.

**Filling of Vacancy:**

The County Secretary informed the meeting of notification received from Cllr. J. Hegarty of his resignation as representative on the IPB with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cllr. M. Kinsella was nominated to fill the vacancy.

**Adoption of 2009 Annual Report:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Members adopted the 2009 Annual Report.

**2010/2011 Higher Education Grant Scheme:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Members adopted the 2010/2011 Higher Education Grant Scheme as circulated.

The Members acknowledged the support and positive response from staff in assisting applicants under the Higher Education Grants.

**Deferred Notice of Motions:**

**New Ross Electoral Area Committee:**

“That this Committee calls on the County Council to hold a special meeting to discuss the formation of a Tourism and Cultural strategy for County Wexford and that meeting be held in the New Ross area”.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy, and following discussion the motion was agreed and adopted by the Council.

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

“That during each five year term of Wexford County Council, one full meeting of the Council shall, where practicable, take place in each of the districts of Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross”.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, and following discussion the motion was agreed and adopted by the Council.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

**Finance – Presentation by Mr. R. Furlong, Audit Committee:**

The Members noted the report of Mr. Ronan Furlong, Chairman, Audit Committee.

**Financial Position at 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010:**

The Members considered the report of Mr. G. Mulvey, Head of Finance, dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, and report of County Manager dated 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, approved the raising of a Council loan in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 in the amount of €10m, being the final tranche of borrowing requirement for the new Council Offices at Carriglawn and also recommended extension of the overdraft facility from €15m to €25m for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

The Director of Services Mr. N. McGuigan responded to questions raised on progress on Gorey Main Drainage Scheme, access to beaches for disabled persons, action on littering, the Village Bundle Drainage Schemes, the development of Civic Amenity Sites at Gorey and Enniscorthy.

**Transportation:**

In response to Members Mr. Adrian Doyle, Director of Services, advised that a draft policy on road signage would be tabled for discussion at the July County Council Meeting. He confirmed that the use of amber flashing signs for advertising was unauthorised and dealt with various other roads issues raised at the meeting. It was agreed to discuss the current position of the roads capital grant allocation at a later meeting.

**Community & Enterprise:**

**Positioning Wexford for the Upturn:**

The meeting noted the referral of the CPG under this heading. Following discussion the meeting approved the recommendation of the CPG and agreed to consider the reports of the relevant SPC's at the November County Council Meeting.

**Housing:**

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Ms. Maeve O'Brien, SEO, Housing, advised the meeting on the recently introduced scheme of long term leasing, responded to queries on grant applications and housing activity county wide. Ms. O'Brien also confirmed that preparations were ongoing for a rent review and that a meeting of the committee would be shortly convened.

**Planning & Development:**

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. The Members acknowledged the increase in activity and positive outcome to a number of planning enforcement cases recently concluded.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Economic & Social Development SPC Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010.

**Rosslare Harbour – Limerick Rail Line:**

Following discussion on plans by Iarnród Éireann for changes to the Rosslare Harbour – Limerick rail line

“On the proposal of Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Council agreed to write to the National Transport Authority and Regional Authority voicing the concerns of the Local Authority on the downgrading and reduction of rail services in the county and region”.

**Schedule of Tenders:**

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

**Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**Correspondence and Communications:**

The County Secretary informed the meeting of receipt of the following correspondence:

- Acknowledgment from Mr. John Gormley, TD Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on receipt of recent letter in connection with the Dog Breeding Establishment Bill 2009.
- Acknowledgement from Mr. Noel Dempsey, TD Minister for Transport, on receipt of recent letter regarding “The Marine Pollution Prevention, Preparedness and Response Capabilities Study 2008”
- Correspondence from Darragh Scully, Private Secretary to Mary Harney, TD, Minister for Health and Children regarding a deputation.
- Acknowledgement from Mr. John Gormley, TD Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on receipt of recent letter in connection with The Village Bundle Programme.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, it was agreed in future to copy letters sent to various Government Departments to Deputy S. Connick, Minister of State, for his information.

**Notice of Motion:**

Cllr. P. Kavanagh:

“In view of the fact that a recent tourist guide “Lonely Planet” puts Vinegar Hill 11<sup>th</sup> out of the top 25 tourist attractions in Ireland. I am calling on this Council to make it, its No. 1 tourist project especially in light of Enniscorthy 1500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year”.

Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan:

“In this year of the 1500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Enniscorthy town, that Vinegar Hill as one of the top historical sites in Ireland be prioritised by Wexford County Council to devise a five year development and investment plan with the help of Enniscorthy Town Council and other State Agencies to source sufficient funding to adequately develop and invest in the site in conjunction with other local historical sites so as to attract and retain more tourists into our county”

The Members considered the above 2 motions jointly and on the proposal of Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan approved the motions.

Cllrs: M. Kinsella, P. Kavanagh, O. Walsh:

Cllr. M. Kinsella proposed and Cllr. O. Walsh seconded the following motion :

“Wexford County Council notes the increasing level of popular support being expressed for the RISE (Rural Ireland Says Enough) campaign and shares the concerns it is highlighting over legislation currently being proposed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, John Gormley, TD. This Council calls on the government to listen to the concerns being expressed, involve stakeholders in full consultation and to respond appropriately”.

Cllr. M. Byrne proposed and Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded an amendment that the motion be deferred until the County Council is made aware of the issues involved and the legal situation outlined and clarified.

Following debate the amendment was put to the meeting where 3 voted in favour and 9 against with 1 abstention. The amendment was defeated.

The motion was then put to the meeting where 9 voted in favour and 3 against with 1 abstention. The motion was carried and agreed by the Council.

It was agreed to defer the following motions to the July Meeting of the Council:

Cllr. D. Kennedy:

“Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to omit the Heineken Cup from the list of sports events that he is proposing to be free to air in future years”.

Cllr. M. Sheehan:

“That this Council considers developing proposals for a pilot project to create a Local Authority "Buy to Let" Scheme as part of the Council's overall housing programme for people who want their own home but fail to qualify for a mortgage and are not considered applicants on the priority list”.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 12ú Ia de Iúil, 2010.**

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 – 12 noon  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Moore, Cathaoirleach  
Later Cllr. M. Kinsella.

**Councillors:**

M. Byrne;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;	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, N. McGuigan, E. Hore, Directors of Services;  
Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; M. O'Brien, SEO, N. McDonnell County Secretary.

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Pat Codd  
Cllr. Tony Dempsey

**Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. In his address the Chairman referred to the range, variety, challenging and interesting issues dealt with by the Council during his term as Chairman and complimented the Members on their contributions. He also acknowledged the support of the Members, Management and Staff and recognised the important role of the media in reporting on matters debated in the Chamber. He looked forward with optimism to working with the incoming Chairman. He thanked Cllr. Anna Fenlon former Cathaoirleach and his own family for their support, encouragement and assistance during the year.

**Election of Chairman:**

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

There being no other proposals, Cllr. M. Kinsella was elected Chairman of the County Council.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

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

There being no other proposals, Cllr. P. Kavanagh was elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council.



**Vote of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Kathleen McLoughlin, former Member of the South East Regional Authority.
- The family of James Redmond, nephew of Cllr. Jimmy Fleming, Gorey Town Council.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach

**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;
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, E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary, M. O'Brien, Acting Director of Services.

**Presentation by Jacobs Engineering Ireland Consultants on the N30  
Moneytucker to New Ross Scheme:**

Mr. D. Curtin, National Roads Authority Liaison Officer, Mr. R. Butler, Roads Design Office, Tramore, Mr. John Fleming, Director, Jacobs and Mr. Gregg Houghton, Senior Engineer, Jacobs, attended the meeting.

In a presentation to the meeting Mr. John Fleming outlined details of the proposed road improvements of the N30 from Moneytucker to New Ross. He advised the meeting that the works would commence in the Townland of Rathgarogue at the western end of the New Ross By-pass, would by-pass the village of Clonroche and finish in the Townland of Moneytucker at a tie-in to the constructed Moneytucker to Jamestown Scheme.

The proposed road development would by-pass Clonroche and would make the village safer, quieter, cleaner and a more attractive place in which to live, work and visit. Safety would be improved on the route and improved journey reliability time by a significant reduction in the number of at grade unsignalised priority junctions and a reduction in the number of direct, private and field accesses to the new road.

The scheme in conjunction with the proposed Enniscorthy and New Ross Bypasses would completely upgrade the N30 from New Ross to Enniscorthy to the appropriate National Primary Roads standards.

In response to the presentation a number of members raised queries as to why the route should change from the originally agreed line to whom Mr. Fleming

responded the main reason for the change was safety concerns and related matters. The members also raised the issue of the need for greater consultation and were advised by Mr. D. Curtin, National Roads Liaison Officer, that there would be ample time for comprehensive consultation with the affected parties as (the Part 8 planning process) was about to commence, with the proposal unlikely to start until well into next year.

In response to the concerns expressed and other matters raised the County Manager referred to the likely completion dates for the New Ross and Enniscorthy By-passes which would link into this proposed roadway and he confirmed that arrangements would be made for a workshop in Clonroche to further advise interested and concerned parties on proposals for the N30 Moneytucker to New Ross Road Improvement Scheme.

The meeting was advised that plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available at the County Hall, the Enniscorthy District Office and Clonroche Community Hall from Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, with submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development receivable up to Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

Following discussion the members decided by majority vote, to commence the Part 8 Planning process under the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2009 in respect of N30 Moneytucker to New Ross Road Improvement Scheme.

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Donal McCarthy, former Senior Executive Architect, Wexford County Council.
- The families of those recently bereaved in the tragic road accident in County Donegal.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010.

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

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

- Proposed disposal of 21 Hunter's Green, Gorey, Co. Wexford to Neda Razmiene & Ona Greviene.

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

- Proposed disposal of 24 Hunter's Green, Gorey, to Wexford, to Neil Darby.
- Proposed disposal of 5 Cnoc Greine, Knockgreany, Coolgreany, Co. Wexford to Gavin & Laura Phayres.
- Proposed disposal of lands at Ballyknocken, Rosslare Harbour, (St. Helen's ED) – Boundary Rectification

**Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2009, HSE Civic Square Gorey:**

LAC 0499 – Proposed development: The use of office block at Gorey Civic Square, The Avenue, as a Medical/Day Care Centre, elevation and floor plan alterations to existing office block and changes to site layout of Civic Square to provide temporary car park.

Following discussion and consideration of a report on the above development under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 – 2009, and having noted that only one submission was received from the Health Service Executive confirming that the HSE would not be proceeding with plans to locate a methadone service in the Gorey Civic Centre, on the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved of the report and recommended proceeding in accordance with the contents of the report.

**County Manager's Report:**

The Members noted the County Manager's report as circulated. In response to a number of issues raised the County Manager advised the Council of the following matters:

- Enniscorthy Castle – tenders have been received. Work to commence this week with likely September opening.
- New Ross Library – proposals to be prepared by September for refurbishment and improvements to existing library building.
- Oylegate to Rosslare Harbour By-pass. Eight routes being examined with the most likely route to be confirmed by the end of the year.

With regard to developments of the national road network in the county the Manager commented that this type of investment in County Wexford would hopefully lead to further business and employment creation opportunities.

The meeting was advised of the current position regarding the proposed Road improvements at Ashfield Cross, Larkin's Cross and the current position regarding the adoption of a road signs policy.

**Consideration of 2009 Annual Financial Statement of Wexford County Council:**

A report on the Annual Financial Statement of Wexford County Council for 2009 was circulated to the meeting and matters arising from a number of questions raised by the members were addressed by Mr. Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council recommended in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to approve the incurring of additional expenditure as outlined in Tables 2 (1) and 2 (2) as well as for the Budget adjustment in respect of Road Grants for €5.078m referred to in the report dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, circulated by Mr. Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance.

**Congratulations to Mr. Ger Mulvey, Head of Finance:**

Councillor M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach, wished Mr. Mulvey and his family well in his forthcoming retirement following 34 years as a public servant the most recent 9 years being spent in Wexford. The County Manager and the members also thanked Mr. Mulvey for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

In response Mr. Mulvey thanked the Council for their good wishes and acknowledged the co-operation of the County Manager his fellow Management Team Members and in particular the staff of the Finance Department during his years of service.

**Deferred Notice of Motion:**

**Cllr. D. Kennedy:**

"Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to omit the Heineken Cup from the list of sports events that he is proposing to be free to air in future years".

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, and following discussion the motion was agreed and adopted by the Council.

**Cllr. M. Sheehan:**

"That this Council considers developing proposals for a pilot project to create a Local Authority "Buy to Let" Scheme as part of the Council's overall housing programme for people who want their own home but fail to qualify for a mortgage and are not considered applicants on the priority list".

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, and following discussion the motion was agreed and adopted by the Council.

Councillor D. Kennedy:

“That Wexford County Council introduce a bye-law to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in Clonroche Millennium Park”.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, and following discussion the motion was agreed and adopted by the Council.

**Material Contravention of the Enniscorthy Town & Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 (Reference No. in Register 20100220) Applicant Mr. Alan Warren , Proposed Development – dwelling house and garage, Location – Moyne Upper, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford:**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council resolved under Section 34 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, that the above development be permitted as a material contravention of the Enniscorthy town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014.

**Manager's Report on Submissions on the Draft Gorey Town and Environs Local Area Plan 2010:**

A copy of the County Manager's Report on the submissions on the Draft Gorey Town and Environs Local Area plan 2010 was submitted to the meeting.

Following discussion on the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, and having considered the Manager's Report the Council resolved to re- advertise the Draft Area Plan with the necessary amendments for a period of four weeks when submissions can be made in relation to these amendments only.

**Proposed Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2010 – 2016:**

The pre-Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2010 – 2016 was presented to the meeting.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved of the Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan and recommended that it be placed on public display.

**Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2010:**

It was agreed to defer this matter for consideration by each Electoral Area Committee.

**Capital Assistance Scheme at Esmonde Gardens, Gorey, Co. Wexford:**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council resolved to authorise payment of a grant of €521,243 to Cluid Housing Association in respect of the Capital Assistance Scheme at Esmonde Gardens in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1992 and Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**Wexford County Council (Gorey) Draft Car Park By- Laws 2010:**

Following consideration of the report dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, on the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor D. MacPartlin, the Council recommended the adoption of the above Draft By-Laws 2010.

**Wexford County Council (Gorey) Draft Parking Places By- Laws 2010:**

Following consideration of the report dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, on the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council recommended the adoption of the above Draft By-Laws 2010.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

**Water, Environment and Emergency Services:**

The Director of Services, Mr. N. McGuigan, responded to questions raised on the Village Bundle Drainage Schemes, improvements to the water supply in Riverchapel and the current status of the Enniscorthy Main Drainage Scheme.

**Transportation:**

Mr. Adrian Doyle, Director of Services, advised the meeting of the current status with regard to the Council's proposed policy on road signage.

It was agreed that this matter be placed for discussion before the Transportation SPC.

In response to a number of questions raised on the manpower employed on Road works the Director informed the meeting that the Council were awaiting the outcome of a report and examination of this service and it was agreed to consider the matter at the September meeting of the County Council. The Director also informed the meeting as to the current position with the taking of Estates in Charge and outlined the types of works that would be carried out in the event of an Estate being taken-in-charge.

**Review of Litter Management Plan 2010 – 2013:**

Arising from a recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group and having considered the report of the Director of Services, on the proposal of Councillor D. MacPartlin, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council recommended the adoption of the Draft Final Management Litter Plan for 2010 – 2013, as circulated to the meeting.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

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 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and the Special Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh,, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and the Special New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of Special meetings of New Ross Town and New Ross Electoral Area Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Moore, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Transportation SPC Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor D. MacPartlin, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPA held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the Joint Policing Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010.



**Schedule of Tenders:**

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, 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 J. Moore, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**Correspondence and Communications:**

The County Secretary informed the meeting of the following correspondence:

**Vacancy HSE South:**

Following discussion it was agreed to consider the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Anna Fenlon from the HSE South at the September meeting.

**Rosslare – Waterford Rail Line:**

The meeting also noted that the National transport Authority had deferred making a decision on Irish Rails Submission regarding the possible termination of passenger services on the Rosslare/Waterford Line pending the receipt of a submission from the Regional Authority.

Arising from a discussion on this matter, on the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council recommended that in the event of a response being received regarding the closure of this line that a Special Meeting of the County Council be agreed to further consider the matter.

Following discussion the Council agreed that their concerns be addressed by way of a submission being made by the South Eastern Regional Authority on this matter.

The Council also recommended on the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, to write to the Minister for Transport and to request that the usage of freight traffic be a matter taken into consideration in determining the future usage of the rail line.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 13ú Ia de Mean Fomhair, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.***

**Attendance:**

In the Chair:	Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cathaoirleach
Councillors:	M. Byrne; K. Codd-Nolan; P. Cody; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; A. Fenlon; J. Hegarty; T. Howlin; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; D. Kennedy; G. Lawlor; M. Murphy; L. O'Brien; P. Reck; M. Sheehan; O. Walsh.
Apologies:	Councillors P. Codd; D. MacPartlin; J. Moore.
Officials:	Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, Directors of Services; J. Power, A/Director of Services, Ms. A. O'Neill, A/Head of Finance; E. Taaffe, Senior Engineer, Ms. A. Doyle, A/County Secretary.

**Presentation on Wexford County Council's Road Operations:**

Mr. E Taaffe, Senior Engineer, presented a report to the meeting on the operation of Wexford County Council's Roads Section. Mr. Taaffe referred to road maintenance activities, the type of equipment currently in use, the number of staff working in each area and the operations carried on in the machinery yard. He pointed out the importance of using the most efficient equipment in order to maximise productivity and outlined details of investment proposals in both manpower and equipment which will lead to improved efficiencies countywide. He identified the non replacement of retired staff as an issue and outlined appropriate measures to be taken to address the matter.

The Director of Services and the Senior Engineer responded to queries raised by the Members in relation to the following matters –

- Resources required to operate archway patcher/ combi unit;
- Means of funding plant replacement programme;
- Approval for employment of additional staff needed;
- Condition of road surface along a stretch of the R730.

The Chairman and the Members thanked Mr. Taaffe for his presentation and complimented the staff for the excellent road maintenance operations carried out following a difficult winter.

**Expressions of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Bridie Ryan, mother-in-law of Councillor Padge Reck

- The family of Dr. Michael Walter Walsh, father of George Walsh, Senior Executive Engineer
- The family of Bridget O'Dwyer, mother-in-law of Adrian Doyle, Director of Services
- The family of Tim Gough, father of Annette Caffrey, Clerical Officer
- The family of Kevin Foley, former employee

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Congratulations:**

- Ladies Senior Camogie Team on winning the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Title
- Craanford on winning the County Award in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2010
- Paul Kehoe on winning the 2010 FBD Young Farmer of the Year
- Grainne Murphy on winning a silver medal in the 1,500 metres Freestyle at the European Swimming Championships
- David Medcalf on his book *Plough Music* featuring as the Book on One on RTE Radio 1

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th July, 2010.

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

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of lands at Mullinagore, Oylegate, Co. Wexford to The Trustees of Oylegate Community Centre.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of lands at Danescastle, Carrig on Bannow, Co. Wexford to St. Aidan's Diocesan Trust, Bishop's House, Summerhill, Wexford.

**Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010:**

**LAC 0500 - Erection of 1 No. two storey, three bedroom detached dwelling with connections to existing services with associated site works at Glentire Heights, The Ballagh, (Glentire T.D., Bolaboy E.D.)**

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010, and on the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, had no objection to the development proceeding.

**LAC 0501 - Erection of 1 No. single storey, detached special needs dwelling with associated site works at Private Sites, Bunclody, (Bunclody T.D., Bunclody E.D.)**

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, had no objection to the development proceeding.

**County Manager's Report:**

The Members noted the County Manager's report as circulated. In response to the Members the County Manager advised:

- The required funding for the PPP project will be borrowed from the private sector and these concessions are usually over 30 years
- Bye-laws will be made in relation to the management and maintenance of the new cemetery in Enniscorthy.
- Enniscorthy Castle will open before the end of the year.
- The move to the new County Hall should take place by the end of the year.
- Car parking and landscaping at Gorey Civic Square will be completed by the time the Council occupies the building.
- Updated report on the overall cost of the building programme will be provided at the next meeting.

**Filling of Vacancy on HSE South created by the resignation of Councillor Anna Fenlon:**

The Members thanked Councillor A. Fenlon for her hard work as a member of HSE South, availing of every opportunity to progress health issues.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council agreed to nominate Councillor M. Kinsella as a member of HSE South to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor A. Fenlon.

**Proposal to Declare Roads to be Public Roads – Ballyhitt Lane, Barntown, Co. Wexford (Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993):**

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, and on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey, the Members approved the road listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

**Manager's Report on the Submissions on the Amendments to the Draft Gorey Town & Environs Local Area Plan 2010:**

The Members noted the Manager's Report on the submissions on the amendments to the Draft Gorey Town & Environs Local Area Plan 2010. On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Members adopted the plan.

The Members complimented the Director of Services, Planning and Development, and the Planning staff on their work on the preparation of the plan.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The Members noted the content of the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

- On the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the Protocol Committee meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Cody, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 16th July, 2010.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the Special New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 12th July, 2010.
- 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 19th July, 2010.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 6th July, 2010.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Special Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 3rd September, 2010.

### **Sealing of Documents:**

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

### **Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources regarding free to air.
- Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Transport regarding the Rosslare to Waterford rail line.

### **Any Other Business:**

#### **Planning Levies**

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, confirmed that outstanding planning levies are being actively pursued while noting that most of the outstanding levies are due in respect of individual houses.

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, explained that planning levies are applicable in case of a change of use which, for instance, involves additional parking or water usage.

#### **Taking in Charge of Housing Estates**

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services advised that the report on taking in charge of housing estates would be changed to make it more meaningful.

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, stated that the issue of payment of management charges is a private matter between the residents and the management company.

#### **Roads**

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services advised that the contractor is due back to complete work on the roundabout at Kents Cross.

#### **Higher Education Grants**

Mr. A. Doyle stated that the processing of applications for higher education grants is carried out in accordance with the Department of Education and Skills scheme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Deireadh Fómhair, 2010.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach

**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;
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; A. O'Neill, A/Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary.

**N30 Moneytucker to New Ross Road Project – Part 8 Process – Presentation by Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd:**

Mr. Stuart Nicol, Mr. Greg Haughton, Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd, Mr. Ronnie Basquill, NRA Design Office and Mr. Don Curtin, NRA Liaison Officer attended the meeting.

In a presentation to the meeting Mr. S. Nicol outlined details of the proposed road improvements of the N30 from Moneytucker to New Ross. He advised the meeting that the works would commence in the Townland of Rathgarogue at the western end of the New Ross By-pass, would by-pass the village of Clonroche and finish in the Townland of Moneytucker at a tie-in to the constructed Moneytucker to Jamestown Scheme.

Mr. Nicol also advised the Members of the process which had been followed since the Council meeting, on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 to date, and advised that the scheme complies with proper planning. He presented a map of the route, and briefly outlined the amendments made to the route, on foot of the observations received.

After the presentation, a brief question and answer session took place, and the Members were satisfied that the Consultants had resolved most of the issues raised prior to and during the public consultation.

The Members raised a number of issues which were dealt with by Mr. Nicol. It was agreed that the amendments to the road project following the public consultation process was a reasonable compromise which met the concerns of the affected parties.



The County Manager acknowledged the work and effort of the Consultants, the co-operation and assistance of the land owners and recommended approval of the revised proposal.

Following discussion on the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the meeting approved of the report circulated and the recommendation therein and agreed to advertise the necessary CPO in order to advance the project.

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Family of Leo Carthy, former Member of Wexford County Council
- Family of John Codd, father of Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
- Family of Noel Casey, former employee of Wexford County Council
- Family of Kathleen Nolan, mother of Tony Nolan, Housing Department
- Family of Tom Hickey, father of Ann Hickey, Library Services
- Family of Mr. Michael Kehoe, brother of Deputy Paul Kehoe.

The outstanding contribution over many years by the late Cllr. Leo Carthy to local democracy, community development, music, culture and the GAA was acknowledged by a number of tributes from his former colleagues.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

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

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

- Proposed disposal of lands at Creagh Demesne, Gorey, Co. Wexford to the Minister of Education and Science.

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

- Proposed disposal of land at No. 27 Hunter's Green, Gorey, Co. Wexford to Clyde Phayres & Magdalena Branka.

#### **County Manager's Report:**

The Members noted the County Manager's report as circulated. In response to a number of issues raised the County Manager advised the Council that:

- Progress on County Council Headquarters was satisfactory with likely completion towards year end.
- Completion and occupation of remaining buildings i.e. at Gorey Civic Square, County Council Offices and Library scheduled for October with library operational in November.
- Expenditure of approximately €850 million on major national road projects.
- Finance was unavailable to develop the Barrack Lane Project in New Ross.
- Construction of new library was ongoing with completion likely in May 2011.

The meeting also noted that work on both the Gorey/Courtown and Enniscorthy Main Drainage Schemes would likely commence in early to mid 2012.

#### **Adoption of Anti Social Behaviour Strategy:**

A draft strategy and policy statement on the prevention and elimination of anti social behaviour in local authority owned properties and estates was circulated. Following debate and having been advised by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, that the strategy was discussed and approved by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, the meeting approved and adopted the draft strategy as circulated.

#### **Policy on Permanent and Temporary Advertisement Signs on Public Roads:**

A draft policy on permanent and temporary signs on public roads was circulated to the meeting for consideration and adoption. The policy was prepared following a request from the Elected Members for standardisation of procedures in relation to signage on roads in the county.

Following discussion at which Members voiced concern at some aspects of the policy, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. P. Reck, the Council resolved to adopt the policy on a trial six month period subject to a reduction in the refundable cash deposit of €500 to €200.

**Capital Loan Subsidy Scheme at Esmonde Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford – Revised Loan Approval:**

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, submitted a report on the final account for the above scheme.

Following consideration of the report, on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Council resolved that pursuant to Section 6 of the Housing (Misc. Provision) Act 1992 and Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 to approve an increase in borrowings by €89,124 to €5,811,961 from the Housing Finance Agency.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The Members noted the contents of the minutes of the Corporate Policy Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor P. Cody, the Council approved the minutes of the Joint Policing Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

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 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Moore, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Economic & Social Development SPC meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Housing SPC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

**Congratulations:**

The Council expressed their best wishes and congratulations to the following:

- Enniscorthy Ladies Golf Team on their national success.
- Oulart the Ballagh who won the County Senior Hurling Championship and the Senior Camogie Final
- Bunclody Hurlers who won the County Intermediate Hurling Championship.
- Castletown who won the County Senior Football Championship, and Junior Championship.
- St. Mary's, Rosslare, who won the County Intermediate Football Championship.

**Proposed Airport Development at South Wicklow/North Wexford:**

Having been advised by the Chairman of a proposal to construct a major airport in South Wicklow/North Wexford, it was agreed that a presentation by the proposed developers be made at the County Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 8ú la de Samhain, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach.

**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;
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; A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary.

**Presentation – East Leinster International Airport Project.**

Mr. Anthony Martin, Chief Executive, and Mr. John Nugent, Director, East Leinster International Airport, attended the meeting, and Mr. Martin made a presentation of a proposal to develop a major airport on the South Wicklow/North Wexford border.

The presentation indicated that the proposed site was south of Arklow with the runway and other airport facilities stretching into North Wexford. Mr. Martin indicated that the cost of the project would be approximately €100m-€150m with substantial finance for the project already earmarked and in place. The extent of passenger activity was also outlined and the reasons as to why this site was suitable for the intended development. Following the presentation Mr. Martin and Mr. Nugent responded to a number of questions raised by the Members on the commencement, operation and long term viability of the airport project.

Following discussion, debate and a question and answers session the Council complimented the promoters on an excellent presentation and agreed unanimously to support the development of an international airport in North Wexford.

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- Family of Ned Quinn, father of Tracey Quinn and brother-in-law of Kevin Hurley, Executive Architectural Technician.
- Family of Pat Atkinson, father of Margaret Atkinson, former employee.
- Family of Bernard O'Brien, former CEO, Wexford Local Development.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**Best Wishes and Congratulations:**

The Council asked that their congratulations be conveyed to the following:

- Wexford Festival Opera following another successful event.
- Senior Camogie Players who were nominated as All-Stars.
- Oulart the Ballagh having won the Leinster Senior Camogie Club Championship.
- The three community groups who achieved success in the Pride of Place Competition - Taghmon, Tomhaggard and the Cornmarket Project.
- St. Joseph's GAA underage county champions
- Glynn Barntown GAA Club on its historical publication and achievements following its establishment 125 years ago.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

**Matters arising from Minutes:**

Cllr. D. MacPartlin requested that his opposition to the Council's decision at their last meeting on the adoption of permanent and temporary advertising signs on public roads be noted.

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

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

- Proposed disposal of land at No. 23 Hunter's Green, Gorey, Co. Wexford, to Brian Mulhall & Sheila McDonald.

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

- Proposed disposal of freehold interest of No. 31 The Faythe, Wexford, to John & Angela Reddy.

**Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010:**

**LAC0503 – Proposed erection of an outdoor activity centre, consisting of reception building, storage compound, boathouse, 2 no. climbing towers with twin zip wires running between towers, aerial trekking course and installation of a new septic tank with evapotranspiration (willow) treatment system and associated site works at Carrigfoyle Quarry, Shelmaliere Commons T.D., Forth E.D., County Wexford.**

Cllr. P. Reck raised a number of questions on the proposal to develop an adventure centre at Carrigfoyle Quarry, Forth Mountain, which were dealt with in response by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services.

Following discussion at which the Members expressed support for the development, on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council recommended proceeding with the proposed works outlined in the report circulated to the meeting and having noted that the Planning Section has confirmed that the proposed development was in accordance with the terms of the County Development Plan 2007-2013 and the proper planning and development of the area.

**County Manager's Report:**

The Members noted the County Manager's report as circulated and the current position with regard to the strategic growth programme, water services programme and activities on the civic buildings programme throughout the county. The County Manager commented on the current situation regarding the new Council Headquarters and Gorey Civic Centre, the completions which would be delayed following the placing of Pierse Contracting in voluntary liquidation. He advised that discussions were ongoing with the Bondsman and the Design Team with a view to making the necessary arrangements for completing the projects and he confirmed that the performance bonds in place were sufficient to complete both projects.

In response to questions raised by the Members he acknowledged the difficulties being experienced by a number of sub-contractors in this situation, outlined the extent of responsibility and obligations of the Local Authority and confirmed that arrangements for completion of the projects would be known in advance of the next meeting of the County Council.

**Overdraft Facility:**

The Members considered the report of Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance, dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2010. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Council resolved under Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 to extend the overdraft facility of €25m for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, having noted that the current approval for temporary borrowing by way of overdraft expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

**Budget Meeting 2011:**

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Council recommended the following proposed time schedule for the 2011 budget meetings.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – Budget Summary Position CPG Meeting**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – CPG Meeting December**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – December Council Meeting and Statutory Budget Meeting commencing at 10 am**

**Capital Assistance Scheme at Ballymoney House, Sea Road, Ballymoney, Gorey, Co. Wexford:**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Council resolved that pursuant to Section 6 of the Housing (Misc. Provision) Act 1992 and Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 to approve payment of the grant of €310,275 to Camphill Communities of Ireland.

**Capital Assistance Scheme at Ballaman, Tombrack, Ferns, Co. Wexford:**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Council resolved that pursuant to Section 6 of the Housing (Misc. Provision) Act 1992 and Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 to approve payment of the grant of €621,000 to New Dawn Housing Association.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

The Members noted the contents of the minutes of the Corporate Policy Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2010.

**Statutory Audit Report:**

A copy of the draft statutory audit report was circulated to the Members for their consideration. The report was circulated following the statutory audit of Wexford County Council financial accounts for 2009 by the Local Government Audit Service. The confidence of the report was noted by the meeting.

The County Council congratulated Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance, following success in competing for the position of Head of Finance which had become vacant following the retirement of Mr. Ger Mulvey.



**Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the Water Environment & Emergency SPC Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the Special New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

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 held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

**Notice of Motion:**

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

"That Wexford County Council hold a Special Meeting within two months to discuss the issue of unfinished and ghost estates in Co. Wexford. At that meeting, the scale of the problem in the County shall be outlined along with strategies to address outstanding problems."

Following discussion of the motion at which Members voiced concerns at families having to live in unfinished estates and the potential costs of completion to standards satisfactory to the Local Authority and having noted some inaccuracies in the recent published Department of Environment report on ghost estates it was agreed to identify the problem estates in each electoral area and to submit a report on the matter to each Electoral Area Committee for further consideration.

**Cllr. P. Codd:**

"We are all aware of Rosslare Europort contribution to the economic wellbeing of our area. I was surprised and disappointed to learn that during 2010 the escalator wasn't working, lights were switched off to save money and reduce carbon emissions, buffet bar was also closed. This in my opinion is unsatisfactory; I am asking Wexford County Council to put pressure on Iarnród Éireann to improve this situation ensuring it never happens again".

Following discussion with a view to improving the facilities to the public and passengers at Rosslare Harbour the Council requested that representatives of Iarnród Éireann be invited to the Council early in the new year in order to addressing the concerns of the Council and with a view to improving the necessary improvements for port users.

**Sealing of Documents:**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 13ú la de Nollaig, 2010.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 – 10.00 a.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

P. Codd;	K. Codd-Nolan;	P. Cody;	T. Dempsey;
K. Doyle;	A. Fenlon;	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; A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary, Maeve O'Brien, SEO.

**Apologies:**

Cllr. M. Byrne

**Expression of Sympathy:**

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Mr. Martin Quirke, father of Tony Quirke, Executive Engineer, Water Services, Mayglass
- The family of Elizabeth Buckley, mother of Billy Buckley, formerly of the Machinery Yard & grandmother of Liam Buckley, I.T.

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 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

**Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010:**

**LAC0504 – Erection of 16 social houses with associated site works at Cloughulatah T.D., Taghmon, E.D., Co. Wexford.**

The Members considered the report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, had no objection to the development proceeding.

**Manager's Report on the Submissions and Observations received on the Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016.**

The Director of Services Mr. E. Hore advised the meeting that the New Ross District Members and New Ross Town Council have approved amendments to the Draft New Ross Town and Environs Plan. The amendments are considered to be material and would therefore be placed on a final public display period once approved by the County Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy, the Council approved the proposed amendments to the Draft New Ross Town & Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 included in the Manager's Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and recommended that the proposed amendments be placed on final public display.

**Proposal to Declare Roads to be Public Roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000:**

- a. The Standing Stone, Clongeen, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- b. Phase 1 Clonattin Village, Gorey (including Clonattin Village Park), Co. Wexford.
- c. Bramble Park, Bridgetown, Co. Wexford.
- d. Stephen's Court & Dowsley's Barn, Stephensland, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- e. Hazelwood, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
- f. Millgreen, Millands, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
- g. Foxborough Park, Castlebridge, Co. Wexford. (excluding open spaces)

The Members considered a report of the Director of Services, Mr. A. Doyle, on a proposal to declare roads to be public roads dated 15.11.2010.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Council approved of the content of the report and recommended that the roads listed in the report be declared to be public roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

**Report of Corporate Policy Group:**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. P. Reck, the Members approved the Minutes of the CPG Meeting held on 06.12.10.

**Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, the Council approved the minutes of the Water, Environment & Emergency SPC Meeting held on 12.11.10.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor D. MacPartlin, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 29.10.10.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 26.11.10

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 12.10.10.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Moore, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 03.11.10.

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 held on 15.11.10.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of New Ross Town Council and New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 11.11.10.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of New Ross Town Council and New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 23.11.10.

**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.

**Notice Of Motion:**

**Councillors P. Cody, T. Howlin, G. Lawlor, R. Ireton:**

“Wexford Co. Council calls on the Government to recognise the unique and vital role of the Postal Service in Ireland, particularly rural Ireland, as a means of communication, as a vital economic tool and as an intrinsic part of the community.

Our Postal Service has a social value and an economic value, these must be properly protected as the Government drafts legislation to open the postal market to full competition. Postmen and women provide an important public service and also function as an integral part of the social fabric of their community, particularly for the elderly and the isolated citizens whose only human contact might be their post person. Furthermore An Post's extensive delivery and collection network, is an intrinsic part of the economic and business infrastructure of the country. Reaching every corner of the country and by delivering to every front door An Post is an essential partner in business from a marketing, payment collection and business generation point of view.

As Ireland prepares to liberalise its postal market it is essential that the Government acknowledges this important public service, ensures that the Universal Service Obligation is protected by legislation and does not allow the opening of the market to lead to wide spread job losses, social dumping and an erosion in service levels as had happened in other countries who have already opened their postal market to competition”.

**Councillors: Malcolm Byrne, John Hegarty, Robert Ireton,  
Michael Kinsella, Declan MacPartlin:**

“The recent bad weather has further emphasised both the economic and social value of the existing postal service. In the firm belief that the future needs of business and of the community as a whole will be best served by the maintenance of the service as currently operated we emphatically support the campaign of the postal workers to continue the existing national policy. In Article 9 of the Lisbon Treaty there is clear EU concern for the preservation of employment and for the social dimension to be central to any EU policy. This concern also exists in Recital 16 of the European Postal Directive which states that ‘Social considerations should be taken into due account when preparing the opening up of the postal market’.

Accordingly we the members of Wexford County Council urge the government to have regard to Article 9 of the Lisbon Treaty, Recital 16 of the European Postal Directive and the necessity to avoid any undermining of the existing universal Service Obligation in transposing the EU's ‘Third Postal Directive’ into Irish law. This is necessary to ensure that the private sector is not facilitated in cherry picking the more remunerative postal services as has happened in other countries which have liberalised their postal services. This should not be permitted to happen in Ireland with resultant damage to the present community friendly and efficient state postal service.

The above motions were agreed by the Council.

**Any Other Business:**

**Snow Clearance:**

The meeting discussed the response of the Local Authority in snow clearance and related matters during the recent difficult weather conditions. Having accepted the necessity of clearing national primary roads and a number of regional routes and noting the limitations on resources the meeting agreed to a proposal that where available the assistance of those in the rural communities in the county be utilised in snow clearance, salting and gritting of rural roads.

The Council complimented the employees and staff and others who assisted in snow clearance in the county.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 10ú la de Eanair, 2011.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

***Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting of  
Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – 10:30 a.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford***

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**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Councillor M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

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; A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary, Maeve O'Brien, SEO.

**Apologies:**

Cllr. M. Byrne.

**Efficiency Review:**

Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, made a presentation to the meeting of the Wexford Local Authorities position and recommendations arising from the efficiency review of Local Government announced in the Government Budget for 2010. In his presentation the Director of Services outlined the background to the review whose terms of reference were to examine cost base, expenditure and numbers employed in Local Authorities and he also outlined the approach adopted by Wexford Local Authorities in the matter.

The Local Efficiency Review Group comprises the DOS Corporate Affairs, Head of Finance, Financial Accountant, Senior Planner, Senior Engineer Roads, SEO Personnel and Internal Auditor. The Director of Services in his report and presentation summarised the recommendations and response of Wexford Local Authorities encompassing 106 recommendations in total arising from the review process. The Director of Services confirmed that in addition to the recommendations outlined efficiencies were being investigated, examined and undertaken in the following areas:

- Advertising – Newspaper and Radio
- Telephones
- Parking
- Legal Services



- Resource Efficiencies – Energy/Postage/Stationary/Printing
- Travel & Subsistence
- Training
- Payroll – Rationalisation Town Councils/Overtime/Sick Pay
- Machinery/Equipment
- Public Lighting
- Cleaning Services

Following discussion the meeting asked that consideration be given to Councillors representation on the Efficiency Review Group. A number of initiatives in efficiencies in the waste collection and disposal service and other areas were noted and discussed.

### **Budget 2011:**

The County Manager advised the meeting that the 2011 Budget provided for gross revenue expenditure of €107.5m. He further advised of overall reductions in expenditure and income on the 2010 Budget and highlighted an over expenditure of €2m on roads. The County Manager confirmed that the Budget for 2011 was framed in difficult and challenging economic times for all and proposed retaining the rate in the pound at 2010 levels and reducing the cost of commercial water by 4%, with no changes in other charges for 2011. The County Manager recommended the Budget to the Council.

The Council considered the detailed proposals of the Budget and were taken through each programme of expenditure and income by Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance.

### **Division A – Housing and Building**

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

The Director of Services, Mr. T. Larkin, in response to questions raised advised:

1. Tenant Purchase of Local Authority Dwellings would cease in 2012 and advice will issue to householders in the new year. Those who make efforts to meet rent payments will be assisted by the Local Authority.
2. Reduced activity in the issue of housing loans.
3. County Council will be given details of incremental purchase scheme in the new year.
4. The assessment of housing need was ongoing.
5. The allocation for dealing with homelessness was adequate.
6. Varying housing response with emphasis now on leasing to meet housing need.
7. RAS and leasing would provide approximately 220-230 units of accommodation in 2011.

### **Division B – Road Transport and Safety**

The Members considered the expenditure and income provisions under services B01 to B11.

In response to the Members the County Manager indicated that the Budget was compiled on the understanding of a continuation of 2010 road grant levels and he expressed concern at the possibility of a 25% reduction in grant support following publication of the national budget.

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

1. No financial provision for footpaths.
2. Council road restoration was now a 27/28 year cycle.
3. Over expenditure of €2m on 2010 roads activities.
4. Council contribution to roads expenditure between 30-40%.
5. PPP Costs – not an issue for the County Council.
6. Public lighting maintenance may have to be reviewed.

### **Division C – Water Services:**

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

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

1. The cost and benefits of developing a sludge centre.
2. The County Council maintained only of 1 superloo, other public conveniences being of standard construction.

### **Division D – Development Management:**

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

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

1. The costs incurred in the preparation and publishing of statutory plans.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised on the specific contributions for tourism promotion to Fáilte Ireland (SE), Wexford Tourism, Gorey Community Fund and other tourism projects.

**Division E – Environmental Services:**

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

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

1. Reduction in revenue from Holmestown Landfill due to reducing usage by commercial operators.
2. On the costs of operating the Litter Warden Service and litter enforcement costs.

**Division F – Recreation and Amenity:**

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

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised

1. There was provision in the budget to maintain playgrounds needing attention.
2. The recreational development allocation was to support Sports Development Officers and to assist in developing sports programmes.
3. On the costs and operation of the Library Service.

**Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare:**

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

**Division H – Miscellaneous Services:**

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

**Adoption of Budget 2011:**

Following discussion by the Members it was proposed by Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, that Wexford County Council adopt for the financial year ending 31 December, 2011, the draft budget as set out in tables A to F 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 for the financial year ending 31 December 2011, the general annual rate on valuation as set out in tables A and C.

The proposal was unanimously agreed by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary.

Daingnithe ar an \_\_\_\_\_la de Eanáir, 2011.

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