

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 10th January, 2011 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. Codd; 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; M. Sheehan; O. Walsh.

Apologies: Councillors P. Reck;

Officials: Messrs: A. Doyle, Deputy County Manager, T. Larkin,
E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
N.McDonnell, County Secretary.

Welcome:

The Chairman, Councillor M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach, welcomed the Members to the first meeting of the year.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Mrs. Anne O'Mahony, grandmother of Conor Cullen, People Newspaper
- The family of Gillian Casey, wife of Paddy Casey, Casey Concrete

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

The Members expressed their congratulations to the participants in the Pride of Place Competition and in particular the success of Taghmon Action Group.

The Members also expressed their congratulations to Wexford Borough Council in their success in the IBAL Awards.

Update and Presentation on the provision of services during recent severe weather:

Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, made a presentation to the meeting on the Water and Environment services response during the recent severe weather. In his presentation Mr. McGuigan referred to the successful inter-agency co-ordination nationally, regionally and countywide. He outlined how the severe weather response plan was activated for the duration of the poor weather, that Wexford County Council Crisis Team was formed and met as required with regular South East Radio interviews and updates. He acknowledged the efforts of the Civil Defence Volunteers, the Roads, Housing and Fire Services Staff and the excellent working relationship with the Urban Authorities.

In addition to the Refuse Collection being severely disrupted, he highlighted the severe problems that occurred following the thaw with water scarcity in Castlebridge, Oilgate, Curraclloe, Gorey, Kilmuckridge, The Hook and Enniscorthy Town.

He acknowledged the excellent work of the staff in locating and fixing leaks and maintaining services despite dramatically increased water usage. He confirmed that a significant number of leaks were on the public supply but the overwhelming problems and number of leaks were generally on the customer side with problems being caused by shallow service pipes, un-insulated internal plumbing and temporarily vacated businesses and homes. Communication with the public was maintained by a 24 hour call centre, by the use of the web page and twitter in addition to South East Radio updates and interview and advice on the County Council website.

In conclusion he advised that generally the public should check their water meters, turn off the water supply and insulate pipes and fittings in order to prevent the reoccurrence of problems in any further cold spell.

The Director of Service, Mr. Adrian Doyle, made a presentation to the meeting on the Roads Section response during the recent severe weather. He highlighted the priority given to the national routes and a section of the regional roads during the severe weather. He confirmed that over 3,200 tonnes of salt were spread on Priority 1 and 2 routes and that 10,000 tonnes of salt were spread on the non-national roads. He confirmed that there were no closures on the national routes and that 5 gritting trucks were operational from 4am to 12 midnight each day for over 30 days continuously. The Director outlined the current resources both internal and external available to the Local Authority in combating the problems encountered with severe snow and ice. The use of Glanbia and Wexford Farmers Co-Op depots throughout the county were invaluable in facilitating the delivery of grit to rural areas. Arrangements have also now been made to purchase 3 snow blades to be based at the Machinery Yard, the new salt barn was under construction at Whitemill, Wexford which will increase storage from 500 tonnes to 1500 tonnes and 15 snow blades were being made available to agricultural contractors for use countywide.

He acknowledged the importance of removing snow as soon as possible, that more salt storage facilities were required and the importance of the Town Council's working with local business to clear footpaths. An improved co-ordination of the school transport system was also essential. He indicated that it would now be necessary to review the Blizzard Plan in order to encompass non-national roads, main towns and areas of economic importance in the county.

Both the Directors of Services responded to a number of questions raised by the Members following the presentation. The Members acknowledged the works carried out by the Council Staff during the Christmas period and also acknowledged the efforts of the wider community in helping clear footpaths, roadways, and their general good neighborliness.

During discussion the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Kinsella, referred to the importance of the road from Craanford to Gorey and requested that a traffic survey of the road be carried out which would highlight the usage and importance of this roadway to the public traveling from South Wicklow to Wexford. It was agreed that the essential targeting of areas of economic importance in any future emergency was essential.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th December, 2010.

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on 13th December, 2010.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor P. Cody, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 17th December, 2010.
- On the proposal of Councillor B. Ireton, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 23rd November, 2010.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

There was no correspondence to be noted.

Notice of Motion:

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"In light of its failure to reform, Wexford County Council calls for the abolition of Seanad Eireann"

Following discussion on this motion Cllr. K. Doyle proposed and Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded that the calls for the abolition of the Seanad be determined by the general public through a referendum. The amendment was then put to the meeting where 14 voted in favour and 4 against. This amendment was carried.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. MacPartlin seconded by Cllr. B. Ireton:

"The Members of Wexford County Council believing that a reformed Seanad Eireann will be a vital contributor to maintaining democracy in Ireland opposes the proposal by a number of political parties to abolish the upper house of Parliament."

Following discussion this motion was put to the meeting and following a vote was carried.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, informed that meeting that everything possible would be done to ensure that families experiencing mortgage difficulties would be assisted in maintaining home ownership. He also advised that tenants of local authority dwellings would be advised of changes in the tenant purchase scheme and rental purchase. The Director confirmed that long term leasing would be used to acquire housing subject to capital funding being available.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

Mr. A. Doyle, Deputy County Manager, advised that the new library in the Gorey Civic Square would be completed by the end of January/early February with lending of books commencing in late February.

Roads Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Feabhra, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 14th February, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cathaoirleach

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

Apologies: Councillor K. Codd-Nolan;

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

Presentation by Mr. John Lynch, General Manager, Rosslare Europort:

In response to expressions of concern by the elected members on the lack of facilities available to passengers using the port terminal at Rosslare Harbour and following an invitation, Mr. John Lynch, General Manager, Rosslare Europort, attended the meeting.

In an address to the meeting Mr. Lynch stated that for reasons related to Health & Safety the use of the passenger escalator was interrupted occasionally, that energy saving measures reduced the level of lighting and to date a suitable tenant was not acquired for the buffet bar/cafeteria. He referred to the retail and passenger facilities that were available to port users and outlined plans for re-furbishment of the terminal building and port infrastructure. Mr. Lynch informed the meeting that over the past 22 years the ports activities had generated surplus funds of €63.5 m with €66m being re-invested in the port from profits generated. The Port Manager responded to a number of questions raised by the members on the use of sustainable energy in the port terminal, the re-location of the main station, the need to make the port more attractive for additional freight traffic, cruise liners and on the re-investment of profit with €8m being spent on a roll on roll off berth within the past 2 years. He outlined the necessity of improved access to the port through planned road schemes which would allow the port compete with Dublin and Bellview in Waterford. Plans to deepen the berth in the port to 9.2m would cost approximately €40-€50m.

The Cathaoirleach Mr. Michael Kinsella thanked Mr. Lynch for attending and looked forward to the ports expansion, improvement and continuing significant contribution to employment and economic activity in Co. Wexford.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Kathleen Kinsella, grandmother of Cllr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach.
- The family of Liam Duignan, father of Jane Duignan, IT Department.
- The family of Margaret Finn, mother of Angela Finn, IT Department.
- The family of Mary Bennett, mother of Oliver Bennett, Water Services Inspector, New Ross Area.
- The family of Kevin Quinlan, former Engineer, Wexford County Council and Enniscorthy Town Council.
- The families of those who lost their lives in the recent Cork Airport accident.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated Daniel Furlong, Taghmon, who is competing in the All Ireland Talent Show.

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 10th January, 2011.

County Manager's Report:

The County Manager in a report submitted to the meeting advised of the current position regarding the Strategic Roads, Water Services and Civic Building Programmes. He welcomed the allocation of €24m to assist with the purchase of lands for the Enniscorthy and New Ross By Passes in addition to responding to queries on the likely time frame for the development of these important road schemes. He expected that the preferred route for the Oylegate to Rosslare Harbour Road would be announced in July.

Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of lands at Castlebridge, Wexford – lease agreement to Castlebridge Community Development Co-operative Society Ltd

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010:

- **LAC0502** – Construction of an Access Platform on top of the existing Water Intake Structure on the Pollmounty River at Ballyleigh TD., Ballyanne ED, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. N. McGuigan, Director of Services, dated 4th February, 2011, and on the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, had no objection to the development proceeding.

Manager's Report on the Submissions and Observations received on the Proposed Amendments to the Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016:

The Members considered the Manager's Report on the submissions and observations received on the proposed amendments to the Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy the Council adopted the Draft New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016.

Draft Bye-Laws for the Management of Enniscorthy Burial Ground:

The Members considered the Draft Bye-Laws for the Management of Enniscorthy Burial Ground as submitted to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh, the Members adopted the Enniscorthy Bye-Laws for the Management of Enniscorthy Burial Ground.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the contents of the CPG Meeting of 7th February, 2011.

Plant Replacement Programme:

A report was circulated to the meeting confirming that plant costing in the region of €1.5m under the plant replacement programme for 2011 was being sought. It was proposed to finance the purchase by way of lease over a period of 5 years.

Following consideration of the report on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd the Council resolved that plant costing €1.5m be financed by way of lease over 5 years.

Minutes of Meetings:

- 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 22nd December, 2010.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 6th January, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 17th January, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 21st January, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Housing SPC Meeting of 31st January, 2011.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

There was no correspondence to be noted.

Notice of Motion:

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That in the event of the introduction of a property tax and/or water charges, that local authorities be responsible for the collection, administration and expenditure relating to such measures as part of the process of putting local government funding on a sound financial footing."

Following discussion and contributions by Members to a debate on the motion it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

Cllr. M. Byrne:

The motion below was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

"That Wexford County Council would develop a policy that would make meetings and activities more accessible to the general public and would put in place measures to support greater participation by sectors that are underrepresented at County Council level."

This motion was defeated following a vote of 4 in favour and 6 against following debate.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised dealt with by the Director of Services. The Director of Services briefed the meeting on the land aggregation scheme and advised that formal notices under Section 183 regarding disposal of lands would be tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Arising from a discussion on the Public Realm Plan for Gorey the Director of Services suggested that a deputation from Gorey Rangers should meet the Gorey Electoral Area Committee in order to address any ongoing concerns with the plan on its proposals.

Roads Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members regarding the specific allocation for road improvements at Camolin, the taking in charge of housing developments and other road related matters.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members and highlighted the level of activity in pursuing cases of enforcement under planning legislation. The Members expressed concern at the number of adjournments granted in ongoing planning enforcement cases in the county.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 14 de Márta, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

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Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cathaoirleach

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

Apologies: Councillor T. Howlin;

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

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Willie Carr, brother of Tommy Carr, former Councillor.
- The family of Aidan Ffrench, father of Audrey Ffrench, Planning Enforcement.
- The families of all those who lost their lives in the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The Council asked that a book of condolences be opened to allow the Wexford people express their sympathy to the Japanese families who lost relatives and loved ones in the recent tragedy.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated all those who stood and were recently elected to the Dáil and paid particular tribute to Brendan Howlin, TD, and Paul Kehoe, TD, on their elevation to ministerial office. The Members also complimented those who had stood for election and were unsuccessful in addition to wishing the Cathaoirleach well in his campaign for a Senate seat in the Seanad Elections.

The Members also congratulated Daniel Furlong, Taghmon, who is competing in the All Ireland Talent Show and wished him well in the final stages.

The Council complimented the officials on their work in completing the recent Dáil election count.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14th February, 2011.

It was agreed to amend the minutes to include the apologies received on that date from Cllr. J. Moore.

County Manager's Report:

The County Manager in a report submitted to the meeting advised of the current position regarding the Strategic Roads, Water Services and Civic Building Programmes. He confirmed that the new county hall would be completed at the end of April/early May with transfer of office staff and general administration by the end of June. The Members also noted the current position regarding the new library at Mallin Street, the completion of which would likely be re-tendered. The Manager also informed the meeting that the new library at the Gorey Civic Offices was being stocked with likely lending to the general public by the end of March. The Manager also confirmed that any additional unforeseen costs in completing the Gorey Civic Centre and the New Council Headquarters would be met by the insurance bond and bondsman. The Manager also responded to a number of questions raised by the Members on the current position of the Gorey and Enniscorthy Main Drainage projects.

Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor B. Ireton, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed grant of way leave and right of way at Graiguemore, Bunclody, Co. Wexford to Wexwind Ltd, 53 Glashule Road, Sandycove, County Dublin.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Councillor B. Ireton, the Council resolved to dispose of land as follows in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of lands under the Land Aggregation Scheme from Wexford County Council to Housing and Sustainable Communities Ltd.

Proposal to Declare Roads to be Public Roads at

- **Bayview, Poulshone, Courtown Hbr, Co. Wexford.**
- **The Orchard, Bellefield, Enniscorthy (to include access road)**
- **The Clovers, Fethard on Sea, Co. Wexford**
- **Carrigmannon Woods, Glynn, Co. Wexford (to exclude individual sewerage treatment plants and associated percolation areas)**

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 17th February, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, the Members approved the roads listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

2011 Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme for Long-Standing Tenants:

The Director of Services for Housing, Community & Enterprise, Mr. T. Larkin, circulated a report on the 2011 Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme for Long-Standing Tenants. The report outlined the provisions of the scheme and advised that all tenants would be informed of the availability of the scheme over the next few months. Having considered the contents of the report and the scheme and having noted the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group, on the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council adopted the 2011 Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme for Long-Standing Tenants as circulated at the meeting.

Draft Annual Report 2010:

A copy of the Draft Annual Report for 2010 was circulated to the meeting for their consideration. On the proposal of Councillor B. Ireton, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved of the content of the Draft Annual Report as circulated and recommended that arrangements be made for the publication of the final report.

Deferred Notice of Motion:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"That in the event of the introduction of a property tax and/or water charges, that local authorities be responsible for the collection, administration and expenditure relating to such measures as part of the process of putting local government funding on a sound financial footing."

Following discussion and debate of this motion, the motion was put to the meeting where it was defeated when 6 voted in favour and 11 against.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the contents of the report of the Corporate Policy Group which was held on 7th March, 2011.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor J. Moore, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 2nd March, 2011.
- 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 14th February, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of New Ross Town Council and New Ross Electoral Area Committee of 7th February, 2011
- On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee meeting of 18th February, 2011.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

There was no correspondence to be noted.

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle:

“That this Council convenes a job summit with the relevant stakeholders to devise a strategy to promote local indigenous businesses and attract foreign investment to County Wexford. Furthermore, we encourage the new administration to review the National Spatial Strategy as a matter of priority to give provincial towns a chance to attract employment”.

Following discussion and debate of this motion, the motion was put to the meeting where it was defeated when 8 voted in favour and 11 against.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. B. Ireton:

“In response to the ongoing crisis in the condition of our County roads network and the repeated cutback in Government funding that Wexford County Council adopts a strategic and appropriate action plan to address the issues in the management of our road network”.

Following discussion and debate on this motion at which it was agreed to amend the motion by the addition and “that the County Council send a deputation to meet the Minister for Transport”, the motion was then put to the meeting where it was unanimously agreed.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were dealt with by the Director of Services.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were dealt with by the Director of Services.

Roads Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

The Director responded to queries raised by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Aibrean, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

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Attendance:

In the Chair:	Cllr. Michael 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; O. Walsh.
Apologies:	Councillor P. Reck, Councillor M. Sheehan
Officials:	Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; N.McDonnell, County Secretary.

Presentation Map Alerter.com System:

Ms. Catherine Kavanagh, IT Department, in a presentation made to the meeting advised that Wexford County Council is now a member of the Map Alerter.com network. This service provides instant alerts to people living throughout the county by way of sms text message, email and phone call. Registration to this service is free and it costs nothing to receive these alerts on local flooding, water service disruptions, boil water notifications, road work alerts, road accident alerts, road salting & gritting alerts, severe weather warnings, oil spills etc and other local information on parades, festivals and public events. Ms. Kavanagh confirmed that alerts will be issued by all Councils within County Wexford and to date 403 locations had registered for the service within the county. Interested parties could now register by visiting www.mapalerter.com/wexford. The Cathaoirleach Councillor M. Kinsella thanked Ms. Kavanagh for the presentation and warmly welcomed this new service to the public.

Annual Leave Entitlement County Manager:

In response to recent coverage in the national media concerning the holiday entitlements of Senior Local Authority Staff the County Manager advised the meeting that his annual leave entitlement was 29 days which was not always availed of due to difficult pressures in business and he confirmed that he was satisfied with his leave entitlement.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Denis (Dinny) Kavanagh, Foreman, Gorey Town.
- The family of Ann O'Grady, wife of Michael O'Grady, Road Foreman, St. Leonard's Area.
- The family of Kathleen O'Sullivan, mother of Catherine Coade, Machinery Yard and Paddy O'Sullivan, Senior General Services Supervisor Gorey.
- The family of Elizabeth (Lily) Webster, mother of Charlie Webster, Enniscorthy District Office.
- The family of John Kennedy, father of Caroline Kennedy, Finance Dept and brother of Geraldine Kennedy, Enniscorthy District Office.
- The family of Andrew Doyle, Barntown, former Road Ganger with Wexford County Council.
- The family of Constable Ronan Kerr, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, a member of the Police Service for Northern Ireland. The Council condemned those responsible for the death of Constable Ronan Kerr and asked that their wishes be conveyed to Omagh District Council expressing the Council's solidarity with the people of Omagh and the Kerr family.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated Adam Nolan, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, on winning a senior boxing title and the U21 Footballers for their success in the Leinster Championship.

The Council also complimented Dr. Patrick Prendergast on his elevation to the Office of Provost, Trinity College and asked that he be invited to address a future meeting of the Local Authority.

Compliments were also paid to the Council Officials and all those who were involved in the annual organising of the People of the Year Awards. Mr. Daniel Furlong's success was again acknowledged and compliments were made to the National Ploughing Association and their efforts in having the National Ploughing Championships located to Ballinabola, New Ross in 2012.

In conclusion the Members thanked the organisers of the Skyfest for a wonderful evening's entertainment in Wexford and the success of this event in promoting Wexford nationally.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14th March, 2011.

County Manager's Report:

The County Manager in a report submitted to the meeting advised of the current position regarding the Strategic Roads, Water Services and Civic Building Programme ongoing in the county. The meeting noted that an announcement in June was likely for the proposed preferred route for the by-pass of Wexford from Rosslare and that plans were progressing for the acquisition of land for the Enniscorthy By-Pass. The Manager's Report confirmed that the road improvements on the N80 Moneytucker to New Ross was deferred and that plans for construction of the Enniscorthy Main Drainage on a design, build and operate had been agreed by the DOE. The Manager also informed the meeting that progress was satisfactory on the New Council Headquarters at Carriglawn with completion early in May and occupation during June and that the opening of the new library in the Gorey Civic Buildings was imminent. The refurbished Enniscorthy Library is also due to be opened in early May. The County Manager responded to a number of questions raised by the Members regarding the public procurement process for the Enniscorthy and New Ross By-Passes, the likely time frame for the procurement of tenders for completion of the new library at Mallin Street and the time frame for the commencement and construction of the Gorey and Enniscorthy Main Drainage Scheme.

Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

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

- **Proposed disposal of land at Pugin Park, Tagoat, County Wexford to John and Jane O'Brien, 2 Pugin Park, Tagoat, County Wexford.**

Proposal to Declare Roads to be Public Roads at

- **Castlemanor, Castlelands, Ferns, Co. Wexford.**
- **Castlepark, Fethard on Sea, Co. Wexford.**

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 24th March, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Members approved the roads listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Section 85 Agreement between Westmeath County Council and Wexford County Council for rehabilitation works on Killinick Bridge (WX-N25-004)

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Council resolved to enter into an agreement in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 with Westmeath County Council for rehabilitation works on Killinick Bridge (WX-N25-004).

Wexford County Council Draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws Enniscorthy Town & Environs made under the Control of Horses Act 1996

The Members considered the Wexford County Council Draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws Enniscorthy Town & Environs made under the Control of Horses Act 1996 and resolved to adopt the bye-laws on the proposal of Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Pat Codd.

Annual Financial Statement 2010:

The Annual Financial Statement of Wexford County Council for 2010 was submitted to the meeting. Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance, summarised the content of the report for the meeting which set out the assets and liabilities of the Council as of 31st December 2010. The report outlined details of the income and expenditure account for revenue for the year and performances against budget. The Head of Finance outlined the impact of the economic downturn and the challenging financial environment for the Council over the coming years in maintaining income and expenditure within budgetary limits while continuing to provide improved services countywide. The areas of additional expenditure itemised in tables 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the report circulated were discussed with the Head of Finance and questions raised by Members were addressed by Ms. O'Neill and the County Manager.

Following consideration of the Annual Financial Statement 2010 and the report submitted by the Head of Finance, On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the meeting formally approved in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 of the additional expenditure outlined in tables 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 in addition to the budget adjustment in respect of road grants totaling €1.946m

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the contents of the report of the Corporate Policy Group which was held on 4th April, 2011.

In response to questions raised on the facilities for the Councillors in the new Council Headquarters at Carriglawn the County Manager informed the Members of the improved facilities to be provided in the new Council Buildings for the elected members.

Notice of Motion:

Proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy:

"That Wexford County Council calls for the broadening of the revenue base of local authorities to reduce the dependency on commercial rates".

Proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy:

"That Wexford County Council in preparing our Budget for 2012 would prioritise the reduction of commercial rates and seek to ensure that it is as business friendly as possible".

Following the discussion on the content of these 2 motions at which the various opposing views were expressed by the Elected Members the following amended composite motion was agreed unanimously by the Members present:

"That Wexford County Council calls for the broadening of the revenue base of local authorities to reduce the dependency on commercial rates and that Wexford County Council in preparing its budget for 2012 would prioritise the reduction of commercial rates and remain as business friendly as possible".

The amended composite motion was agreed unanimously on the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. MacPartlin.

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 2nd March, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee meeting of 14th March, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 16th March, 2011
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 26th January, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 23rd February, 2011.

- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Water, Environment and Emergency Services SPC Meeting of 25th March, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Economic and Social Development SPC of 18th February, 2011

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

There was no correspondence to be noted.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were dealt with by the Director of Services. The Director Mr. Tony Larkin circulated to the meeting a report on the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 which informed the Members that the income limit under the above regulations have been amended to €30,000 for single persons and €36,000 for 3 adults and 4 children. The Director also circulated a copy of the Social Housing Household Means Policy and Guidance Notes. The changes provided for in the regulations were welcomed by the Members.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services for Community & Enterprise was circulated to the meeting. The Members discussed a progress report on "Positioning Wexford for the Upturn" which was submitted to the Economic & Social Development SPC in April 2011. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin the meeting recommended that an item "Economic Strategy for County Wexford" be listed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Roads Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were responded to by the Director of Services Mr. A. Doyle.

The County Manager confirmed that work was likely to start on the N11 from the Beehive to the Ballinamesta bends in County Wicklow under PPP Project which was ahead of the proposal for national road developments in County Wexford. He also advised that following the very severe winter weather that work would be progressed on county roads improvements and he was confident in the long term that the situation would be retrieved.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and the Director Mr. Niall McGuigan responded to various queries raised by the Members.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Mr. Eamonn Hore, Director of Services, responded to a number of queries raised by the Members.

The Members expressed disappointed on the lack of applications for the support of Protect Structures in the County.

Community Grants Scheme 2011:

A schedule of the organisation and their level of funding allocated under the Community Grants Scheme was circulated to the meeting and noted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Aibreán, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 9th May, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair:	Cllr. Michael 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, N. McGuigan, Directors of Services; Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; Mr. D. Houston, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. N. McDonnell, County Secretary.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Mae Hegarty, mother of Cllr. John Hegarty.
- The family of Nora O'Rourke, mother of Jimmy O'Rourke, Irish National Heritage Park and mother-in-law of Tina O'Rourke, Water Charges.
- The Byrne and Rafter families Ballindaggin on their recent tragic loss

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

The Council requested that a letter be issued to the Wexford Members of the Inshore Rescue Services RNLI acknowledging the important part played in helping to avert a potential tragedy over the past weekend on the River Slaney.

The meeting also congratulated Niall McGuigan, Director of Services, who was attending his last County Council Meeting. Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cathaoirleach, led the tributes to Mr. McGuigan whom he knew to be a competent, kind, courteous, hard working and enthusiastic public official. He wished Mr. McGuigan and his family many years of happiness and contentment in retirement.

The other Members present concurred with the Cathaoirleach's congratulations and best wishes and acknowledged the worthwhile and valuable contribution that Mr. McGuigan had given to the Council and to the people of County Wexford.

The County Manager also agreed with the Cathaoirleach and Councillors and wished Mr. McGuigan well in retirement, thanked him for the support he had given him over the past 7 years and wished Niall and his wife Mary and family many happy, healthy and contented years in retirement.

In response Mr. McGuigan thanked the Councillors for their co-operation and helpfulness over many years, acknowledged the excellence of the staff both indoor and outdoor whom he had the pleasure of working with and looked forward to retirement with the many friends and acquaintances he had formed during his employment in County Wexford.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11th April, 2011.

County Manager's Report:

The County Manager in a report submitted to the meeting advised of the current position regarding the Strategic Roads, Water Services and Civic Building Programme ongoing in the county. The Manager advised that work was progressing satisfactorily at the New Council Headquarters, Carriglaw, Wexford, and progress since the last meeting of the Local Authority indicated the work would be completed in mid June with occupation then immediately commencing. The meeting were also advised by the County Manager that contract documents were prepared for work on the New Ross Quays with a start likely early in September. He also informed the meeting that the refurbished Enniscorthy Castle had been opened on Friday 6th May with in excess of 700 visitors over the weekend.

In conclusion the Manager stated that the Council's Civic Building Programme which was started in difficult times was progressing satisfactorily, had made a significant contribution to the economy in County Wexford and would continue to assist and play its part in the economic life of the county. In response the Members expressed their satisfaction and pride in the completed Enniscorthy Castle, congratulated all involved and encouraged the promotion of this project nationally as a living museum. The successful completion and opening of the Civic Buildings and Civic Square in Gorey was also the subject of praise and that the Members also acknowledged the collaborative nature of this development with the other agents of the state and primarily the County VEC who were instrumental in getting this project off the ground.

Arising from a discussion on the Water Services Programme and in particular the Enniscorthy Main Drainage Scheme at which the issue of the project being completed in the traditional manner or by means of a design, build and operate process on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the County Council recommended that the Enniscorthy Main Drainage

Scheme should not be further advanced pending a direction from the current government administration on how the Local Authority should be operating this and other similar projects.

The County Manager responded to a number of questions raised by the Members regarding the Quayside and Library Improvement in New Ross, the acquisition of property arising from the delayed Moneytucker to Corcoran's Cross road improvement works and the likely time scale for the completion of the new library at Mallin Street, Wexford.

Annual Meeting:

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council on Monday 27th June 2011 at 11.30 a.m. The meeting also agreed to the formal opening of the New County Hall on that date.

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:

- *Shingan, Shingaun, Milehouse Road, Enniscorthy*
- *Clonmaine Estate, Rosslare Strand, Co. Wexford*
- *Ballyvaloo Lane, Blackwater, Co. Wexford*
- *Courtown Cove, Courtown, Co. Wexford.*
- *Oakwood Ramstown Lower, Gorey (to exclude storm & foul sewers)*

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 29th April, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh, the Members approved the roads listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Notice of Motion:

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council agrees to nominate David Norris to be permitted to contest the office of President of Ireland".

Following discussion of this motion and having been advised of correspondence received from Senator Norris seeking the support of the Local Authority it was unanimously agreed that Senator David Norris be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting of the County Council and in the event of Mr. Sean Gallagher seeking the support of the Local Authority for a nomination that he also be invited to the next meeting by way of presentation to the Local Authority.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the contents of the report of the Corporate Policy Group which was held on 3rd May, 2011.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor J. Moore, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee meeting of 6th April, 2011.
- 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 11th April, 2011.
- 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 15th April, 2011
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor B. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee meeting of 25th March, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor B. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC Meeting of 24th March, 2011.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were dealt with by the Director of Services Mr. T. Larkin.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services for Community & Enterprise was circulated to the meeting. The meeting congratulated the Director and all staff concerned in developing the recently launched "Wexford Web Portal" which in effect has integrated a number of web sites covering business, tourism and local government services and helps to promote County Wexford as a place to visit, locate business within or reside.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and the Director Mr. Niall McGuigan responded to various queries raised by the Members.

Arising from a discussion on the vandalism of lifebuoys on Wexford Bridge on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the Council recommended that a meeting be arranged with the Wexford Inshore RNLI with a view to providing additional safety facilities in the environs of Wexford Harbour.

Roads Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were responded to by the Director of Services Mr. A. Doyle.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Executive Planner, responded to a number of questions raised by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Meitheamh, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 11th July, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cathaoirleach

Councillors: M. Byrne; P. Codd; K. Codd-Nolan, 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.

Apologies: Cllr. P. Cody; Cllr. M. Kinsella;

Officials: Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle,
E. Hore, E. Taaffe, M. O'Brien, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. N. McDonnell, County Secretary.

Presentation by Dr. Pat Jones:

In seeking a nomination from Wexford County Council to allow him to participate in the election for President, Dr. Pat Jones made a presentation to the meeting. Dr. Jones in his address to the meeting outlined why he intended running for the office of President, summarised his achievements and sought the support of the Local Authority in order to allow him to participate in the Presidential Election. Following a number of questions from the Members on the content of his address Dr. Jones withdrew from the meeting having been thanked by the Chairman for attending.

It was also agreed to facilitate any further potential candidates seeking the nomination of the Local Authority by way of an address to the September County Council Meeting.

Welcome New Council Headquarters:

Cllr. O. Walsh, Cathaoirleach, welcomed the Members to the first meeting in the new Council buildings. He outlined the history of the Old County Hall, the reasons which necessitated the move to a more modern building and complimented the design team Nord and all other contractors and consultants who were involved in progressing the project to completion. He considered the New Headquarters to be a vote of confidence in the future of local government, County Wexford and its people.

The County Manager acknowledged the foresight of the previous Council and their decision to move to a new site with a modern building. He also thanked Nord Architecture, Mulcahy McDonagh & Partners, other contractors and consultants and the Management Team and Staff of the Local Authority who helped in bringing the project to completion.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Gary Williams, brother of Laura Williams, Housing Department.
- The family of Elizabeth (Betty) Brady, mother-in-law of Mark Roche, Clerk of Works, Housing Dept.
- The family of Margaret Larkin, grandmother of Michael Lonergan, Motor Tax.
- The family of Colm Breen, uncle of County Manager Eddie Breen.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

The Council congratulated the following on their recent success:

- Ms. Bernie Kennedy, Gorey, and the other participants who were successful in the recent Special Olympics Competition.
- Mr. Tony Dempsey who managed the successful U21 hurling team.
- All the volunteers who assisted in the training of the athletes for the Special Olympics.
- Mr. Billy Walsh and the boxers who were successful in the European Competitions.
- The organisers of the Tall Ships Race to Waterford.
- The organisers of the Strawberry Fair Festival.
- The County Manager and former County Secretary Mr. Ger Griffin on completing the new County Hall and the Civic Buildings Programme.
- The Kennedy Trust and its new exhibition in New Ross.
- The Hook Lighthouse on its Lonely Planet Award.
- The Senior Football Manager, Selectors, trainers and team on their success in the Senior Inter-County Football Championship this year.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th June, 2011.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27th June, 2011.

County Manager's Report:

The County Manager in a report submitted to the meeting advised of the current position regarding the Strategic Roads, Water Services and Civic Building Programme ongoing in the county. He indicated that he would have additional information with regard to the National Roads Programmes and their likely progression of locally planned schemes at the September Meeting. He also confirmed that a sum of €24m was available for the acquisition of land in order to progress the Clough to Oylegate by-pass. The Manager confirmed that he had commissioned a structural report regarding the courthouse at New Ross and he responded to a number of questions with regard to the progress on the Enniscorthy Main Drainage, the Ballast Office, progress on the advancement of the Gorey Main Drainage and possible plans for the expansion of Rosslare Europort.

Section 85 Agreement between Wexford County Council and Waterford County Council – Public Lighting Maintenance Contract:

The Members considered the report of Mr. J. Power, Senior Engineer, as submitted to the meeting. On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council resolved to enter into a Section 85 Agreement between Wexford County Council and Waterford County Council for Public Lighting Maintenance Contract.

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:

- Charlotte Close, Charlotte Row, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
- Phase 1 Meadowgate, Knockmullen, Co. Wexford (to include access road from old N11 to entrance Phase 1)
- Phase 4 & 6 Riverchapel Wood, Ardamine, Courtown, Co. Wexford (to include cul de sacs: RC Grove, RC Crescent, RC Drive, RC Row, RC Green, RC Avenue, RC Place, RC Walk, RC Gardens, RC Park, RC Lawns)

The Members considered report of Mr. A. Doyle, Director of Services, dated 1st July, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Members approved the roads listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Wexford Local Authorities Allocation Scheme 2011:

The Members considered the report of Ms. M. O'Brien, A/Director of Services, dated 7th July, 2011, and on the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor J. Moore, approved the Wexford Local Authorities Allocation Scheme 2011.

2011/2012 Student Grant Scheme:

The Members considered report of Mr. N. McDonnell, County Secretary, dated 4th July, 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Members adopted the 2011/2012 Higher Education Grant Scheme as circulated.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the contents of the report of the Corporate Policy Group which was held on 4th July, 2011.

Arising on a discussion of the continued involvement of the Local Authority in the business of refuse collection and having noted the comments of both the County Manager and Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services, on the current financial reality and sustainability of the service, on the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Council recommended that a report on the legal and financial aspects of the retention of the service and its implications be prepared and tabled for discussion to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee and the Environmental Management Committee in advance of any formal discussion and decision on the matter by the County Council.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 16th May, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 20th May, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 17th May, 2011.
- 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 20th May, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Dempsey, seconded by Councillor M. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the Housing SPC Meeting of 26th May, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC Meeting of 26th May, 2011.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

The County Secretary advised the meeting of correspondence received from Noel Martin O'Rourke regarding his possible nomination and the Presidential Election. Following discussion the Council agreed to invite Mr. Sean Gallagher, Ms. Mary Davis, Mr. Dermot Mulqueen, Mr. Noel Martin O'Rourke and any other prospective candidates to address the Council at the September meeting.

Notice Of Motion

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle:

"In view of the billions of EU funding invested in creating urban water and wastewater infrastructure Wexford County Council calls on the Government and EU to ensure that proportionate funding is provided for inspection, monitoring and where necessary upgrading of septic tanks".

Following a discussion on the motion, on the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, the Council recommended that "*In view of the billions of EU funding invested in creating urban water and wastewater infrastructure that Wexford County Council call on the EU to ensure that proportionate funding is provided for inspection, monitoring and where necessary upgrading of septic tanks*". Following further discussion this motion was put to the meeting where 12 voted in favour and 7 against. This motion was carried.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were dealt with by the Director of Services Mr. T. Larkin.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and the Director Mr. E. Taaffe responded to various queries raised by the Members.

Roads Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and matters raised were responded to by the Director of Services Mr. A. Doyle.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, responded to a number of questions raised by the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Members approved the Pre-Draft Proposed Variation Number 1 of the County Development Plan 2007-2013 – ‘Core Strategy’.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, responded to a number of questions raised by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Meán Fomhair, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 13th June, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair:	Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cathaoirleach
Councillors:	M. Byrne; P. Codd; K. Codd-Nolan, P. Cody; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; A. Fenlon; 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.
Apologies:	Cllr. J. Hegarty.
Officials:	Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, E. Taaffe, Directors of Services; Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; Mr. N. McDonnell, County Secretary.

Welcome:

Mr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach, welcomed Senator David Norris to the meeting.

Presentation by Senator D. Norris:

With a view to seeking the support of the Local Authority in its nomination of a presidential candidate Senator David Norris made a presentation to the Council and addressed the meeting. Senator Norris in his address clearly indicated that he was not asking for the support of the Members as President but seeking their permission to run for the office of President and subject himself to the will of the Irish people.

If chosen to run for office his campaign would focus on mental health and wellbeing, culture and enterprise. He elaborated on these issues in his address to the meeting. If successful he stated that his presidency would be one of imagination, the imagination of ourselves as confident people, the expression of that imagination through culture, innovation, science and the arts and the enterprise and imagination needed to create a society to which we all aspire.

In conclusion Senator Norris asked that the Local Authority allow him the opportunity to run for the office of President. Following the presentation Senator Norris responded to a number of question raised by the Members and he then left the meeting having being thanked by the Chairman for attending.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council recommended that the other persons seeking the nomination of the Local Authority to run for the office of President be facilitated by way of making a presentation to the Council. It was agreed that the other four candidates be allowed to make a presentation at the July Meeting of the Local Authority commencing at 2pm with each of the candidates being allowed a period of 15 minutes to make their presentation.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Margaret Quirke, wife of former Councillor John Quirke.
- The family of Brian Lenihan, TD.
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Cathaoirleach

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Held on Monday, 13th June, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.
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Attendance:

In the Chair:	Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cathaoirleach
Councillors:	M. Byrne; P. Codd; K. Codd-Nolan, P. Cody; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; A. Fenlon; 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.
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Officials:	Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, E. Taaffe, Directors of Services; Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; Mr. N. McDonnell, County Secretary.

Welcome:

Mr. M. Kinsella, Cathaoirleach, welcomed Senator David Norris to the meeting.

Presentation by Senator D. Norris:

With a view to seeking the support of the Local Authority in its nomination of a presidential candidate Senator David Norris made a presentation to the Council and addressed the meeting. Senator Norris in his address clearly indicated that he was not asking for the support of the Members as President but seeking their permission to run for the office of President and subject himself to the will of the Irish people.

If chosen to run for office his campaign would focus on mental health and wellbeing, culture and enterprise. He elaborated on these issues in his address to the meeting. If successful he stated that his presidency would be one of imagination, the imagination of ourselves as confident people, the expression of that imagination through culture, innovation, science and the arts and the enterprise and imagination needed to create a society to which we all aspire.

In conclusion Senator Norris asked that the Local Authority allow him the opportunity to run for the office of President. Following the presentation Senator Norris responded to a number of question raised by the Members and he then left the meeting having being thanked by the Chairman for attending.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council recommended that the other persons seeking the nomination of the Local Authority to run for the office of President be facilitated by way of making a presentation to the Council. It was agreed that the other four candidates be allowed to make a presentation at the July Meeting of the Local Authority commencing at 2pm with each of the candidates being allowed a period of 15 minutes to make their presentation.

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Cathaoirleach

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Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cathaoirleach

Councillors: M. Byrne; P. Codd; K. Codd-Nolan, P. Cody;
T. Dempsey; A. Fenlon; J. Hegarty; T. Howlin; R. Ireton;
P. Kavanagh; D. Kennedy; G. Lawlor; D. MacPartlin;
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Officials: Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager;
E. Hore, Director of Services;
N. McDonnell, County Secretary;
D. Houston, Senior Planner;
D. Kearns, Senior Executive Planner;
P. Doyle, Executive Planner;
F. Fenlon, Assistant Planner.

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford Electoral Area Committee
13.07.11:**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the minutes of the Special Meeting of Wexford Electoral Area Committee held on 13th July, 2011, were adopted by the Council.

Pre-Draft Rosslare Harbour & Kilrane Local Area Plan 2011:

The Members noted that the Pre-Draft Rosslare Harbour & Kilrane Local Area Plan 2011 was presented at a Special Meeting of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee held on 13th July, 2011. At the meeting the Members were advised of 2 recommended amendments to the pre-draft plan and it was agreed to bring the pre-draft plan with the proposed amendments to a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held on 22nd July.

Following discussion on the content of the plan and the potential for the expansion and further development of Rosslare Europort on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the Council recommended that the Rosslare Harbour & Kilrane Local Area Plan 2011 go on public display for a period of not less than 6 weeks in which time submissions and observations may be made in writing on the draft plan.

Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Review of the County Wexford Development Plan 2007-2013 and preparation of the new plan:

The County Manager circulated a report on the pre-draft submissions and observations received and consultations carried out in respect of the review of the County Wexford Development Plan 2007-2013 and the preparation of a new plan for County Wexford. The Manager's Report confirmed that the Elected Members had 10 weeks to consider the report during which time they may issue directions to the Manager with regard to policies to be included in the Draft County Wexford Development Plan 2013-2019. The Manager confirmed that the first stage of the process consisted of pre-draft consultation with the public, prescribed bodies, interest groups, stakeholders and infrastructure providers. This stage had now been completed. The Manager's Report forms part of the statutory procedure for the review. Its purpose is to report on the outcome of the pre-draft consultation stage and to make recommendations to the Members on the policies to be contained in the Draft Plan.

Mr. Eamonn Hore, Director of Services, introduced the Planning Staff who were directly involved in the review process and a presentation on the report and its contents was made to the meeting by Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner. Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner, thanked the Members and Staff for their assistance and co-operation in advancing the process and he indicated that the new plan should be completed by April 2012.

The Members then discussed and considered a summary of issues raised in the submissions and the observations and the Manager's opinion on the issues. It was noted that 38 submissions were received on a wide range of issues including the environment, natural heritage, wind energy, gaming and arcades, motorways, retail development, infrastructure, sustainable settlement and transport, one-off rural housing, energy, economic development, Waterford Railway Line and amenity.

A discussion took place on the policies of the plan. Further directions on the policies to be contained in the Draft Plan would be agreed at the September Council Meeting.

In conclusion the Manager thanked the staff for their work in the review of the Wexford Development Plan and the preparation of a new plan which had resulted in a considerable financial saving to the Local Authority and he looked forward to receiving the views and directions of the Members following their consideration of the Manager's Report on the pre-draft consultations.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 14 de Meán Fomhair, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 12th September, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

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

An apology was received from Ms. Mary Davis who was unable to attend the meeting due to prior diary commitments. Ms. Davis had sought an opportunity to address a meeting of Wexford County Council in seeking a nomination to run in the election for the office of President.

Presentation by Mr. Sean Gallagher:

In seeking a nomination from Wexford County Council to allow him to participate in the election for President, Mr. Sean Gallagher made a presentation to the meeting. Mr. Gallagher outlined his reasons for running for the office of President. The main themes of his presentation were – economic recovery, job creation, community, disability and mental health. Mr. Gallagher responded to questions from the Members on the content of his presentation. He then withdrew from the meeting having been thanked by the Chairman for attending.

Presentation by Mr. Dermot Mulqueen:

In seeking a nomination from Wexford County Council to allow him to participate in the election for President, Mr. Dermot Mulqueen made a presentation to the meeting. Mr. Mulqueen described his broad range of experience and spoke about his vision for the country. He replied to Members' questions and the Chairman then thanked him for attending.

Presentation by Mr. Barry Booth:

In seeking a nomination from Wexford County Council to allow him to participate in the election for President, Mr. Barry Booth made a presentation to the meeting. Mr. Booth explained why he wanted to run for election. He

outlined his involvement in a variety of sectors of society, including business, sport and community as well as his ability to communicate with people. Following the presentation, the Members asked a number of questions to which Mr. Booth responded. The Chairman then thanked him for attending.

Presidential Nomination:

Mr. Sean Gallagher was proposed by Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey.

Ms. Mary Davis was proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton.

A poll was taken of the nominations with the following result:

For Mr. Sean Gallagher:

Councillors: T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, M. Murphy, P. Reck, M. Sheehan
(5 Votes)

For Ms. Mary Davis:

Councillors: M. Byrne, P. Cody, T. Howlin, R. Ireton, G. Lawlor, O. Walsh
(6 Votes)

Abstentions:

Councillors: P. Codd, K. Codd-Nolan, A. Fenlon, J. Hegarty, D. Kennedy, M. Kinsella, J. Moore, L. O'Brien (8 Abstentions)

Ms. Mary Davis was declared nominated.

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of Ellen (Nellie) Mythen, mother of Sean Mythen (former CEO Wexford Enterprise Board)
- The family of Carmel Sherlock, former colleague (Motor Taxation Department)

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

- Ladies Senior and Intermediate Camogie Teams on winning the All-Ireland Senior and Intermediate Camogie Titles
- Members of Enniscorthy Golf Club on winning the 2011 FBD Barton Cup
- Jack Morrissey on winning a bronze medal in the heavyweight division at the European Youth Boxing Championships

Good Wishes:

The Members wished Wexford Ambassadors Gordon D'Arcy and Kevin Doyle well in the Rugby World Cup 2011 and the Qualifying Group Stage of UEFA Euro 2012 respectively.

Remembrance Mass:

The Members commended Ms. Maria Melia, Chief Fire Officer, on arranging a remembrance mass in Bride Street Church, Wexford last Saturday to remember all who died and those affected 10 years ago by the tragic events of 9/11.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11th July, 2011.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on 22nd July, 2011.

County Manager's Report:

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

- The consultants' report on the refurbishment of Enniscorthy Courthouse is awaited. A decision has yet to be made on the future use of the building.
- The refurbishment of the Ballast Office, Wexford will be carried out in phases and assistance will be sought from other agencies.
- The Enniscorthy Main Drainage Scheme may commence in 2013.
- The preferred route selection for the Oylegate to Rosslare Harbour Project will be published shortly.
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2011 Capital Allocation for Publicly Funded Housing Loans:

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, the Members approved the borrowing of €720,000 for the purpose of funding the Housing Purchase and Improvement Loan 2011 programme in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Takeover of The Colestown/Ballindinas Group Water Scheme

The members considered report of Mr. E. Taaffe, A/Director of Services dated 5th September, 2011 and on the proposal of Councillor J. Moore, seconded by Councillor P. Codd resolved the Council takeover the Colestown/Ballindinas Group Water Scheme.

Summary of suggested Policies for inclusion in the review of the Wexford County Development Plan:

The Members considered the report of Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, dated 5th September, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody, the Members approved the inclusion in the Wexford County Development Plan of policies relating to the issues listed.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the content of the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 5th September, 2011.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of New Ross Electoral Area Committee on 18th July, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor J. Moore, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting of 7th July, 2011.
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A letter from *Iarnród Éireann* in response to the Council's letter of 5th July, 2011 concerning the clamping policy operating at Rosslare Europort had been circulated.

The Members expressed disappointment with the response. Wexford County Council is strongly supportive of Rosslare Harbour. However, it is the Council's considered view that clamping is not warranted at Rosslare Europort

and the policy of clamping will give rise to bad publicity and discourage tourists from visiting the port area.

On the proposal of Cllr. George Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody, the Members requested that a letter be sent to Mr. John P. Lynch, General Manager, Rosslare Europort, to convey the Council's disappointment with *Iarnród Éireann's* response.

Notice of Motion:

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd:

"To enable Wexford County Council adequately maintain its Regional and County road network on an ongoing basis, that this Council writes to the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government requesting an urgent review of the status of Roadworkers and relax the recruitment moratorium in this case to replace Roadworkers who have retired or passed away or are out on long term illness, similar to the Emergency Services".

Following discussion the motion was put to the meeting and was carried.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries raised with regard to applications for house purchase and improvement loans.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. E. Taaffe, A/Director of Services, dealt with questions raised on the following:

- New Ross Fire Station
- Ring Buoys in Wexford Harbour
- Dumping of boats/trailers at the quay in Arthurstown
- Civic Amenity Site in Enniscorthy

The Director of Services updated the Members on the current position concerning the refuse collection service and dealt with a number of queries raised by the Members.

Road Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries in respect of the following:

- Response to severe weather conditions
- Funding for winter maintenance programme
- NRA signs at junctions
- Advertising on roadsides
- Provision of signposting on tertiary roads
- Chippings on newly surfaced roads
- O'Hanrahan Bridge, New Ross

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, responded to queries raised with regard to arrangements for dealing with 'ghost estates'. The Director of Services advised the Members that the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government now agrees that houses may be knocked in suitable circumstances.

The Director of Services confirmed that planning permission was not granted for the construction of a playground with a concrete base in the middle of a housing estate. The Health and Safety Authority have been notified.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. The Wexford Pride of Place nominees – The Irish National Heritage Park (Community Tourism Initiative) and Ballyduff (Population of less than 200) were complimented.

Any Other Business:

The Members noted that the Official Opening of the new Council Headquarters would take place on Friday, 23rd September, 2011 at 4.30 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Deireadh Fomhair, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 10th October, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

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

Expression of Sympathy:

The Council extended sympathy to the following recently bereaved:

- The family of John Murphy, former Councillor, Enniscorthy Town Council
- The family of Concepta Murphy, former employee Wexford County Council
- The family of Emer Maher, wife of John Maher, Fire Service, Wexford County Council

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor B. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th September, 2011.

Unemployment in County Wexford and the South East:

The meeting expressed concern on the recently announced job losses at Sola Lenses/Carl Zeiss Wexford and Talk Talk in Waterford. Following a debate and discussion on the issue of increasing unemployment, job losses and the potential for job creation, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle, the Council requested that correspondence be issued to Mr. Richard Bruton, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, seeking the establishment and creation of a task force to investigate the opportunities for investment and job creation in the South East.

County Manager's Report:

The monthly report of the County Manager on the Strategic Roads Programme, Water Services Programme and Civic Buildings Programme was circulated to the meeting. In response to the Members the County Manager advised that progress on advancing planned national road projects would be difficult in the current economic climate where the appropriate agencies were having difficulty in accessing finance for investment.

Following consideration of consultants report on the condition of New Ross Courthouse the Manager confirmed it would take approximately €300,000 to carry out basic improvements to make the building useable.

The County Manager confirmed that a number of deals had been concluded for the acquisition of lands to facilitate the construction of the Clough to Oylegate Scheme and the New Ross By Pass and that further details on these matters would be circulated at the next meeting.

Following a discussion on a number of aspects of the Civic Building Programme on the proposal of Cllr. B. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Council requested that following the completion of a consultants report on the design and refurbishment of the Ballast Office that a report be tabled before the Council for further discussion and consideration particularly in view of the buildings location and its links to Commodore John Barry.

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 the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:

- **Proposed disposal of lands at Grahormac Tagoat, County Wexford to The Tagoat Parochial Trustees, C/O Very Rev Fr. Glynn, Grahormac, Tagoat, County Wexford.**

Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010:

LAC0506 – Proposed erection of a community complex consisting of community building, service building, playing pitches, ball courts, car parking facilities, landscaping, access road and including all with associated site works and connecting into existing services at Ballinatray Upper, T.D., Ardamine E.D., Riverchapel, Courtown, Gorey, County Wexford.

The Members considered the report of Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, dated 10th October, 2011, and on the proposal of Councillor B. Ireton, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, had no objection to the development proceeding.

**Variation Number 1 to the County Development Plan 2007- 2013 –
Core Strategy:**

The Member's considered the Manager's Report dated 5th October, 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody the Members approved Variation Number 1 to the County Development Plan 2007-2013 as submitted to the meeting.

**Section 85 Agreement with South East Region Local Authorities for the
purpose of preparing a Waste Management Plan:**

The Members considered report of Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services, dated 7th September, 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, the Members adopted the Section 85 Agreement as submitted to the Council.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009 – 2013 Official Review:

The Members considered the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 Official Review as submitted to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members adopted the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013.

County Arts Strategy 2011-2015:

The Members considered the County Arts Strategy 2011-2015 as submitted to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Members adopted the County Arts Strategy 2011-2015.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the content of the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 3rd October, 2011.

Statutory Audit Report to year end 31.12.10:

The Statutory Audit Report to the year end 31st December, 2010, was circulated to the meeting and the contents of the report were summarised by Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance. The meeting noted the contents of the report which had been discussed in detail with the Corporate Policy Group.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of New Ross Electoral Area Committee held on 19th September, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Cody, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee held on 22nd September, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Joint Policing Committee held on 12th September, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor O. Walsh, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPC Meeting held on 26th September, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Transportation SPC Meeting held on 20th September, 2011

Joint Policing Committee:

Arising from a discussion on the activities of the JPC on the proposal of Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Council recommended that a letter be issued to the Garda Commissioner expressing the Council's concern and reservations on the proposed reduction in numbers of Gardai, resulting from the non replacement of retiring members and the adverse effect that this issue would have on policing in the rural community in County Wexford.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries raised by the Members.

Following a discussion on the Tenant Purchase Scheme on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle, the County Council requested that the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government, be asked to extend the existing Tenant Purchase Scheme to facilitate continuing house purchasing by Local Authority tenants.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. E. Taaffe, A/Director of Services, dealt with questions raised by the Members.

Road Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries raised by the Members.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, responded to queries raised by the Members.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting.

Congratulations:

- Oulart the Ballagh on winning their 3rd Senior hurling championship final in a row.
- Raparees on winning their 1st County Minor Championship in 20 years
- Geraldine O'Hanrahans on winning the Junior Football Championship final.
- Kate Delaney on being 100 years of age.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Samhain, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 14th November, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

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

Expression of Sympathy:

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

- The family of the late Garda Kieran Jones who died tragically during the recent storms and flooding in Co. Wicklow.
- The family of the late Garda William Murphy, former Community Garda, Enniscorthy.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

Congratulations:

- Oulart the Ballagh on winning their 3rd Senior hurling championship final in a row.
- Ballyduff Village on its success in the Pride of Place competition.
- Ferns on winning the U21 County Football Championship.
- Colette Browne on Winning the Journalist of the Year.
- Sean Whelan who celebrated his 40th Year as Member of the NUJ.
- An Bord Bia on receiving an award for nutritional products it had produced.
- Geraldine O'Hanrahan's who are representing the county in the Leinster Junior Football Championships.

LAMA Awards 2012:

The meeting noted that the County Hall had been nominated for the “Best Public Building” and “Best Eco Friendly Building” in the LAMA Award for 2012.

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 10th October, 2011.

Matters Arising:

The meeting referred to their discussions at the October Council Meeting on the job losses at Sola Lenses Wexford and Talk Talk in Waterford. Following a discussion on the potential ability of funding through globalisation funding and EU Support, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council requested that a representative of FÁS be invited to attend a meeting of the County Council with a view to discussing potential job creation measures through training courses and other incentives in order to proactively respond to combating job losses in County Wexford and the South East.

County Manager's Report:

The monthly report of the County Manager on the Strategic Roads Programme, Water Services Programme and Civic Buildings Programme was circulated to the meeting and discussed. The Manager responded to various questions on the likely progress and timeframe for construction of national road projects planned for the county, the implications for planning applicants in close proximity to the routes identified for major road projects and compensation to landowners for land acquired in advance of construction of the Enniscorthy and New Ross By Passes.

The Manager also confirmed that an application for funding to proceed to final design for the Oylegate to Rosslare Harbour Road Project would likely be determined following the December Budget.

Having noted that the cost of structural repairs to New Ross Courthouse would be approximately €300,000 and following discussion on the possibilities of funding this project the Council requested that Mr. Gerry Nugent from the Court Service be invited to attend a meeting of the County Council to discuss the matter.

The Members welcomed the progress on the provision of Civic Amenity Sites at Enniscorthy and Gorey.

Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council resolved to dispose of the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of lands at Coolcotts, Wexford, to Cumann Tithiochta Socialta An Bhreacadh Nua Teo, Ard Aoibhinn, Belvedere Road, Wexford by way of deed of transfer to facilitate the development and construction of a Social Housing Project consisting of 12 units of Special Needs Housing.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Moore, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council resolved to dispose of the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of lands at Ashgrove, Fethard-on-Sea, Co. Wexford by way of ten year lease to Fethard-on-Sea Community Development Association.

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:

- La Rochelle, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford.
- Daphne View, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- Redwood Park, Murrintown, Co. Wexford.

The Members considered report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 3rd November, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody, the Members approved the roads listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Takeover of Kingsford Group Water Scheme:

The Member's considered the report of Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services dated 7th November 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey the Members approved the formal takeover of the Kingsford Group Water Scheme.

Takeover of Bridgetown North Group Sewerage Scheme:

The Member's considered the report of Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services dated 7th November 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. T. Howlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Members approved the formal takeover of the Bridgetown North Group Sewerage Scheme.

Fix date of Budget Meeting 2012:

Following the advice of the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, that the Local Authority Budget Meeting should take place between 24th November 2011 and 13th January 2012, the Council agreed to hold the Budget Meeting for 2012 on 12th December following the monthly meeting of the County Council to be held at 10.00 a.m.

Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Draft Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane Local Area Plan 2011:

Following consideration of the Manager's Report on the submissions and observations received on the Draft Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane Local Area Plan 2011 and having noted that the proposed alterations to the draft plan were considered by the Wexford Electoral Area Committee at their meeting on 4th November, 2011, on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. T. Howlin, the Members agreed to accept the amendments to the draft plan and to place the plan on public display in accordance with the Planning & Development Acts as amended.

Section 85 Agreement between Wexford County Council and South Tipperary County Council, and Wexford County Council and Kilkenny County Council – Supply of an Internet based Fleet Tracking System:

The Members considered report of Mr. Noel O'Driscoll, Senior Executive Engineer, dated 1st November, 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Members adopted the Section 85 Agreement as submitted to the Council.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the content of the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 7th November, 2011.

The Head of Finance Ms. Annette O'Neill submitted a report to the CPG confirming that the annual overdraft accommodation expires on 31st December, 2011, and that Ministerial sanction would be required for borrowing by way of temporary overdraft for 2012. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the meeting recommended approval to seek the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft accommodation of €15m to 31st December 2012 in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of P. Cody, seconded by Councillor K. Codd Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee held on 17th September, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Cody, seconded by Councillor K. Codd Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee held on 21st October, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Gorey Electoral Area Committee held on 7th October, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of Wexford Electoral Area Committee held on 5th October, 2011.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Notice of Motion:

The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy:

“That Wexford County Council calls for all purchasers of land, houses and apartments in excess of €100,000 be required to provide a tax clearance certificate issued by the Revenue Commissioners confirming that their tax affairs are in order”.

Following presentation of the motion by Cllr. Kennedy and discussion the motion was approved and agreed when seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries raised by the Members on the review of the supplementary welfare allowance scheme and its implications for those applicants on the housing list and other matters in the monthly report.

Road Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries raised by the Members and acknowledged the challenge of dealing with the identified road problems countywide. He undertook to meet and discuss this matter with the Area Engineering Staff in advance of the finalisation of the 2012 Road Works Programme. He highlighted the importance of retaining the staffing core to deal with this matter which was the subject of discussions with the DOE and he was hopeful of a positive outcome. The Director also confirmed that he would implement the speed limit review early in the new year commencing in Gorey and he replied to a number of questions raised on the Council's programme for clearing roads in the event of snow and severe ice conditions.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. E. Taaffe, A/Director of Services, dealt with questions raised by the Members on the inspection of septic tanks, water conservation measures, the licensing of scrap metal operators, illegal dumping, coastal protection and progress on the village bundle sewerage schemes.

Planning Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were dealt with by Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner.

Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. The meeting requested that their congratulations and good wishes be forwarded to Ms. Amanda Byrne and the other members of the Community & Enterprise Team for hosting the successful visit of the Chinese Ambassador and Embassy Staff to the County Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Nollaig, 2011.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 12th December, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.
In the Council Chamber, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Oliver Walsh, 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; J. Moore; M. Murphy; L. O'Brien; P. Reck; M.
Sheehan.

Officials: Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager,
A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Taaffe, E. Hore, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. N. McDonnell, County Secretary.

Expression of Sympathy:

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

- The family of Cissy White, mother of Anne White, Housing Section, and Mary Clince, Enniscorthy Town Council.
- The family of Terry Doherty, father of Monica Shiggins, Refuse Business Unit.
- The family of Tony Doyle, father of Michael Doyle, Roads Dept.
- The family of Patrick O'Leary, father of Pat O'Leary, Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.
- The family of Lar O'Leary, husband of Nuala O'Leary, Court Service.

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 14th November, 2011.

County Manager's Report:

The monthly report of the County Manager on the Strategic Roads Programme, Water Services Programme and Civic Buildings Programme was circulated to the meeting and discussed. The Manager advised the meeting of preliminary notification received from the NRA advising of the suspension of further planning and design

work on a number of major national road schemes due to the current funding constraints. Concern was expressed by various Members on the proposed suspension and the non advance of the major road schemes in the county to preferred route and final design. In response to concerns expressed by the Members on the possible adverse impacts upon potential planning applicants the Manager indicated that the correspondence suggested a reasonable degree of flexibility in order to accommodate planning applicants. Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, outlined how planning applicants may be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Following discussion it was agreed to further consider this matter following the preparation of a report by the County Manager on the suspension of the major national road schemes which would be the subject of debate and discussion at the next meeting of the County Council.

The Manager also confirmed that the report on tenders for Wexford Library had now been completed by the NBA and that the recommended contractor is Mythen Construction, a Wexford company. Arrangements were now being made for the formal signing of the contract with a start likely early in the New Year the building to be completed in the autumn of 2012.

The Members welcomed the progress on the Civic Amenity Sites at Enniscorthy and Gorey and a number of questions raised on these projects were dealt with by Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services.

The County Manager also advised Members of developments in relation to the cessation of the Council's refuse collection service. He confirmed that a number of offers had been received from the private sector for the continuation of the service which would have to be addressed in light of the serious loss making now being incurred by the Council on the service and the substantial costs necessary to open a further cell at the Holmestown facility. Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services, confirmed that all staff working on the Council's refuse collection would be reassigned to other duties with no job losses arising from the service changes.

Proposed disposal of land under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella, the Council resolved to dispose of the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:□

- Proposed disposal of lands at Graiguemore, Kilrush, Bunclody, Co. Wexford, to Nicholas Boland Luton England by way of deed of transfer.
- Proposed disposal of lands at Ballyedmond, Monamolin, Gorey, Co. Wexford to Gerard Harkin of Anna Lane, Killenagh, Gorey, Co. Wexford, Thomas Cassells of 31 Lerr View, Abbeylands, Castledermot, Co. Kildare and Thomas Kearney, Ballyvannon, Castledermot, Co. Kildare, by way of deed of transfer.

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:

- Ryland Wood, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.
- Shepard's Walk, Duncannon, Co. Wexford.

The Members considered report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 25th November, 2011, and on the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy, the Members approved the roads listed above be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 180 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Manager's Report on Material Alterations to Proposed Variation Number 1 to the County Development Plan 2007-2013:

A copy of the County Manager's Report on the submissions and observations received during the public consultation period in respect of the material alterations to proposed variation number 1 of the County Development Plan 2007-2013 Core Strategy were circulated to the meeting. The report contained the response of the Manager to submissions and observations received having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy, the County Council resolved to make the proposed variation as outlined in Section 3 of the Manager's Report.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the content of the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 28th November, 2011.

NPPR Levy:

The Head of Finance Ms. Annette O'Neill responded to a number of questions raised by the Members on the application of the NPPR levy countywide. Ms. O'Neill confirmed that the owners of property were generally liable for the levy.

A number of Members expressed concern on the application of the levy on families who for reasons of employment and other reasons were forced to move home either within the country or further a field and were now being forced to pay the levy on what was now in effect their principle private residence. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. P. Cody, the Council asked that a letter be forwarded to the Minister outlining the exact concerns of the Council and asking for clarification on the application of the charge in the circumstances outlined.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the special meeting of the meeting of Wexford Electoral Area Committee held on 4th November, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of Wexford Electoral Area Committee held on 4th November, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of Wexford Electoral Area Committee held on 1st December, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Gorey Electoral Area Committee held on 4th November, 2011.
- On the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of New Ross Electoral Area Committee held on 21st November, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee held on 16th November, 2011.
- On the proposal of Councillor L.O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPC Meeting held on 28th November, 2011.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

The County Secretary circulated to the meeting correspondence received from Mr. John Maher, Private Secretary, to Mr. Richard Bruton, TD, in response to early correspondence from the Council regarding employment in County Wexford and the South East. Arising from a discussion on the response from the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation on the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Council requested that the National Spatial Strategy be reviewed with the intention of incentivising job creation in urban centres arising from the changed economic environment since the introduction of the National Spatial Strategy.

Following a discussion on the support of the IDA for job creation in the county on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd, the Council requested that a representative from the Industrial Development Authority be requested to attend weekly at the Council buildings in order to meet with potential entrepreneurs and business people with a view to combating the job losses and creating employment in County Wexford. The meeting also requested that a representative from FAS and the Regional Officer from the Courts Service be asked to attend at the earliest possible County Council Meeting with a view to discussing a number of matters of concern to the Local Authority.

Notice of Motion:

The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and agreed by the Council.

“Wexford County Council requests lending institutions operating in our County provide in their lending policies in respect of building works incl home extensions, etc that the loan recipient engages with builders and contractors that are tax compliant”.

Progress and Other Reports:

Housing, Library & Arts Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to queries raised by the Members on the content of the report.

Road Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to a number of questions raised by the Members on the number of applications on hand for the taking-in-charge of roads. He also confirmed that the funding for the completion of the works on the Main Street, at Camolin was ring fenced and he outlined a possible time frame for the completion of these works. The importance of encouraging residents to be proactive in the upkeep of their estates was emphasised by a number of Members who contributed to the debate on the taking-in-charge of housing estates.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Mr. E. Taaffe, A/Director of Services, dealt with questions raised by the Members on the inspection of septic tanks, water conservation measures and a number of other matters.

Planning, Community & Enterprise Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were dealt with by Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 1^a de Eanáir, 2011.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

***Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting of
Wexford County Council
Held on Monday 12th December 2011 at 12 noon
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor O. Walsh, 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;	J. Moore;
M. Murphy;	L. O'Brien;	P. Reck;	M. Sheehan;

Officials:

Messrs: E. Breen, County Manager, A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, E. Taaffe, Directors of Services; A. O'Neill, Head of Finance; N. McDonnell County Secretary, M. O'Brien, SEO Housing, L. Lacey, Financial Accountant.

Budget 2012:

The draft budget for 2012 was circulated to the Members. The County Manager advised the meeting that formalising the 2012 draft budget for consideration and adoption by the Members had been a very difficult task in these financially challenging times globally, nationally and locally. He outlined how the finances of Wexford County Council were severely impacted both in 2010 and 2011 by reduced central funding accompanied by reduced income from the Council's own resources. Since 2008 Wexford County Council had seen the income for the budget reduced from €116.2m to €99.3m, a reduction of 14.5%. He expected that there would be further reductions in the funding allocated from the Local Government Fund for next year and anticipated a 6.8% reduction from this funding source which is included in the budget resulting in a reduced income of approximately €1.2m.

In 2009 the Annual Roads Grant Allocation from the Department was reduced by €5.3m with this reduced level continuing into 2010 and 2011 and continues to have a huge impact on the Council's ability to maintain and improve the road network in the county. The reduction in Road Grant Funding continues to place a strain on the Council's ability to cover pay costs for its road crews and indications are that the funding situation may further deteriorate in 2012. As Road Grant Allocations will not be announced until early in 2012 the budget anticipates that the 2011 grant level will be maintained but will need to be adjusted in line with grant allocations once details are announced. Local funding for roads is maintained at the same level as 2011. The County Manager also commented on the work of the Local Efficiency Review Group comprising of staff representing the various business areas of the Council who continue to examine all

costs of the business areas to identify and implement savings and efficiencies where possible. The constraints of reduced funding with reduced income base of approximately €8m for 2012 poses a severe challenge for the Council.

In considering the budget for 2012 the Council was fully aware of the impact of Local Authority charges on local businesses but the Council is obliged once again to seek a balance to providing essential services with its role in promoting economic activity and development in the county while also acknowledging the financial strains facing local businesses and householders. In acknowledgement of these objectives the Council adopted the 2010 and 2011 budgets with no increase in rates, water services, refuse collection services or housing rents. The 2012 budget also proposes to hold this position with no increase in commercial rates, no increase proposed in refuse charges, no change proposed in housing rents, no increase proposed for water/waste water services. The continuance of these policies is placing an additional strain on the finances of the County Council but represents the Councils commitment to minimising the impact of reduced central funding on the local businesses and householders. In conclusion 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. Of a reduced allocation of approximately €2.6m for housing grant payments.
2. How it was proposed to address the increasing problems of rent arrears.
3. He responded to questions on the level of housing and traveller accommodation maintenance.
4. The level of accommodation that would be provided through the RAS Scheme.
5. How homelessness was being addressed in the county.
6. The implications for prospective housing applicants who refused offers of accommodation.

Division B – Road Transport and Safety

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

The Director of Service advised the meeting that the Roads Grant Allocations for 2012 had not yet been announced but that provision in the budget anticipated the continuation of the grant level that applied in 2011. The Director of Services Mr. T. Larkin also advised:

1. The Local Improvement Scheme was likely to be discontinued in 2012.
2. The Director will discuss with each Electoral Area Committee the Road Works Programme early in the New Year.
3. Negotiations were ongoing with the DOE with a view to replacing up to 30 General Operatives who had been lost through retirements and non filling of vacancies.
4. That funding was available to complete works on the national primary road at Camolin.
5. Responded to a number of questions raised by Members on the allocation of approximately €900,000 for the maintenance of public lighting.

Division C – Water Services:

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

The Director of Services, Mr. E. Taaffe responded to a number of questions raised by the Members on the operation and maintenance of water supply and waste water treatment plants.

Division D – Development Management:

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

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, responded to questions raised by the Members and advised that 80% of the planning and development levies outstanding were in respect of single houses. He briefed the meeting on the level of funding received from the DOE in order to deal with unfinished housing estates.

Division E – Environmental Services:

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

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services, advised that the landfill operation at Holmestown had incurred a loss of €600,000 in 2011 and the capital costs of opening a new cell at Holmestown would be substantial.

Division F – Recreation and Amenity:

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

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 2012:

Following discussion by the Members it was proposed by Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, that Wexford County Council adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 2012, 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 2012, 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.

County Secretary.

Daingnithe ar an _____la de Eanáir, 2012.

Cathaoirleach