

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday 13th January, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. the Council Chamber,
Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach.

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

Officials: Messrs T. Larkin, E. Hore, E. Taaffe, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Ms. F. Hanrahan, County Librarian;
Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner;
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

Apologies: Cllr. D. Kennedy

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Maree O'Connor (nee Manning), wife of Danny O'Connor, Station Officer/Firefighter, Enniscorthy Fire Station.
- The family of Mary Sweeney, mother of Pat Sweeney, IT Section.
- The family of Joseph (Joe) Millar, Firefighter, Enniscorthy Fire Station.
- The family of Marianne MacGonagle, Mulgannon, Wexford.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9th December, 2013.

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

- **Proposed disposal of 6.25 Sq Meters of land at Creagh Demesne, Gorey Rural, Gorey, Co. Wexford to The E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, by way of Deed of Transfer to facilitate the placement of an E.S.B. Substation on this site.**

On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Members the Council resolved to dispose of 6.25 sq meters of land at Creagh Demesne, Gorey Rural, Gorey, Co. Wexford to The E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, by way of Deed of Transfer to facilitate the placement of an E.S.B., Substation on this site.

- **Proposed disposal of two areas of circa 9 Sq Meters of land at Gorey Corporation Lands, Gorey, Co. Wexford to The E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin by way of Deed of Transfer to facilitate the placement of two E.S.B. Substations on the sites.**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Members the Council resolved to dispose of circa 9 sq meters of land at Gorey Corporation Lands, Gorey, Co. Wexford to The E.S.B., 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, by way of Deed of Transfer to facilitate the placement of two E.S.B., Substations on the sites.

Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 to 2018:

The Members noted the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 to 2018 as circulated to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy, the Council approved of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 to 2018.

Wexford County Council Draft Harbour & Piers Bye-Laws 2013:

The Members noted report of Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services, dated 8th January 2014. The Director notified the Members of all main changes to the original Section 15 and Section 16.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, the Council approved the Wexford County Council Draft Harbour & Piers Bye-Laws 2013.

National Disability Strategy Updated Implementation Plan 2006-2015:

The Members noted report from Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, dated 7th January 2014 and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd and agreed by the Members the Council approved the Updated Version of Wexford Local Authorities Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2006-2015.

Progress and other Reports:

Water, Environment and Emergency Services Monthly Report

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

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore and agreed by the Council the Members requested that Wexford County Council write to Irish Water to query the possibility for a discount/waiver for customers with a hard water supply which had an effect on their household appliances and incurred an extra cost to soften the water.

It was agreed that Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services, would make a presentation to the next meeting of the Council regarding works required to beaches, piers and harbours resulting from the recent storms. The Members thanked the Council Staff who were involved in the clean up after the storms.

Housing Monthly Report:

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

It was agreed that the Council write to Ms. Janette O'Sullivan, TD, Minister of State, regarding putting a new Tenant Purchase Scheme in place.

Cllr. P. Reck requested that the RAS Scheme be discussed as a special item on the next meeting of the Council.

Transportation & Building Control Monthly Report:

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

Planning Monthly Report:

The Planning Monthly Report was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by Members were dealt with by Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner.

Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report:

The Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report was circulated to the meeting and questions raised on the content of the report were dealt with by Ms. F. Hanrahan, County Librarian.

Community Monthly Report:

The Community Monthly Report was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were addressed by Council Officials in attendance.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan it was agreed that the Council invite 3 to 4 representatives of Comhair Na nÓg to a full meeting of the Council to express the views of young people.

Conferences:

The Members noted the list of conference as submitted to the meeting.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd November 2013.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2013.
- 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 Meeting held on 13th December 2013.
- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 28th November 2013.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Notice of Motions:

The following notices of motions were deferred to the February Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council proposes that the relevant Derelict Sites Legislation be amended to facilitate an increase in the levy applied to properties included on the Derelict Sites Register from 3% to 10% and that such levy be applicable to properties in both urban and rural areas. In 2014, the Building Control and Environmental sections of the Council shall prioritise the tackling of such derelict sites and shall provide detailed updates as part of the monthly reports to the Council".

Cllr. M. Byrne:

" That Wexford County Council prioritises for the warden service, in 2014, the tackling of dog fouling. It also calls for the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to be amended to increase on-the-spot fines from €150 to €500 and maximum fines on conviction from €3,000 to €10,000 and that those convicted in court of such an offence may be barred from dog ownership".

Cllr. J. Hegarty:

"In many local communities around Ireland, the local woods are a hugely important amenity for walking, hiking and observing Ireland's native flora and fauna. Recently Coillte has had a policy of selling off parcels of land putting some traditional walking tracks and leisure areas at serious risk. Wexford Co. Co. now calls on Coillte to review this policy in relation to any wood that is used regularly by the local community as a public amenity or walking track. In such circumstances, discussions should be held with all local community groups, in accordance with Coillte's Consultation Policy, before any move to sell off any such land is initiated."

Correspondence and Communications:

The County Secretary informed the meeting of correspondence received from the following:

- Letter from Mr. Pat Rabbitte, T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding Gridlink Development.
- Letter from Mr. Eddie Kiernan, Private Secretary, Department of Environment, Community & Local Government, regarding Emission Control Areas.
- Correspondence from Press Office, Department of Environment, Community & Local Government, regarding Local and Community Development Programme (LCDP) in 2014.

The Members also noted correspondence from An Bord Pleanála dated 3rd January regarding Energy Bridge Wind Energy Export Project comprising approximately 400 wind turbines and all associated works in Westmeath, Meath, Kildare, Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny and Tipperary.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 1st de Feabhra, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday 10th February, 2014 at 2.30p.m. the Council Chamber,
Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach.

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

Officials: Mr. A. Doyle, County Manager.
Messrs T. Larkin, E. Hore, E. Taaffe, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Ms. M. Melia, Chief Fire Officer;
Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner;
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;
Mr. J. Lambe, Executive Engineer;
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

Apologies: Cllr. D. MacPartlin
Ms. F. Hanrahan, County Librarian.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Mary Boggan, mother of Tom Boggan, Franchise Dept.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- Enniscorthy Rugby Club on winning the All Ireland Junior Cup.
- Ireland Rugby Team on their win over Wales last Saturday.

Presentation – Damage to Coastal Areas:

Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer and Mr. J. Lambe, Executive Engineer, made a presentation as attached to the meeting following the damage caused to coastal areas during the recent floods and storms. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Officials in attendance.

Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach and Members paid tribute to the Local Authority Staff who worked day and night to alleviate the problems caused by the recent floods and storms. Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services warned about dangers to the general public from high winds near ports, piers, harbours and river banks and asked the media present to highlight this issue.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th January, 2014.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 13th January, 2014.

Appointment of County Manager:

The Chairman informed the members that notification has been received from the Local Appointments Commission that Mr. Tom Enright has been recommended for appointment as Wexford County Manager and Mr. Enright has indicated that he intends taking up the position on 24th February, 2014.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council formally approved the proposal in accordance with the provisions of Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

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

- Proposed disposal of 0.897 hectares of land at Templescoby & Clohass to Ms. Anne Mernagh, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. (M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Scheme).

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Members the Council resolved to dispose of 0.897 hectares of land at Templescoby & Clohass to Ms. Anne Mernagh, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. (M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Scheme).

Part XI - LAC1301 Construction of Roundabout at the Junction of the N30 and the R700.

The Members noted report from Mr. A. Doyle, County Manager dated 5th February 2014. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed by the Members with the exception of Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members resolved that the development should proceed as outlined in the report.

Enniscorthy Town & Environs Plan:

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, notified the Members that at a joint meeting of Enniscorthy Town Council and Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee on 16th January the Members of the Town Council decided to not continue with the review of the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 and preparation of the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020, accordingly and to allow the existing Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 to continue to have effect as it applies to the functional area of Enniscorthy Town Council in accordance with Section 28 of the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and agreed by the Council the current Enniscorthy Town & Environs Plan is to continue in force until the review of the County Development Plan.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report the report of the Corporate Policy Group. It was noted that there was an error in the minutes and they were to be amended to clarify that Cllr. G. Lawlor did attend the meeting and Cllr. J. Hegarty sent his apologies.

Deferred Notices of Motion:

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

"That Wexford County Council proposes that the relevant Derelict Sites Legislation be amended to facilitate an increase in the levy applied to properties included on the Derelict Sites Register from 3% to 10% and that such levy be applicable to properties in both urban and rural areas. In 2014, the Building Control and Environmental sections of the Council shall prioritise the tackling of such derelict sites and shall provide detailed updates as part of the monthly reports to the Council".

Following discussion on the matter it was agreed to refer this matter to the Planning Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor:

“ That Wexford County Council prioritises for the warden service, in 2014, the tackling of dog fouling. It also calls for the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to be amended to increase on-the-spot fines from €150 to €500 and maximum fines on conviction from €3,000 to €10,000 and that those convicted in court of such an offence may be barred from dog ownership”.

Following discussion it was agreed that “Wexford County Council prioritises for the warden service, in 2014, the tackling of dog fouling”.

It was also agreed to seek a report from the Environment Section regarding a plan for dealing with dog fouling in 2014.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella:

"In many local communities around Ireland, the local woods are a hugely important amenity for walking, hiking and observing Ireland's native flora and fauna. Recently Coillte has had a policy of selling off parcels of land putting some traditional walking tracks and leisure areas at serious risk. Wexford Co. Co. now calls on Coillte to review this policy in relation to any wood that is used regularly by the local community as a public amenity or walking track. In such circumstances, discussions should be held with all local community groups, in accordance with Coillte's Consultation Policy, before any move to sell off any such land is initiated."

Following discussion it was agreed by the Members that a letter be sent to Coillte outlining the above motion.

Progress and other Reports:

Water, Environment and Emergency Services Monthly Report

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

Cllr. K. Doyle asked that a letter be written to the OPW regarding the allocation of €40m for flood relief in Enniscorthy and seeking confirmation in writing that the money is still in place.

Housing Monthly Report:

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

Economic Progress Report:

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

Proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Members it was agreed to write to the regulator to review the possibility of extending the gas pipeline to New Ross.

Transportation & Building Control Monthly Report:

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

Planning Monthly Report:

The Planning Monthly Report was noted by the Members.

Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report:

The Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report was noted by the Members.

Community Monthly Report:

The Community Monthly Report was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were addressed by Council Officials in attendance.

Cllr. R. Ireton thanked the County Manager for his input into the Courtown/Riverchapel project.

Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary, notified the Members that the closing date for receipt of Amenity Grant Applications was 19th February 2014.

Cllr. J. Hegarty thanked the Community Staff for their involvement in the successful Gathering events held during 2013.

Conferences:

The Members noted the list of conferences as circulated.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 20th December 2013.
- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 16th December 2013.
- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 20th January 2014 with the following amendment "Eirgrid be subject to an annual charge per pylon, such charge to be determined by the County Manager" should read "Eirgrid be subject to an annual charge per pylon, such charge to be determined by Wexford County Council". It was agreed that the issues raised by New Ross District Committee and subsequent recommendations be held over for future meetings.
- On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 2nd January 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 17th January 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Economic & Social Development Strategic Policy Committee held on 6th December, 2013.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Letter dated 24th January 2014 from Eddie Kiernan, Private Secretary to Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, regarding the landfill levy.

- Letter from dated 24th January 2014 from Kevin Galligan, Private Secretary to Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, regarding horse disposal scheme.
- Letter dated 27th January 2014 from Eddie Kiernan, Private Secretary to Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, regarding the use of sky lanterns.

Any Other Business:

The Chairman congratulated Mr. E. Taaffe on his appointment as Director of Services to South Dublin County Council. Eddie had worked for 17 years with Wexford Local Authorities and the Chairman thanked him for his great work and commended him as an excellent Director of Services. The Members of other political parties agreed and wished Eddie well for the future.

Eddie Taaffe responded that he had enjoyed his years working with the Staff and Members of Wexford Local Authorities for the last 17 years and he wished the best of luck to the Members who were retiring and the Members who were running as candidates in the Local Elections in May.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Márta, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

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Held on Monday 10th March, 2014 at 2.30p.m. in the Council Chamber,
Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach.

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

Officials: Mr. T. Enright, County Manager.
Messrs A. Doyle, T. Larkin, E. Hore, M. Melia, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner;
Ms. F. Hanrahan, County Librarian;
Mr. D. Cullinan, Senior Engineer;
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Enright, County Manager, to the meeting and looked forward to working with him in the years ahead and hoped his wife and family settled into Wexford.

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh welcomed Mr. Enright on behalf of the Fine Gael Party.

Cllr. M. Sheehan welcomed Mr. Enright on behalf of Fianna Fail and wished him well.

Cllr. G. Lawlor welcomed Mr. Enright on behalf of the Labour Party and looked forward to working with him.

Cllr. P. Reck welcomed Mr. Enright and wished him well in working for County Wexford.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Patrick Redmond, father of Siobhan Redmond, IT Department.
- The family of Francis Murphy, brother of Alice Kelly, Personnel Department.

Best Wishes:

The Council expressed their best wishes to the following:

- Cllr. P. Nolan, Member of Wexford Borough Council, who had been ill recently.
- Mr. Sean Doyle, who had recently retired as Member of Enniscorthy Town Council. He had previously been a Member of Wexford County Council and had 41 years service as a public representative.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- Dean Walsh who had won the All Ireland Senior Boxing Title and offered commiserations to Adam Nolan who had not been successful on this occasion.
- Gorey Rugby Club on winning 2 Leinster Titles
- St. Mary's Boxing Club New Ross for the boxing competition with boxers from Kazakhstan which is to be held in New Ross.

Cllr. M. Kinsella wished to thank Wexford County Council for the use of the premises for the recent LAMA meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor K. Codd Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th March, 2014.

Scheme of Priorities: Wexford County Council Small Grant Scheme for Heritage Structures 2014:

The Members noted report from Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner, dated 5th March outlining the details of the scheme.

Housing Grants for People with a Disability/Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme/Mobility Aids Grant Scheme:

The Members noted report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 10th March, 2014. Mr. Larkin responded to questions raised by the Members. Following discussion it was agreed that the Director of Service would give a report to the Housing SPC outlining details of the schemes outlining the number of people benefiting from each scheme.

Rental Accommodation Scheme:

The Members noted report of Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, dated 10th March, 2014 and questions raised by the Members were responded to by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 3rd March 2014.

Following discussion regarding Local Authority Membership of Local Enterprise Boards it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Members to refer the matter back to the Economic SPC for deliberation and that the matter would be dealt with at the next meeting of the Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Council that the Protocol Committee arrange a reception to recognise and honour Mr. Jim Bolger for his contribution to racing.

Progress and other Reports:

Water, Environment and Emergency Services Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were addressed by Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services.

The Members discussed the contents of letter received from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, regarding funding for repairs and associated costs following severe weather from 13th December 2013 to 6 January 2014. Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services, advised the Members that the Roads Department and Environment are to meet this week to establish priorities for the funding and would notify the Members of same.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan and agreed by the Members that a cross party committee under the leadership of the Chairman and one Member of each political group be formed to prepare a report to the Department of Transport, regarding the insufficient funding for roads in County Wexford. It was further agreed that the group call on the 5 TD's and 2 Senators in County Wexford to support their initiative.

Housing Monthly Report:

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

Transportation & Building Control Monthly Report:

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

Planning Monthly Report:

The Planning Monthly Report was noted by the Members and Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner, responded to questions raised by the Members.

Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report:

The Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report was noted by the Members. Ms. F. Hanrahan, County Librarian, agreed to review the support for drama festivals throughout the County.

Community Monthly Report:

The Community Monthly Report was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were addressed by Council Officials in attendance. Cllr. D. Kennedy thanked Wexford County Council for their support for the development of an amenity area in Clonroche.

Cllr. K. Codd Nolan asked that regular reports regarding the Suicide Prevention Group be forwarded to the Members.

Conferences:

The Members noted the list of conferences as circulated.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 24th January 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 17th February 2014.
- On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 21st February 2014.

- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Water, Environment & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 10th February, 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Codd, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 18th February, 2014.

Notices of Motion:

The Chairman took the following two motions together:

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council expresses its strong concern at the decision of the Minister for Youth and Children's Affairs to withdraw funding for the very successful Meitheal programme that operates in second level schools in Co. Wexford and calls on her to reconsider and continue to provide support."

Cllr. T. Dempsey:

"That Wexford County Council request the Government to provide the necessary funding, to ensure that the very valuable Meitheal Programme for second level schools is continued".

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Members that the Council would ask for a deputation to Frances Fitzgerald TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to secure funding for the Meitheal Programme for 2014/2015. It was agreed that the deputation should include representatives of Council Members, Wexford Local Development and schools.

The Chairman took the following two motions together:

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council recognises the importance of the Post Office network as an integral part of Irish community life and calls on the Government to develop a plan to enhance this network. The Council is also opposed to any proposal to transfer postal services to a supermarket chain."

Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"Recognising the invaluable role of the Rural Post offices and the supports of the Post Office Staff, that the Council calls on the government to protect, enhance and develop the post office network and is opposed to any measure that diminishes their pivotal role in the rural communities".

Following discussion it was agreed to write to Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D., Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, to express the concerns of the Members.

Cllr. D. MacPartlin:

“Wexford County Council insists that the development of Local Enterprise Offices should not displace workers employed in Local Development Companies or Leader and demands an immediate commitment on this issue and an assurance that Leader companies will be granted the licenses to continue their valuable job creation and community activities for the future”.

The motion above was proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella and agreed by the Members.

The County Manager noted the strict criteria set by the Department regarding the membership of Evaluation Committees for Local Enterprise Offices and his advice to Members was not to become involved in the Evaluation Committee.

The County Manager also expected further clarification in the coming weeks and was of the opinion that there would be no change to the current system.

He advised the meeting that the Leader Company will have to go to tender in line with European Union requirements.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Letter dated 27th February 2014 from Mr. Brendan McDermott, Flood Project Management Services, OPW.
- Letter dated 26th February 2014 from Ms. Elizabeth Arnett, Head of Communications & Corporate Services, Irish Water.
- Letter from Mr. John Maher, Private Secretary to Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D., Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, regarding the use of sky lanterns.
- Electoral Register Information Sessions

Any Other Business:

- Issue of Polling Information Cards – The Members noted correspondence from Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary, dated 28th February. On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Kinsella and agreed by the Council the Members approved the issuing of Polling Information Cards under Article 55 of the Local Elections Regulations 1995.
- Councillor M. Storey issued an invitation to the Members to the launch of the late Councillor Pat Cody's book of poetry and advised that he would forward details by email.
- Councillor J. Hegarty noted the success of the Wexford Sinfonia Concert held recently at Wexford County Council.

The Chairman advised the meeting that this was Mr. Adrian Doyle's last County Council meeting after 43 years service. He has held various positions during this time Acting County Manager, Director of Service, Finance Officer, Town Clerk, Manager of Wexford Borough Council. The Chairman thanked Mr. Doyle for his dedicated service and hard work for Local Government and on behalf of the people of Wexford wished Adrian a happy retirement with his wife Abina and their family.

The following Members expressed their best wishes to for a happy retirement to Mr. Doyle – Cllr. P. Kavanagh, Cllr. M. Sheehan, Cllr. G. Lawlor, Cllr. D. MacPartlin.

Mr. T. Enright, County Manager thanked Mr. Doyle for his warm welcome to County Wexford and noted that it would be a challenging year for Wexford County Council with the local government reorganisation. He thanked Mr. Doyle for his assistance to him since his arrival and noted his commitment to Local Government and that he would be a loss to the organisation.

Mr. Doyle enjoyed his time in local government and thanked the Members and the Chairman for their support over the years. He had attended over 800 meetings dating back to 1974 and had experienced lots of change in his working life. He paid tribute to people he worked with over the years in particular Gerry Forde Senior, Noel Casey and Paul Wilson. He welcomed Mr. Enright and wished him all the best as County Manager.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Aibreán, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday 14th April, 2014 at 2.30p.m. in the Council Chamber,
Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach.

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

Officials: Mr. T. Enright, County Manager.
Messrs T. Larkin, E. Hore, M. Melia, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

Comhairle na nÓg:

The Chairman Cllr. T. Howlin welcomed Members of Comhairle na nÓg to the meeting. The members of Comhairle na nÓg made a presentation to the meeting about cyber bullying. The matter was debated by the Members of the Council and questions raised were answered by Comhairle na nÓg.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Annabelle Kehoe daughter of Helena Kehoe(Nugent) and Granddaughter of Theresa Nugent New Ross Town Council.
- The family of Jimmy Doyle, Enniscorthy Business Association.
- The family of Jim Murphy, Painter, New Ross Urban District Council
- The family of Jimmy Holohan Jnr, Rathure.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- President Michael D. Higgins on his recent visit to the UK.
- Kilmuckridge and Kilrush Drama groups on their recent successes.
- Kenneth Browne on his success as incoming President of DCU Students Union and Fergal Hynes on his success as incoming President of UCD Students Union

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th March, 2014.

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

- Proposed disposal of lands at Ballinatray Upper, Riverchapel, Gorey, County Wexford – Lease Agreement with Riverchapel Community Complex Ltd.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella and agreed by the Members the Council resolved to dispose of lands at Ballinatray Upper, Riverchapel, Gorey, County Wexford as outlined in notice dated 2nd April 2014.

Road Works Programme 2014:

A copy of the Road Works Programme for 2014 inclusive of an expenditure allocation summary for maintenance works and improvement works on both national and non-national roads was circulated to the meeting. Following discussion and examination of the report on the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved of the Road Works Programme 2014 as circulated to the meeting

Annual Financial Statement 2013:

The Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2013 was circulated to the meeting and Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, presented a summary of its contents. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Ms. O'Neill.

It was agreed that a report on the RAS scheme and the management fees being paid by Wexford County would be available for the May meeting of the Council. The Members congratulated the Head of Finance and the Finance Staff in the production of the Statement.

Following discussion on the content of the Annual Financial Statement on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Codd and in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 the Council formally approved the Annual Financial Statement 2013 as circulated to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy the Members approved for the additional expenditure in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and to facilitate this requirement Part 2 of the report sets out the details of the spending areas where the additional expenditure has arisen.

Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018:

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Council the Members adopted the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 as submitted to the meeting.

Pre-draft Courtown Local Area Plan 2014-2020:

The Members noted report of Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner, dated 8th April 2014. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella and approved by the Council (with Cllr. R. Ireton abstaining) the Council approved the Pre-draft Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2014-2020 for public display.

Draft Amended (Gorey) (Courtown) Appointed Stands and Loading Bay Bye-Laws 2013 No. 2:

The Members noted Memo from Ms. A. Byrne, Gorey Town Clerk, dated 1st April 2014. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella, the Members adopted the Draft Amended (Gorey) (Courtown) Appointed Stands and Loading Bay Bye-Laws 2013 No. 2 as submitted to the meeting.

Draft Wexford County Council Control of Horses Bye Laws 2014:

The Members noted report from Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services, dated 8th April 2014. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Ms. Melia. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Agriculture regarding the cost of having horses disposed of in order to reduce costs. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. D. MacPartlin and agreed by the Members the Council adopted the Draft Wexford County Council Control of Horses Bye Laws 2014 as submitted to the meeting.

Cllr. D. Kennedy and the Members complimented the Staff at the success of the recent ceremony to induct new Ambassadors Mr. Jim Bolger and Mr. Aidan O'Brien and the award of bursaries to Wexford born trainee jockeys at the Race Academy at the Curragh Racecourse – Kenneth O'Connor and Ben Dalton.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 7th April 2014. Mr. T. Larkin advised that the Members may decide to extend the duration of the Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009 and the Clonroche Local Area Plan 2009. Mr. Larkin advised that in advance of a decision to extend the duration of these plans the Members must request and receive a report from the Manager under Section 19(1)(e)(ii). On the proposal of Cllr. P. Codd, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella and agreed by the Council the Members requested that the Manager prepare these reports.

Progress and other Reports:

Water, Environment and Emergency Services Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were addressed by Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services.

Ms. Melia advised the Members that the joint report from the Roads Department and Environment Department regarding funding for repairs and associated costs following severe weather from 13th December 2013 to 6 January 2014 would issue shortly.

Housing Monthly Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting and Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services, responded to questions raised by the Members on the content of the report.

Transportation & Building Control Monthly Report:

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

The list of estates for taking in charge as outlined in the report was formally adopted by the Members. Following discussion regarding a test case regarding unfinished estates the County Manager stated that he was not in favour of legal test case. He favoured a balanced approach by the Council stepping in and helping residents where possible by spending bonds/levies to finish estates to adequate standards where possible.

Planning Monthly Report:

The Planning Monthly Report was noted by the Members and Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, responded to questions raised by the Members.

Cllr. M. Murphy raised the issue of the Planning Contribution Scheme and in particular as it refers to contributions regarding pylons. This item is listed for discussion at the next Planning SPC meeting in May and it was agreed that the meeting would take place before the County Council Meeting on 12th May.

Further questions arose about the operation of the levies scheme in the Borough Council, the Town Councils and the County Council. The County Manager advised the Members that statutory schemes adopted in each of the Councils included public consultation as part of the process and that those schemes are legally in place until the abolition of the Town Councils. However Wexford County Council wished to encourage developments to take place and is prepared to consider lower contributions to encourage development.

Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report:

The Libraries, Arts and Archives Monthly Report was noted by the Members.

Community Monthly Report:

The Community Monthly Report was noted by the Members.

Conferences:

The Members noted the list of conferences as circulated.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 28th February 2014.
- 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 held on 24th March 2014. The Members agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. A. Bailey, Town Clerk, New Ross Town Council supporting the concept of acquiring land for New Ross Town AFC & Soccer Academy.
- On the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6th March 2014.

- On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor T. Dempsey, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 20th March 2014.
- The Members noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Sub Committee of the Council held on 7th April 2014. The Chairman advised the meeting that a report is being prepared by the Roads Department and brought back to the subcommittee. Once approved the report will be submitted to the Department of Transport, Members of Wexford County Council and Oireachtas Members.

Notices of Motion:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Kinsella seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"That Wexford Co Council calls upon the president of the GAA to reconsider its decision to broadcast its games on SKY TV. It is a travesty that they are making this decision after thirty years of claiming they would not go down the road of pay TV and that some of our national games will now not be available to our National broadcaster"

The above motion was discussed and a vote taken:

For: Cllrs M. Byrne; K. Codd Nolan; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; A. Fenlon;
J. Hegarty; T. Howlin; P. Kavanagh; R. Ireton; M. Kinsella; G. Lawlor;
M. Murphy; L. O'Brien; M. Sheehan; M. Storey; O. Walsh.

Against: Cllr. D. Kennedy

Abstained: Cllr. D. MacPartlin

Proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne:

"Having regard to the continued failure of Airtricity to adequately provide functioning public lighting in Gorey Town and in parts of Courtown, that the contract for such provision be reviewed, appropriate sanction be applied and that given continual breaches, that Wexford County Council seek to re tender for the provision of public lighting services"

The above motion was discussed by the Members and the following amended motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle:

"Having regard to the continued failure of Airtricity to adequately provide functioning public lighting in County Wexford, that the contract for such provision be reviewed, appropriate sanction be applied and that given continual breaches, that Wexford County Council seek to re tender for the provision of public lighting services"

The above motion was agreed by the Council

Proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That it is the policy of Wexford County Council that when Members or the Executive travel outside Ireland or attend an overnight conference where representing the Council, that a short report on such activity be provided to the Council within 14 days of the conclusion of the event and that such reports be made publicly available."

A discussion took place and Cllr. T. Howlin, Chairman, advised the Members that, with regard to the Members, there was provision in the new Act regarding these measures.

Sealing of Documents:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hegarty, the Council approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence and Communications:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Letter of acknowledgement from Orla McGovern, Diary Secretary to Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., Minister for Children & Youth Affairs regarding the Meitheal Programme.
- Acknowledgement from Siobhán Greene, Minister Pat Rabbitte's Office regarding the Post Office Network

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Beataine, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

***Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday 12th May, 2014 at 2.30p.m. in the Council Chamber,
Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach.

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

Officials: Mr. T. Enright, County Manager.
Messrs T. Larkin, E. Hore, M. Melia, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

Cllr. T. Howlin, Cathaoirleach, welcomed all present to the last meeting of the current Council.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Nicky Delaney, father of Diane Roche, Corporate Services.
- The family of Nora Rosaleen Delahunty, mother of Paul Delahunty, Water Services.
- The family of Ronan Furlong, Chairman of Wexford County Council Audit Committee.
- The family of Nancy Edwards, Hill Street, Wexford.
- The family of Florence Cullimore, Talbot St, Wexford.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- Timothy Harrington on becoming the Irish Ambassador to Croatia.
- Sean Guerin on the Guerin Justice Report.
- Wexford Drama Groups who competed at the festival in Athlone.
- The success of Wexford Light Opera on their recent production of "Sister Act".
- North End Soccer Club on winning the cup and league double.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor D. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 14th April, 2014.

Extension of the duration of the Clonroche Local Area Plan 2009-2015 and the Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015:

The Members noted the Manager's Reports regarding the extension of the Local Area Plans. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien and agreed by all Members approval was given to the extension of the duration of the Clonroche Local Area Plan 2009-2015 and the Taghmon Local Area Plan 2009-2015.

Draft Playground Development Policy:

Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services presented the Draft Playground Development Policy for new playgrounds and refurbishment of current playgrounds as submitted to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Members approved the policy.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 6th May 2014.

Questions raised by the Members regarding the structure of the Local Community Development Committees were answered by Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services, in particular, representation of community groups on the new body. Ms. Melia responded that the guidelines which had issued sets out the functions of the new committees. She expected further guidelines to be issued in due course.

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, responded to questions raised regarding the patching units in use by the Council. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh it was agreed that the incoming Council should consider purchasing another patching unit.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, the Council calls on Mr. P. Hogan, Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government, to give powers to the County Councils to ensure that all private waste collectors operating in the county used the landfill in the county. The County Manager responded that it was not possible to legislate for the proposal. This issue had been looked at previously by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government and it was decided that there was no legal provision to direct waste to a particular landfill. There was no vote taken on this matter.

Cllr. D. MacPartlin requested that proper signposting for Ferns/Camolín be erected, in particular, to highlight historical and heritage locations.

Progress and other Reports:

Economic Development & Planning Monthly Report:

The Members raised questions regarding taking in charge in Gorey and improvement works at lands at Butlersland which were answered by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services.

Further discussion took place regarding the future of Wexford Local Development. Cllr. G. Lawlor raised the issue regarding the old Wexford hospital which was now a derelict site and he stated that it would cost €400,000-€500,000 to bring the building back to non derelict status. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members requested that the Council write to the appropriate bodies to have Wexford Hospital delisted and that a suitable memorial be put in place onsite in memory of the residents of the workhouse. All Members voted in favour except Cllr. P. Reck.

Questions regarding spatial strategy were raised by Cllr. K. Doyle and it was agreed that Wexford County Council would make a submission at the appropriate time and that it would be matter for the incoming Council.

The Chairman asked that the Council deal with the minutes of the Planning SPC meeting of 7th May and Cllr. D. MacPartlin's motion regarding planning levies.

Notices of Motion:

Proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin:

"In the context of planning levies that Wexford County Council will impose a charge of €100,000 per pylon designed to carry 400KV overhead cables and a similar charge for industrial wind farm turbines".

Cllr. M. Sheehan proposed an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle as follows:

"In the context of planning levies that Wexford County Council will impose a charge of €100,000 per pylon per annum designed to carry 400KV overhead cables".

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, set out the legal position regarding planning contributions used to fund infrastructure. He advised the Members that a simple resolution as set out would not be adequate to achieve the objective. A change to the contribution scheme requires public consultation. He advised that the motion's objective should be pursued through planning control measures rather than the development contribution scheme. In any event An Bord Pleanála will apply the planning contributions not Wexford County Council in respect of this development and he recommended that the Members did not proceed with the motion.

A vote was taken and all Members voted in favour of the amended motion.

Transportation, Water Services, Health & Safety Monthly Report:

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

The Director of Services agreed to look into the providing water by tankers to estates in Gorey if required.

It was noted that Wexford Town received €540,000 for the Active Travel Towns Initiative. The Members raised questions regarding Irish Water and taking in charge of estates, the Director agreed to investigate roads suggested by the members for improvement.

Housing Environment & Community Monthly Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Matters raised by the Members were dealt with by Ms. M. Melia, A/Director of Services.

The Amenity grants as set out in the report submitted to the meeting were formally approved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh and agreed by all Members.

Conferences:

The Members noted the list of conferences as circulated.

Minutes of Meetings:

- On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 21st March 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 17th April 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 28th March 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor M. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Gorey Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd April 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 28th April 2014.

- On the proposal of Councillor L. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Kennedy, the Council approved the minutes of the Special New Ross Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 14th April 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor L. O'Brien, the Council approved the minutes of the Water, Environment & Emergency Services SPC Meeting held on 14th April 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor J. Hegarty, seconded by Councillor J. Moore, the Council approved the minutes of the Economic & Social Development SPC Meeting held on 11th April 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor P. Codd, the Council approved the minutes of the Wexford Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 1st May 2014.
- On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the Planning SPC Meeting held on 7th May 2014.

Notices of Motion:

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council seeks the introduction of legislation that (a) will provide that where a building is derelict and seriously detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood, powers are available to require the owner to refurbish or demolish such premises.

(b) will permit the Council to seize any building that has been empty for more than twelve months and is not for sale or rent and make it available for appropriate use, compensating any owner less costs."

With regard to (a) Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised the meeting that the Council hoped to develop a strategy in the Strategic Policy Group in the autumn as to the Council's Strategic position regarding derelict sites. All Members voted in favour of (a) above.

With regard to (b) above Cllr. M. Byrne and Cllr. D. MacPartlin voted in favour. All other Members voted against.

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised the meeting that the Council had made an application to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government to declare the entire county an urban area under the Derelict Sites Act and to allow use of the derelict sites levy throughout the county.

Cllr. M. Byrne:

"That Wexford County Council remains committed to a policy of having six fire crew members with each fire appliance that attends at a fire, in line with international best practice."

The motion above was proposed by Cllr M Byrne and seconded by Cllr. M Sheehan. The motion was withdrawn following a reassurance from Ms. M Melia, A/Director of Service, that there was no proposal to change the number of firefighters that respond to incidents in the draft Fire and Emergency Operations Plan being prepared by Fire Services.

Cllr. D. MacPartlin:

"Wexford County Council will, in accordance with the Fine Gael election pledge make its housing stock available to long term tenants at a discount of 50% on market value. These funds to be used to fill the deficit arising from the probable ongoing reduction in Government's funding".

The motion above was proposed by Cllr. D. MacPartlin, seconded by Cllr. M. Kinsella and approved by the Council.

Sealing of Documents:

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

Correspondence and Communications:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Letter from Mr. Pat Rabbitte, T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding the future of the post office network.
- Correspondence from Mr. Liam O'Neill, Uachtarán CLG, regarding the broadcast of GAA games on Sky TV.
- Acknowledgement from Mr. Kevin Galligan, Private Secretary to Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the cost of disposing of horses.

Any Other Business:

A spokesperson from each party and the Independent Group spoke and thanked the County Manager, Directors of Services, Patricia Devereux, Barbara Byrne and all the Council Staff for working and liaising with them for the past 5 years. They thanked the Chairman and wished those retiring well in their retirement and the best of luck to those standing in the forthcoming elections. Everybody had worked hard to promote the Council and County Wexford during the 5 year term.

The County Manager thanked the Members for their professional manner and wished the Chairman and his wife Mary a long and happy retirement and best of luck to all the Councillors in their retirement or in the elections.

The Chairman thanked the Press and all the Council staff for their work, dedication and co-operation during the 5 year term.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Meitheamh, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of First Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Friday 6th June 2014 – 11.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Pip Breen,	James Browne,	Malcolm Byrne,	Ger Carthy,
Kathleen Codd Nolan,	Anthony Connick,	Tony Dempsey,	Anthony Donohoe,
Keith Doyle,	Mary Farrell,	Willie Fitzharris,	John Fleming,
John Hegarty,	David Hynes,	Robert Ireton,	Paddy Kavanagh,
Fergie Kehoe,	Anthony Kelly,	George Lawlor,	Jim Moore,
Barbara Anne Murphy,	Martin Murphy,	Johnny Mythen,	Larry O'Brien,
Oisin O'Connell,	John O'Rourke,	Fionntán ÓSúilleabháin,	Mick Roche,
Michael Sheehan,	Joe Sullivan,	Deirdre Wadding,	Oliver Walsh,
Michael Whelan.			

Officials:

Messrs: T. Enright, Chief Executive,
T. Larkin, E. Hore, M. Melia, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllr. Frank Staples.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, welcomed the new Councillors and congratulated the previous Council for their services rendered to the county. He stated the meeting of the new Council was a historic occasion and the new County Council structure now included the four towns and advised that the new Municipal Districts will have statutory functions.

Mr. Enright further pointed out that, as part of the new system, the Local Enterprise Office has a statutory role in job creation while the Local Community Development Committee had a critical role in the community development.

The Chief Executive made reference to the excellent relationship between Members and Staff and hoped that the tradition would continue. He also introduced the Management Team to the Members.

Pending the election of the Chairman, the Chief Executive took the chair.

Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator, then read out the list of Members formally elected in the Local Elections.

Election of Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. M. Byrne was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe.

Cllr. J. Mythen was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. O. O'Connell.

In Favour of Councillor M. Byrne:

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

In Favour of Councillor J. Mythen:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Councillor Malcolm Byrne was elected Cathaoirleach and took the Chair.

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. O. Walsh was proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

Cllr. D. Hynes was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin .

In Favour of Councillor O. Walsh:

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

In Favour of Councillor D. Hynes:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. Walsh was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Chair-designate for SPC's:

The Chief Executive advised the meeting that there was a preference that each of the members would serve on an SPC. The Council would be writing to each member seeking details of their preference

Housing, Community and Environment

Cllr. F. Kehoe was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. A. Kelly was proposed by Cllr. O. O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

In Favour of Councillor F. Kehoe:

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

In Favour of Councillor A. Kelly:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. Kehoe was elected.

Transportation and Water Services

Cllr. L. O' Brien was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.
Cllr. M. Roche was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

In Favour of Councillor L. O'Brien:

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

In Favour of Councillor M. Roche:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. O' Brien was elected.

Economic Development and Enterprise

Cllr. M. Sheehan was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.
Cllr. O. O'Connell was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

In Favour of Councillor M. Sheehan:

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

In Favour of Councillor O.O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. Sheehan was elected.

Planning and Building Control

Cllr. J. Moore was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.
Cllr. M. Roche was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. O. O'Connell.

In Favour of Councillor J. Moore:

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

In Favour of Councillor M. Roche:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. Moore was elected.

Protocol Committee:

Cllrs. B.A. Murphy, M. Sheehan, J. Moore, A. Donohoe and M. Farrell were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

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

All six Councillors were deemed elected.

Local Traveller (Accommodation) Consultative Committee:

Cllrs. J. Sullivan, P. Kavanagh, L. O' Brien and R. Ireton were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. D. Wadding was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes and seconded by Cllr. F Ó Súilleabháin.

All five Councillors were deemed elected.

Audit Committee:

Cllrs. J. Sullivan and A. Connick were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. O. O' Connell was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen

In Favour of Councillor J. Sullivan and A. Connick:

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

In Favour of Councillor O. O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Sullivan and Connick were elected.

Environmental Monitoring Committee:

Cllrs. P. Breen and O. Walsh were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. O. O' Connell was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche

In Favour of Councillor P. Breen and O. Walsh:

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

In Favour of Councillor O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Breen and Walsh were elected.

Local Community Development Committee:

Cllrs. T. Dempsey, M. Sheehan, A. Donohoe and K.Codd Nolan were proposed by Cllr. F. Kehoe and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

Cllr. J. Mythen was proposed by Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin and seconded by Cllr. O. O'Connell.

In Favour of Councillor T. Dempsey, M. Sheehan; A. Donohoe & K. Codd-Nolan:

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

In Favour of Councillor J. Mythen:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Dempsey, Sheehan, Donohoe and Codd-Nolan were elected.

Joint Policing Committee:

Cllrs. J. Sullivan, J. Fleming, F. Kehoe, B.A. Murphy, W. Fitzharris, O. Walsh, J. Moore, K. Codd Nolan, G. Carthy and A. Connick were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. A. Kelly was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

Cllr. D. Hynes was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding and Seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly.

All 12 Councillors were deemed elected.

Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

Cllrs. M. Murphy, M. Farrell, F. Kehoe and F. Staples were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. M. Roche was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin.

In Favour of Councillor M. Murphy; M. Farrell; F. Kehoe & F. Staples:

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

In Favour of Councillor M. Roche:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Murphy, Farrell, Kehoe and Staples were elected

Regional Assembly:

Cllrs. P. Breen, L. O' Brien and O. Walsh
sh were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.
Cllr. A. Kelly was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. O. O' Connell.

In Favour of Councillor P. Breen; L.O'Brien & O. Walsh:

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

In Favour of Councillor A. Kelly:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Breen, O' Brien and Walsh were elected.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances:

Cllr. J. Browne, was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.
Cllr. J. Mythen was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. O. O' Connell.

In Favour of Councillor J. Browne:

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

In Favour of Councillor J. Mythen:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. Browne was elected.

Education and Training Boards:

Cllrs. K. Doyle, M. Byrne, K. Codd Nolan, J. Moore, R. Ireton and G. Carthy were proposed
by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.
Cllr. F Ó Súilleabháin was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

All 7 Councillors were deemed elected.

LAMA:

Cllr. P. Kavanagh, was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. L. O' Brien.
Cllr. O. O' Connell was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

In Favour of Councillor P. Kavanagh:

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

In Favour of Councillor O.O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllr. Kavanagh was elected.

Regional Health Forum (South):

Cllrs. J. Sullivan, J. Browne, F. Staples and G. Lawlor were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh.

Cllr. J. Mythen was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

In Favour of Councillor J. Sullivan; J. Browne; F. Staples and G. Lawlor:

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

In Favour of Councillor J. Mythen:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Sullivan, Browne, Staples and Lawlor were elected

Association Irish Local Government (3 voting delegates at the Annual Conference and 1 permanent delegate to the Standing Policy Council)

Cllrs. J. Browne, M. Byrne and L. O'Brien (voting delegates) and J. Moore (permanent delegate) were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

In Favour of Councillor J. Browne; M. Byrne; L. O'Brien & J. Moore:

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

In Favour of Councillor F. O' Súilleabháin:

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

Following a vote of 25 votes to 8, Cllrs. Browne, Byrne, O'Brien (voting delegates) and J. Moore (permanent delegate) were elected

Wexford Heritage Trust Ltd:

Cllrs. B. A. Murphy and O. Walsh were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. F Ó Súilleabháin was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen

In Favour of Councillor B.A. Murphy & O. Walsh:

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

In Favour of Councillor F. Ó Súilleabháin:

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

Following a vote of 24 votes to 8, Cllrs. Murphy and Walsh were elected

Duncannon Fort Trust:

Cllrs. M. Murphy and W. Fitzharris were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. O. O'Connell was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen

In Favour of Councillor M Murphy & W. Fitzharris:

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

In Favour of Councillor O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 24 votes to 8, Cllrs. Murphy and Fitzharris were elected

Hook Heritage Ltd:

Cllrs. M. Whelan and L. O'Brien were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. O. O'Connell was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly.

In Favour of Councillor M. Whelan & L.O'Brien:

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

In Favour of Councillor O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 24 votes to 8, Cllrs. Whelan and O'Brien were elected.

Courtown Waterworld:

Cllrs. M. Farrell and J. Sullivan were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. F Ó Súilleabháin was proposed by Cllr. O. O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

In Favour of Councillor M. Farrell & J. Sullivan:

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

In Favour of Councillor S. Ó Súilleabháin:

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

Following a vote of 24 votes to 8, Cllrs. Farrell and Sullivan were elected.

Wexford Monument Trust Ltd:

Cllrs. J. Fleming and L. O'Brien were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. A. Kelly was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche

In Favour of Councillor J. Fleming & L.O'Brien:

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

In Favour of Councillor A. Kelly:

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

Following a vote of 24 votes to 8, Cllrs. Fleming and O'Brien were elected

Fethard Castle:

Cllrs. M. Whelan and M. Murphy were proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey, and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan.

Cllr. O. O'Connell was proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. F Ó Súilleabháin.

In Favour of Councillor M. Whelan & Murphy:

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

In Favour of Councillor O.O'Connell:

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

Following a vote of 24 votes to 8, Cllrs. Whelan and Murphy were elected.

Schedule of County Council Meetings:

The Schedule of Meetings, as attached, was circulated. The dates will be reviewed as part of the review of Standing Orders.

July Meeting of the Council:

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. L. O' Brien, it was agreed that the July 2014 meeting of the County Council will be held on 7th July 2014.

It was further agreed that a meeting of the Protocol Committee would be held prior to the next Council meeting.

Induction Training for Elected Members:

Induction Training and Briefing Sessions for the members will be held over the summer and in early September 2014.

The Chairman then addressed the Council, saying that it was a great honour to be elected Chairman of the New Council. He thanked his proposer and seconder and those who voted for him. He also paid special thanks to his family, the Chief Executive and the hard-working officials of the Council and finally members of the media.

He set out his priorities as follows:-

Unfinished Estates.

Support for business in the area of employment creation.

The promotion of the Arts.

He paid tribute to the outgoing members of the Council and welcomed the new members. He looked forward to working with the new Council in setting out a programme for the next 5 years and hoped that he would be a fair Chairman working closely with all the Councillors regardless of their parties for the benefit of the Community.

Councillor Oliver Walsh, Leas Cathaoirleach, thanked the members and looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach.

Representatives from each of the parties and the independent members echoed the sentiments of the Cathaoirleach in wishing the retired members every good wish for the future and welcomed the new members and looked forward to working with the new Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 7ú la de Iúil, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 7th July 2014 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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

Officials:

Messrs: T. Enright, Chief Executive;
E. Hore, Director of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. D. Houston, A/ Director of Services;
Ms. F. Hanrahan, A/Director of Services;
Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator;
Mr. G. Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community Development.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, the Council approved the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Wexford County Council held on 6th June, 2014.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Peter Hodnett, Artist. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes it was proposed that a plaque be placed near the sculpture on New Ross Quays and The Faythe to acknowledge Peter Hodnett as the artist for both these sculptures.
- The family of Tim Flood, Clonroche, uncle of Gerry Forde, A/Senior Engineer.
- The family of Shirley D'Arcy Mutch, sister of Senator Michael D'Arcy.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- New Ross and District Pipe Band on organising the 2014 All Ireland Pipe Band Championship.
- Gorey Pipe Band on winning the 2014 All Ireland Pipe Band Championship.
- Pdraig Flood in the International FameLab competition.

Standing Orders:

The proposed Standing Orders and document setting out the Reserved Functions was circulated to the meeting. Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, outlined the reserved functions that would be dealt with at municipal level and advised that the adoption of standing orders and agreement of reserved functions would be dealt with at the September meeting of the Council.

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

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor F. Kehoe, the Council resolved to dispose of the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of land at Rear of 7 Bishops Park, Wexford, to James & Miriam Hillis, 7 Bishop's Park, Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor J. Moore, the Council resolved to dispose of the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of 0.0072 hectares of land at rear of 8 Bishop's Park, Wexford to Ms. Emer Malone, 8 Bishop's Park, Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council resolved to dispose of the following lands in accordance with notice circulated:

- Proposed disposal of 7.20 acres at The Faythe, Wexford to the Office of Public Works to facilitate the construction of the new Garda Headquarters in Wexford.

It was agreed that item No. 4 (Establishment of the Local Community Development Committees L.C.D.C's) and item No. 5 (Appointment of Members to the Local Community Development Committees L.C.D.C.) be taken with the presentation at Item 10 (Local Community Development Committee Presentation)

Establishment of Strategic Policy Committees in accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

The Chairman advised the Members that the likely composition of the Strategic Policy Committees would be two thirds Council Members and one third Community. It is intended to write to the Members seeking preference for the SPC they wish to serve on. Formal establishment of the Strategic Policy Committees will take place at the September Meeting of the Council.

Proposed Material Contravention of Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 in Accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As amended). Planning Register No. 20130711 – Permission for (a) Erection of a Commercial Building, Comprising of a Sales Area with Ancillary Accommodation and Store and (B) Associated Site works at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy Rural.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh. Resolution approved to grant planning permission to materially contravene the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Plan 2008-2014 for planning register number 20130711.

In approving the resolution Cllr. K. Doyle and Cllr. J. Mythen requested that works be carried out to the junction at the R744 Oulart Road and the county road leading to Clonhasten. Councillor Mythen also requested that a condition be placed to prohibit the use as a grain depot or grain store.

Mr. D. Houston confirmed conditions relating to these issues would be added to the permission.

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

LAC 1402 – All Weather Pitch with Floodlighting and Associated Site Works at Gorey Showgrounds, Gorey.

LAC 1403 - Proposed Erection of 1 No. Single Storey Detached Special Needs Dwelling with Associated Site Works at Rosetown, Rosslare.

LAC 1404 – Construction of No. 9. No. Dwellings and All Associated Site Works at Baile Eoghain, Gorey.

The Members considered Chief Executive Reports regarding the above. On the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton seconded by Cllr. P. Breen the Members agreed that the proposed developments be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report.

Student Grant Scheme 2014/2015:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell the Council resolved to adopt the Student Grant Scheme for 2014/2015.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 30th June 2014.

A discussion followed regarding the setting up of a Budgetary Working Group to look at scenarios and various finance options available to the Council in its forthcoming budget. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Ireton seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor that this Budgetary Working Group comprises of Corporate Policy Group Members, 1 Sinn Fein, 1 Labour, 1 People Before Profit, 1 Member selected by the non-party Members. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor this was amended to have the group comprised of Corporate Policy Group Members, 1 Sinn Fein, 1 Labour, 1 People Before Profit and 2 Members selected by the non-party Members.

This was agreed by the Council and nominations for the Budgetary Working Group should be sent to the County Secretary by Friday 18th July 2014.

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, outlined the annual budgetary process and outlined the timelines to be followed and answered questions raised by the Members.

Given the tight deadlines imposed by the budgetary process the Chairman advised that there was likely to be two full meetings of the Council in September together with a number of meetings of the Budgetary Working Group and that Members would be advised of the revised dates for the September meetings.

Progress and other Reports:

It was noted that these reports will be circulated to the Municipal Districts for future meetings.

Economic Development & Planning Monthly Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Questions raised by the Members were answered by officials in attendance.

Housing Environment & Community Monthly Report:

The monthly report of the Director of Services was circulated to the meeting. Suggestions made in relation to bio-diversity gardens, renovation of town centres and allotment schemes were noted by the Director.

Transportation, Water Services, Health & Safety Monthly Report:

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

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, advised the meeting that he had met with Eirgrid recently and noted that the company is fully aware of the Council's policy regarding pylons which had been sent to Eirgrid after the final meeting of the previous Council.

It was agreed to defer the other reports until after the Local Community Development Committee Presentation.

Presentation on the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.):

Mr. G. Mackey, Chief Officer L.C.D.C, gave a presentation on the Local Community Development Committee and its structure and functions.

It was noted that the tendering process for the SICAP programme is already in progress and a number of questions raised regarding Wexford Local Development could not be dealt with as the company could be involved in the tendering process.

It was also noted that a number of Members of Wexford County Council were board Members of Wexford Local Development. Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, noted that these Members were nominated by the previous Council and not the current Council. Mr. Enright advised the meeting that prior to the Annual General Meeting of Wexford County Council correspondence was received from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government, setting out that the Council was not required to appoint Members to Local Development Company. Mr. Enright expects further clarification from the Department regarding this matter.

Establishment of the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.):

The Members noted the establishment of the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.) as circulated to the meeting. The establishment of the Local Community Development Committee was proposed by Cllr. M. Farrell, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton. A vote was taken:

Voting In Favour:

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

Voting Against:

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

Appointment of Members to the Local Community Development Committees (L.C.D.C.):

The Members noted correspondence dated 25th June 2014 regarding the appointment of nominees to the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.) for resolution of the Local Authority. A vote was taken:

Voting In Favour:

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

Voting Against:

Councillor D. Wadding;

Abstaining:

Councillors: J. Hegarty; A. Kelly; M. Roche; J. Mythen; F. ÓSúilleabháin; O. O'Connell; D. Hynes; M. Murphy;

The Members resolved to the appointment the nominees to the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.) as outlined in correspondence dated 25th June 2014.

Housing Environment & Community Monthly Report continued:

Questions raised were noted by Ms. F. Hanrahan, A/Director of Services, who advised that she would direct them to Housing Officials.

Cllr. B.A. Murphy wished to congratulate Ms. Cliona Connolly, Environment Department on her work in the Green Schools in County Wexford.

The Cathaoirleach suggest to the meeting that, given the concern expressed by Members about the housing crisis in County Wexford, a presentation on Wexford County Council's housing policy be given to Members in the autumn.

Conferences:

The Members noted the list of conferences as circulated.

Minutes of Meetings:

- Protocol Committee Meeting – 23rd June 2014. Arising from the minutes, the Members discussed the proposal for tablets/laptops for the Members.

A number of Councillors expressed concern that they had experienced difficulty in getting replies to queries from Staff. Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, notified the Members that briefing sessions for the various departments of the Council would take place in the autumn to outline the various provisions of services by the Council and to familiarise the Members with the Staff in the various departments.

Mr. Enright notified the Members of his intention to set up a Customer Tracking System to track queries made by customers and Councillors.

Suspension of Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to 6.00 p.m.

- The Members noted the following minutes:

Gorey Municipal District – 10th June 2014
New Ross Municipal District – 11th June 2014
Enniscorthy Municipal District – 12th June 2014
Borough District of Wexford – 13th June 2014

Notices of Motion:

Proposed by Councillor G. Carthy seconded by Councillor A. Kelly.

“That Wexford County Council call on the Minister for Health to address the Nursing and Medical Staff shortages in the new Emergency Department at Wexford General Hospital. The new Emergency Department at Wexford General Hospital is a “state of the art” facility and is not, to date, being fully utilized in the context of the full footprint not being used due to staff shortages. Wexford General Hospital requires an additional nine A & E nursing staff and at least two A & E Consultants to match the level of patient intake through the Emergency Department.

The Full Pediatric unit is not open – all the A& E rooms are not open and there is an increased waiting time for Ambulance crews handing over patients, thereby putting additional pressure on the National Ambulance Service should emergency calls be stacked.”

Following discussion and agreed by Cllr. G. Carthy the motion was amended as follows:

“That Wexford County Council requests a deputation to the Minister for Health to address the Nursing and Medical Staff shortages in the new Emergency Department at Wexford General Hospital. The new Emergency Department at Wexford General Hospital is a “state of the art” facility and is not, to date, being fully utilized in the context of the full footprint not being used due to staff shortages. Wexford General Hospital requires an additional nine A & E nursing staff and at least two A & E Consultants to match the level of patient intake through the Emergency Department.

The Full Pediatric unit is not open – all the A& E rooms are not open and there is an increased waiting time for Ambulance crews handing over patients, thereby putting additional pressure on the National Ambulance Service should emergency calls be stacked.”

All Members voted in favour.

Proposed by Councillor F. Ó’Súilleabháin seconded by Cllr. O. O’Connell:

Wexfords Rural Post Office Network

“Wexford County Council notes the ongoing concern regarding the future of our rural postal service.

It further notes that three rural post offices have closed in Co.Wexford in recent times.

Wexford County Council will support the campaign by the *Postmasters Union* and others, calling on the government to put an *Action Plan* in place immediately for the long term sustainability of our post office network, involving an expanded rural post office service”.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. M. Whelan and agreed by Councillor F. Ó’Súilleabháin the motion was amended as follows:

“Wexford County Council notes the ongoing concern regarding the future of our rural postal service and notes the move to electronic payments.

It further notes that three rural post offices have closed in Co.Wexford in recent times.

Wexford County Council will support the campaign by the *Postmasters Union* and others, calling on the government to put an *Action Plan* in place immediately for the long term sustainability of our post office network, involving an expanded rural post office service”.

All voted in favour of the motion.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kelly seconded by Councillor D. Hynes:

“I move that this Council fully support the fishing Industry in the South East by calling on Minister Coveney to urgently re-negotiate Ireland's fishing quota's & also the recent IMFF funding allocations for Ireland of €148M”

All voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor O. O’Connell

"That this Council calls upon the Minister for the Environment to publish immediately the regulations regarding the local adjustment factor as per the Local Property Act and, notwithstanding those regulations and the restrictions in the Act, declares its intention to begin the process of reducing the rate of LPT payable by householders as provided for in the Act.”

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

Sealing of Documents:

The Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence and Communications:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Letter from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the cost of disposing of horses.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 14 de Meán Fómhair, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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held on Monday 15th September 2014 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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

Officials: Messrs: T. Enright, Chief Executive;
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator;
Mr. G. Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community Development.

Apologies: Cllr. P. Kavanagh

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- The Wexford U21 hurling team on their brave and inspirational performance in the All Ireland U21 final. The Members requested that the County Secretary write to their Manager JJ Doyle to congratulate the team and mentors on an outstanding performance.
- Clonegal Village on winning the title of "Tidiest Village" for 2014.
- Wexford Town on achieving the Tidy Towns "Bronze Medal Award".
- Clonard Ladies Football team on their recent success
- Wexford Senior Camogie Team on reaching the All Ireland Semi Finals.

Welcome:

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, welcomed Mr. John Carley to the meeting and to Wexford County Council as Director of Services. Mr. Carley outlined his directorate within Wexford County Council and looked forward to working with the Members.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Nicky Delaney, brother of Diane Roche, Corporate Services.
- The family of Neil Brazzill, brother of Michael Brazzill, Resident Technician, Water Services.
- The family of Susan Lambe, mother of John Lambe, Executive Engineer, Environment Department.
- The family of Jim Howlett, recently retired employee.
- The family of Cáit Uí Threasaigh, mother of Siobhan O'Treasaigh, Reception.
- The family of Dr. Diarmuid O'Muire, Forth and Bargy, historian and native of New Ross,
- The family of Michael Rochford, Talbot Green, Wexford
- The family of Decla Culleton, wife of Ned Culleton.
- The family of Paddy Allen, former Council employee.

Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 12th May, 2014.

On the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 7th July, 2014.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the motion submitted by Cllr. J. Fleming to be considered.

"If Eirgrid need to bring power lines through County Wexford that Wexford County Council ensures such power lines be placed underground".

Following discussion on the matter the above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council.

Urgent Correspondence from Mr. Liam Kenny, Director, Association of Irish Local Government:

The Members noted correspondence from the AILG dated 7th August regarding amending Paragraph 3 of the AILG Constitution under the heading of "Membership" by inserting the words "as far as is possible" as follows:

"Each Member Authority shall, **as far as is possible**, nominate a Delegate from each Municipal District to represent the interests of the Member Authority at the Annual Conference. In the event a Member Authority does not have a Municipal District, appointment shall be made from an Electoral Area on the same basis. For avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the number of Municipal Districts within a particular Member Authority,

each Member Authority shall nominate a minimum of three Delegates. Such individuals shall be hereinafter known as the ‘delegates’”.

Following discussion on the matter a vote was taken on the proposal, all Members of the Council voted against the amendment.

Adoption of Standing Orders/proposed addition to Standing Orders:

A copy of the revised Standing Orders were circulated to the meeting for consideration. Following discussion the following issues were considered:

- The Standing Orders had proposed that bi monthly meetings be held by the Council. Following a vote on the matter the Members voted that meetings be held monthly and that the matter would be reviewed at a later date. It was agreed that as there were two meetings in September that the following meeting of the Council would be held in November.
- The Members discussed the matter of ‘Notice of Motions’ and it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Protocol Committee for a review of the procedure for dealing with motions and refer back to the County Council meeting with a proposal.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, advised that it was very early in the current Council and there would be an initial settling down period and that the day to day issues would be dealt with at Municipal District level while the policy making decisions would be dealt with by the County Council and that in 2015 each Municipal District/Borough District would have their own budget for the running of the district.

- Membership of Outside Bodies. There was one change outlined regarding Members appointed by the Council to bodies set out in Art 18 (3) of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 and any other outside bodies or committee of the Council shall cease to be members of the body or committee on the “ordinary day of retirement” of the Members, as set out in Section 17 of the Local Government Act 2001. This change was proposed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe and agreed by the Council.

Standing Orders with the above amendments were agreed by the Council.

SPC Scheme/Membership/Timeline:

SPC Scheme:

The Members noted the Draft SPC Scheme and timeline as submitted to the meeting. Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary, outlined the timeline to the meeting regarding adoption of the scheme, public consultation period and timeline for nominations to the SPC’s. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O’Brien, seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, the Members adopted the Strategic Policy Scheme 2014 as set out in Section 48 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

SPC Membership:

Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary, circulated to the meeting the proposed Council Membership to the Strategic Policy Committees. Mr. Collins advised the meeting he had used the following criteria in membership of the committees:

- Councillors 1st or 2nd preference
- District representation
- Political Parties.

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, advised the meeting that the Gorey Area proposed that the Gorey District Members Membership of the SPC's be amended as follows:

Cllr. J. Sullivan, replace Cllr. J. Hegarty on the Housing, Community and Environment SPC.

Cllr. P. Breen, replace Cllr. J. Sullivan on the Transportation & Water Services SPC.

Cllr. J. Hegarty replace Cllr. P. Breen on the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC.

This was agreed by the Council.

Reserved Functions:

The meeting discussed the Reserved Functions as outlined to the meeting. In particular the Members raised concern over accessibility and accessibility to town centres. Mr. T. Larkin advised the meeting that accessibility now came under his directorate and as requested by the Members Mr. Larkin agreed that a quarterly progress report on accessibility would be circulated to Members. Mr. Larkin advised the meeting he intended to work systematically with PPN to identify the main issues in improving accessibility in the county.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, advised the meeting that he had recently met with Age Friendly Ireland who will give a presentation at the November meeting of the Council, seeking Wexford's agreement to become part of the Age Friendly Counties Programme.

The Reserved Functions as presented were noted and it was agreed that any disputes regarding reserved functions be referred to the CPG for consideration.

Appointment of Members to the Audit Committee:

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance advised the meeting that the Audit Committee comprised of 2 Council Members and 3 external members. The following external members were proposed based on business, experience, gender and location:

- Bernard Doyle, Accountant.
- Ann O'Brien, Director, Kents Manufacturing.
- Mary Browne, President, New Ross Chamber of Commerce.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe and agreed by the Members the Council resolved to appoint Mr. Doyle, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Browne to the Audit Committee.

Appointment of Members to the Education Training Committee:

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, advised the meeting that Wexford County Council could nominate 7 Members to the Education Training Committee. Under Section 30 of the Education Training Board Act 2013 it outlines that “at least 40 per cent of members elected under subsection (1)(a) shall be women and at least 40 per cent shall be men”.

Of the 7 Members of Wexford County Council, one female had been elected – Cllr. K. Codd Nolan.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, it was agreed by the Council that Cllr. B.A. Murphy would replace Cllr. K. Doyle and that Cllr. M. Farrell would replace Cllr. R. Ireton and that Cllr. R. Ireton would now replace Cllr. M. Farrell on the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Appointment of Members to the Joint Policing Committee:

Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary, advised the meeting that the Council had received a revision to Joint Policing Committee Guidelines (August 2014). Under Section 16.3 of the guidelines it outlines whereby counties with 32 or more elected members, 15 Members should be elected to the Joint Policing Committee.

It was noted that following the Annual Meeting on 06.06.14 the following Members were elected to the JPC: Cllrs: J. Sullivan, J. Fleming, F. Kehoe, B.A. Murphy, W. Fitzharris, O. Walsh, J. Moore, K. Codd Nolan, G. Carthy, A. Connick, A. Kelly, D. Hynes.

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, proposed that in order to fill the 3 vacancies the Council should nominate 1 Fianna Fail, 1 Fine Gael and 1 other. This was agreed by the Council and the vacancies were to be filled later in the meeting.

Appointment of one Member to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee (Enniscorthy District):

Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary, advised the meeting that there was no representative from the Enniscorthy District appointed to the Rural Water Monitoring Committee. It was agreed by the Council to refer the filling of this position to the Enniscorthy District Committee at their next meeting.

It was also noted that Cllr. R. Ireton replaced Cllr. M. Farrell on the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Appointment of 2 Members to the board of the National 1798 Centre:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, it was agreed that this matter should be referred to Enniscorthy Municipal District for consideration at their next meeting.

Vacant Property Grant Incentive Scheme:

The Members noted the Vacant Property Grant Incentive Schemes as submitted to the meeting.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised the meeting that this matter had been discussed and approved at the recent Borough District of Wexford meeting but that it required approval of the full Council.

Questions raised by the Members were answered by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien and agreed by the Council the Vacant Property Grant Incentive Scheme was approved by the Council.

Annual Report 2013:

A copy of Draft Annual Report 2013 was circulated to the meeting. The Draft Report sets out details of the many achievements and improvements to services provided by the Council during the year 2013.

The Members congratulated all involved with the design of the report and noted that savings had been made in printing the publication in-house.

On the proposal of Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Members adopted the Annual Report 2013 as submitted to the meeting.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, complimented the staff involved in the production of the report. He also advised the meeting that the Council had a statutory obligation to produce the report in the Irish language also and informed the meeting that this would be done by an Irish school in the area.

Rollout of PPN Network:

A copy of the guidelines for Public Participation Networks was circulated to the meeting. Mr. G. Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community Development, advised the meeting that the PPN would be the main link through which the Local Authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. He advised the meeting that public meetings will be held in the coming months and asked that the Members encourages members of the public to attend these meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Rourke, the Council adopted the guidelines as submitted to the meeting.

Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 30th June 2014.

Chief Executive's Report:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, advised the meeting that it was a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 2014 for the Chief Executive to prepare monthly management reports and to furnish a copy of the report to each Member of the Council and to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.

Questions raised by the Members on the content of the report were answered by officials in attendance.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle the members agreed

“That Wexford County Council call on Irish Water to abolish the proposed standing charge of €160 on vacant properties where owners of those properties are in nursing homes or long term care and have no water consumption applied, and an allowance be given to those with disabilities and special needs”.

Minutes of Meetings:

The Members noted and approved the following minutes:

New Ross Municipal District – 9th July 2014

Special Meeting of Borough District of Wexford – 14th July 2014

Gorey Municipal District – 15th June 2014

Enniscorthy Municipal District – 16th July 2014

Sealing of Documents:

The Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

Correspondence and Communications:

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, regarding the fishing industry in the South East.
- Correspondence from John Tierney, Managing Director, Irish Water, regarding Irish Water/Local Authority Elected Members Liaison.
- Correspondence from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Leo Varadkar, T.D., Minister for Health concerning staffing at the new Emergency Department at Wexford General Hospital.
- Correspondence from Alex White, T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, regarding Rural Post Offices.
- Correspondence from Gerard O'Brien, Meetings Administrator, Kerry County Council, regarding resolutions adopted by the Members of Kerry County Council.

Conferences:

The Members noted and approved the list of conferences as submitted to the meeting.

Deferred Notice of Motion:

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O. O'Connell seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly:

"That this Council calls upon the Minister for the Environment to publish immediately the regulations regarding the local adjustment factor as per the Local Property Act and, notwithstanding those regulations and the restrictions in the Act, declares its intention to begin the process of reducing the rate of LPT payable by householders as provided for in the Act."

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle it was proposed to defer this motion to the Budget Meeting of the Council. A vote was taken as follows:

Those voting in favour:

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

Those voting against:

Cllrs: D. Hynes, A. Kelly, J. Mythen, O. O'Connell, F. O'Suilleabhain, M. Roche, D. Wadding.

The motion was carried.

Notices of Motion:

Cllr. O. O'Connell:

"Having noted that there is a severe crisis in the beef industry, badly affecting farmers and the livestock marts, due to an EU labelling issue for live cattle crossing the border from South to North; - Calls on Minister for Agriculture Simon Coveney TD to co-operate with Minister for Agriculture Michelle O'Neill MLA, to seek a derogation from the European Union on labelling regulations to resolve this issue."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. O. O'Connell, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. B.A. Murphy:

"Wexford County Council calls on the Government to abolish the Student Service Charge recently introduced for Craft Worker Apprentices".

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

Cllr. A. Kelly:

"I move that this Council would call on the Minister for Health and the HSE to re-instate a 24/7 Acute Mental Health Service/Unit in Wexford".

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

Cllr. M. Roche:

"I would call on this council to recognise that County Wexford, particularly rural areas, are in the midst of a crime epidemic, and to recognise that this council must step up to the mark and play a proactive role in making our communities feel safe again. This Council should set up a taskforce to investigate the true economic cost of closing down Garda Stations and limiting Garda services across the county, to ensure that such downgrading ends and is reversed, to look at ways for the County Council to work more closely with community alert initiatives and to show people living in fear that they are not on their own."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche, seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. J. Moore and agreed by Cllr. M. Roche it was proposed that this motion be referred to the Joint Policing Committee for consideration.

Cllr. M. Roche:

"This County Council recognises that there are two different issues impacting upon the quality of service from the Fardystown Water Scheme in South Wexford. The first is the a problem with hard water which is eroding household appliances and has been recognised by most members of this council. The second has not been addressed and that is the supply of dirty, putrid water to many homes at irregular intervals. Due to the chance nature of this, it makes running tests difficult and tests ran have proved negative in the past. I move that a long-term investigation, testing random homes over a six month period across the supply lines is implemented immediately."

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien and agreed by Cllr. M. Roche this motion was referred to the Borough District of Wexford for consideration.

Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin:

"This Council notes with concern that in budgets over the past number of years there has been a severe cut in central government funding to Wexford County Council. Furthermore, this council notes that the new local government budgetary framework has been created and shaped by the same central government, to offload responsibility onto local councils - without a corresponding increase in local power over issues such as commercial rate reform, resolution of outstanding property development dues, and use of significant bargaining power inherent in the Rental Accommodation Scheme.

Wexford County Council is calling on this County's TDs, and the government to: stop such cuts in Budget 2014; increase funding to a sufficient level for the provision of essential services; and increase local government power to enhance economic stimulus."

This motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. J. Sullivan:

"That this Council, Wexford County Council call upon the Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton, to increase the rent supplement rates for County Wexford by at least 10% across all categories as the current rates are below the rental value of properties at this time".

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

Cllr. J. Fleming:

"That Wexford County Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to revoke the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Statutory Instrument Number 9".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. A. Connick and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. M. Whelan:

"I ask Wexford County Council to support the call by Irish Road Haulage Association to reduce road tax on HGV's in the upcoming budget .To help stop the outsourcing of the Irish road haulage industry".

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

Cllr. M. Sheehan:

"That this Council calls on the government to ensure the proposed Vodafone and ESB Broadband programme includes New Ross as part of their planned initial Provincial Town roll out and that consideration is given to include all the rural districts of the County, ensuring that each area has an equal opportunity to attract new investment, employment and enterprise".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and agreed by the Council to be amended as follows:

"That this Council calls on the government to ensure the proposed Vodafone and ESB Broadband programme includes New Ross, Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford towns as part of their planned initial Provincial Town roll out and that consideration is given to include all the rural districts of the County, ensuring that each area has an equal opportunity to attract new investment, employment and enterprise".

Cllr. M. Sheehan:

“To minimise waiting times and reduce the backlog, and to recognise the benefits of addressing welfare applicants locally where the assessors can take account of the unique circumstances of each application, this Council calls on the Department of Social Protection to permit the needs and medical assessment of welfare applications to be done in the local offices rather than in central processing offices”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. A. Connick and approved by the Council.

Cllr. J. Browne:

“That Wexford County Council calls on the Department of Tourism and Bord Failte to create "The Ancient Ireland Way" for Wexford and the South East of Ireland. The huge investment by the government and Bord Failte into the Wild Atlantic Way has demonstrated how successful such a programme can be but once again Wexford and the South East have been left out”.

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

Cllr. J. Browne:

“That Wexford County Council expresses its outrage at the government for denying Wexford County Council the right to retain the full amount of local property tax it collected in County Wexford and furthermore this council calls on the government to allow Wexford County Council to target local property tax cuts to the most vulnerable and struggling families in County Wexford i.e. those whose homes fall into the lower and middle property tax bands”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe.

On the proposal of Cllr. O. O’Connell, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes the motion was amended and agreed by the Council as follows:

“That Wexford County Council expresses its outrage at the government for denying Wexford County Council the right to retain the full amount of local property tax it collected in County Wexford and furthermore this council calls on the government to allow Wexford County Council to target local property tax cuts to the most vulnerable and struggling families in County Wexford”.

Cllr. D. Wadding:

“That rent caps be increased to a level of parity with average rent prices to address the current situation where many are in a catch 22 unable to meet rent demands with their rent allowance and that this Council calls upon Government to allocate additional funding to alleviate the current crisis”.

Cllr. D. Wadding withdrew this motion as it had been substantially dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Cllr. D. Wadding:

“That this council believes that water is a human right, a public good, one of life's essentials and that the introduction of an austerity charge for water will be disastrous not only to people's financial well-being to their health also.

This council believes that the most efficient and fair way to pay for water is through general taxation, as it is at present; consequently, this council stands firmly against the introduction of water charges and will bring as much pressure to bear as possible on both Irish Water and the present government to ensure that their plan to double charge the people for water from 1st October is defeated.

In pursuance of these demands this County Council pledges to support a major protest against water charges called by a coalition of trade unions and political parties to be held on Saturday 11th October 2014 to Dail Eireann”.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by Cllr. D. Wadding it was decided to omit the last paragraph.

There was a vote on the amended motion which resulted as follows:

Those voting in favour:

Cllrs: D. Hynes, A. Kelly, J. Mythen, O. O'Connell, F. O'Suilleabhain, M. Roche, D. Wadding.

Those voting against:

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

The motion was defeated.

Cllr. T. Dempsey:

“That Wexford Co Co requests the Minister for Finance to retain the 9% VAT rate for hospitality industry”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey seconded by Cllr.M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council.

Cllr. T. Dempsey:

“That Wexford Co Co requests the Government to use its influence, internationally and at United Nations, to achieve a political solution to the conflict in Gaza”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council.

Any Other Business:

- The County Secretary clarified that attendance at the London Wexford Association Annual Buffet Dance in 2014 was a matter for the District Committees.
- Cllr. K. Doyle wished to record his dissatisfaction at Irish Water's response under Correspondence.
- Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin expressed his dissatisfaction with the response from the Minister's Department regarding the Rural Post Offices.
- Cllr. G. Carthy expressed his dissatisfaction at the HSE's response under Correspondence.
- Cllr. J. Moore supported both motions which had been submitted by Kerry County Council.
- It was agreed that a presentation of the Council's Housing Policy will be given at the November County Council meeting.
- It was agreed that the nominations to the Joint Policy Committee would be submitted to the County Secretary before the November meeting.
- It was noted that the Budget Meeting will take place on at 2.30 p.m. on 29th September 2014 and that the Budget Working Group will meet at 10.00 a.m. on 25th September 2014.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Deireadh Fómhair, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 10th November 2014 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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

Officials:

Messrs: T. Larkin, A/Chief Executive;
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator;
Ms. L. Hore, Housing Officer;
Ms. S. Barden, Arts Officer;
Mr. M. Doyle, Executive Engineer;
Mr. M. Drea, Senior Staff Officer;
Ms. N. Cummins, Senior Staff Officer;
Ms. M. Bridges Carley, Senior Staff Officer;
Ms. J. Eydt, Senior Staff Officer.

Apologies:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive.
Cllr. D. Wadding.

1. Presentation by Age Friendly Ireland:

Mr. Pat Doherty and Mr. Hugh O'Connor, Age Friendly Ireland made a presentation to the meeting as circulated. Following discussion on the presentation, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly it was agreed that Wexford County Council sign the Dublin Declaration and will establish an Age Friendly Programme. Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach advised that the detail of the Age Friendly Programme be referred to the Housing, Community & Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

2. Housing Services Overview – Presentation:

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, and Ms. L. Hore, Housing Officer gave a presentation to the meeting on Housing Services Overview as circulated. Questions raised by the Members were addressed by officials in attendance. It was agreed that the Housing Department would come back to the Council with policy options following a meeting with the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government which will take place over the coming weeks. Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, thanked the Housing Staff for their excellent presentation.

3. Arts Review Progress Report and Presentation:

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services gave a presentation to the meeting on the Arts Review Progress Report as circulated. Questions raised by the Members were addressed by Mr. J. Carley. Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, highlighted the importance of Arts to County Wexford and notified the Members of a bid to be made for the City of Culture in 2020 by Wexford in conjunction with Waterford and Kilkenny.

4. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 4.1 On the proposal of Councillor A. Connick, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 15th September, 2014.
- 4.2 On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council approved the minutes of the CPG/Budget Working Group Meeting held on 25th September, 2014.
- 4.3 On the proposal of Councillor A. Connick, seconded by Councillor A. Donohoe, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 29th September, 2014.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- All involved with the New Ross Quay Front Redevelopment in winning the 2014 Local Engineering Initiative of the Year Award.
- Amanda Richards and Aine Linehan, Health & Safety Department on winning the Regional Award at the National Irish Safety Organisation Safety Awards 2014.
- St. Michael's Amateur Boxing Club on winning in Hungary and Dublin.
- Shelmaliers Senior Hurling Team on winning the County Final.
- Staff and Volunteers of Wexford Festival Opera following the success of this year's festival.
- Gorey Pipe Band on winning the All Ireland Competition.
- Shamrocks Intermediate Hurling Team on winning the County Final.
- Oulart Camogie Team on winning the County Final.
- St. James's on their win in the Club Intermediate Football Championship.
- St. Mary's Intermediate Champions

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, paid tribute to Remembrance Day and the 800 men from County Wexford who were killed in World War I.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Luke Wadding, father of Councillor Deirdre Wadding.
- The family of Bernie Roche, mother of Therese Roche, Personnel Dept and Mark Roche, Housing Dept.
- The family of Anne Hore, mother of Liz Hore, Housing Department.
- The family of Erdie Murphy, brother of Antoinnette Duggan, Housing Dept and brother-in-law of John Ross, Borough District of Wexford.
- The family of Tommy Carr, former Member of Wexford County Council and Mayor of Wexford.
- The family of Pauline Goff, sister of Thomas Goff, Joint Depot, Wexford.
- The family of Freddie Doyle, husband of Avril Doyle, former Member of Wexford County Council.

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

- 5.1 Proposed Disposal of Lands (circa 0.03 acres) at Ballinavoughran, Bunclody, Co. Wexford to Walter Skelton & Catherine Skelton and Patrick Skelton & Mary Skelton, Ballinavoughran, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor B.A. Murphy, the Council resolved to dispose of the lands above in accordance with notice circulated.

6. Chief Executive's Report on LAC 1405 at Cum an Tobair, Oylegate, Co. Wexford.

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report on LAC1405 – Report to the Members of Wexford County Council prepared in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 23rd September 2014 regarding LAC1405 at Cum an Tobair, Oylegate, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Rourke, the Members agreed that the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

7. Fix Date of Budget Meeting

It was agreed by the Members that the Statutory Budget Meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Wednesday 19th November, 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

8. Overdraft Facility

The Members noted correspondence dated 29th October 2014 from Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, in relation to the bank overdraft accommodation for 2015. On the proposal of Cllr P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Council approved for borrowing by way of temporary overdraft accommodation of €15m to 31st December 2015 in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

9. 2013 Audited Accounts and Audit Report

The Members noted the 2013 Audited Accounts and Audit Report as submitted to the meeting.

10.3 Year Capital Programme (2014-2016)

The Members noted the 3 Year Capital Programme (2014-2016) as submitted to the meeting. The Members approved the programme on the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey and approved by the Council and it was agreed that any appropriate additions to the programme could be made via the Municipal Districts.

11.Chief Executive's Report on the Submissions and Observations received on the Draft Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2014-2020

Cllr. R. Ireton notified the Members that he had made a submission to the Area Plan and left the meeting during the deliberations.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, notified the meeting that the Chief Executive was satisfied to accept the changes recommended by the Members of Gorey Municipal District, at their Special Meeting of 21st October 2014, to the Chief Executive's recommended amendments to the Draft Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2014-2020 as contained in the Chief Executive's Report. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Breen, the Council agreed to approve the amendments to the Draft Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2014-2020 and to place the proposed amendments on public display for a period of four weeks.

12.Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle, the Members approved the amended Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme as submitted to the meeting.

13.Draft Register of Electors

The Members noted the Draft Register of Electors as submitted to the meeting.

14. Vacant Property Grant Incentive Schemes

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle the Members approved the amendments to the Vacant Property Grant Incentive Scheme as submitted to the meeting.

15. Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 3rd November, 2014.

16. Chief Executive's Report

There was no report available for the meeting.

17. List of Councillors Conferences

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

18. Minutes of Meetings:

18.1 Special Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 06.10.14.

The Members noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Borough District of Wexford held on 06.10.14.

19. Notices of Motions:

19.1 Councillor David Hynes
"This Council calls in light of the result of the referendum on Seanad Eireann and the promise of reform also in view of the recent undignified spectacle of blatant 'Cronyism' to introduce universal suffrage and end the elitism of this chamber too often used by the parties in power as a consolation prize for political also-rans, wannabees or a rest home for retirees".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes and seconded by Cllr. M. Roche. Following discussion a vote was taken on the motion.

Those voting in favour:

Councillors G. Carthy; T. Dempsey; F. Kehoe; J. Browne; K. Doyle; BA Murphy; A. Connick; J. Fleming; M. Murphy; M. Sheehan; M. Whelan; M. Byrne; P. Breen; J. Sullivan; M. Farrell; A. Kelly; M. Roche; J. Mythen; F. Ó Súilleabháin; O. O'Connell; D. Hynes; J. O'Rourke;

Those voting against:

Councillors: W. Fitzharris; O. Walsh; L. O'Brien; A. Donohoe; J. Hegarty; F. Staples; G. Lawlor; R. Ireton.

Abstaining:

Councillors: P. Kavanagh; K. Codd Nolan

The motion was carried.

- 19.2 Councillor David Hynes
“This Council calls on the government to restore the €11.8 million Local Government Fund to Wexford County Council in keeping with the stated aims in ‘Putting People First’, an action programme for effective Local Government”.

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

- 19.3 Councillor Fergie Kehoe
“That Wexford County Council calls on the Department of Transport to publish immediately the consultant’s report that they undertook regarding the future of Rosslare Europort”.

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

- 19.4 Councillor John O’Rourke
“I ask that we write to the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton and ask that she instruct her Managers at Regional Offices look geographically at the deployment of candidates for Tus”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. O’Rourke seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen and agreed by the Council.

- 19.5 Cllrs: P. Breen, J. Browne, M. Byrne, T. Dempsey, K. Doyle, J. Fleming, F. Kehoe, BA Murphy, M. Sheehan, J. Sullivan, M. Whelan
“That Wexford County Council calls for the abolition of Irish Water; For responsibility for water and wastewater services to revert to Local Authorities; For a constitutional amendment to ensure that water services remain in public Ownership and that any system of water charges is based on an ability to pay and encourages conservation”.

An amendment to the above motion as follows was proposed by Cllr. O. O’Connell and seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly:

“That Wexford County Council calls for the abolition of Irish Water; For responsibility for water and wastewater services to revert to Local Authorities; For a constitutional amendment to ensure that water services remain in public Ownership and a right to water”.

The amendment was accepted by the proposers and a vote was then taken on the amendment:

Those voting in favour of the amended motion:

Councillors: P. Breen; J. Browne; G. Carthy; A. Connick; K. Doyle; M. Farrell; J. Fleming; D. Hynes; F. Kehoe; A. Kelly; BA Murphy; M. Murphy; J. Mythen; O.O’Connell; F.Ó Súilleabháin, M. Roche, M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; M. Whelan.

Those voting against the amended motion:

Councillors: M. Byrne; W. Fitzharris; J. Hegarty; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; G. Lawlor; L. O'Brien; F. Staples; O. Walsh.

Abstaining: Councillors K. Codd Nolan, A. Donohoe

The amended motion was carried and a vote on the amended motion was taken:

Those voting in favour of the amended motion:

Councillors: P. Breen; J. Browne; M. Byrne; G. Carthy; A. Connick; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; M. Farrell; J. Fleming; D. Hynes; F. Kehoe; A. Kelly; BA Murphy; M. Murphy; J. Mythen; O.O'Connell; F.Ó Súilleabháin, M. Roche, M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; M. Whelan.

Those voting against the amended motion:

Councillors: K. Codd Nolan; A. Donohoe; W. Fitzharris; J. Hegarty; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; G. Lawlor; L. O'Brien; F. Staples; O. Walsh.

The amended motion was carried.

19.6 Cllr. James Browne

"That this Council, in line with the circular RSD 01/2014 initiates consultation with residents across Wexford County with a view to tackling speeding in residential estates and additional selected safety zones in order to protect vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians, and especially children. Measures should include:

- Consultation with local residents to determine if they believe speed Limits are too high in their area;
- Bye-laws for the new 30km/h limits for the selected estates and zones to be adopted where needed;
- The use of a combination 30km/h speed limit sign in conjunction with a yellow warning sign showing "children at play" at the entry to a housing estate;
- The consideration of other traffic calming measures, including the use of ramps;
- Monitoring of the new speed limits to ensure that the measures put in place are effective.
- Draw up a timeline for completion."

Circular RSD 01/2014 on the control of Vehicle Speeds in Housing Estates, issued by Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, to all Local Authorities requiring an examination of speed limits in residential areas and housing estates to improve road safety.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and approved by the Council. Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, notified the meeting that he intended to prioritise 76 estates where significant complaints had been made by the public and public representatives in relation to this matter.

- 19.7 Cllrs: D. Wadding, D. Hynes, A. Kelly, M. Roche, J. Mythen, F. OSúilleabháin, O. O'Connell
"Following on the request sent to the Council on budget day by a delegation of Right 2 Water Wexford, we call on this Council to demand the return of control of water supply and services to the public via the local authorities".

This motion was withdrawn.

- 19.8 Cllr. Ger Carthy:
"That Wexford County Council call on the Minister for Health and the HSE to announce a definitive date for the opening of the new 'Satellite Dialysis Unit' for County Wexford. This will reassure long-suffering dialysis patients and alleviate the extremely demanding travelling times to Waterford which they now experience".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by the Council.

20. Sealing of Documents

The Members noted and approved the sealing of documents.

21. Correspondence and Communications

The Members noted the following correspondence received:

- 21.1 Acknowledgement from Jacinta Crawford, Private Secretary to Ms. Joan Burton, TD, in relation to medical assessments.
- 21.2 Acknowledgement from Jacinta Crawford, Private Secretary to Ms. Joan Burton, in relation to rent supplement rates.
- 21.3 Acknowledgement from Ailish Kavanagh, Private Secretary to Mr. Michael Ring, TD, regarding "The Ancient Ireland Way".
- 21.4 Correspondence from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Mr. Simon Covney, TD, regarding the beef industry and the question of EU labeling Regulations as it pertains to the North South live cattle trade.
- 21.5 Correspondence from Mary Furey, SWA Policy Area, in relation to Rent Supplement rates.
- 21.6 Acknowledgement from Alex Lalor, Private Secretary to Mr. Michael Noonan, TD, in relation to the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality industry.
- 21.7 Acknowledgement from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary to Mr. Alan Kelly, TD, in relation to Student Service Charge for Craft Worker Apprentices.
- 21.8 Acknowledgement from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary to Mr. Alan Kelly, TD, in relation to the Building Control Regulations
- 21.9 Acknowledgement from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD, concerning an Acute Mental Health Service/Unit in Wexford.
- 21.10 Correspondence from Mr. Brendan Howlin, TD, regarding funding for the provision of services, local government powers, road tax on HGV's and local property tax.
- 21.11 Correspondence received regarding Water Charges.

- 21.12 Correspondence from Mr. Alex White, TD, regarding the provision of high Speed broadband services to all urban and rural areas in Wexford.
- 21.13 Correspondence from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD, regarding an Acute Mental Health Service/Unit in Wexford.

22. Any Other Business

- On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, it was agreed that the February Meeting of the County Council would be held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 2.30 p.m.
- Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach advised the meeting that he had been invited to the London/Wexford Christmas Dinner. It was agreed by the Council that Cllr. Byrne should attend.
- It was agreed that a Protocol Meeting would be held on 19th November at 9.00 a.m.
- Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, reminded the Members that the Environment Awards would be held in the Ferrycarrig Hotel at 7pm this evening.
- Cllr. K. Doyle raised issues regarding flooding at Island Road, Enniscorthy.
- Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised the meeting that recent remarks by John Fitzgerald, ESRI, stating that Water Services Staff in Local Authorities had nothing to do were ill advised and notified the meeting that Water Services Staff of Wexford County Council were fully employed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Nollaig, 2014.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

***Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting of
Wexford County Council
Held on Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 10.00 a.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach.

Councillors:

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

Officials:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;
T. Larkin, E. Hore, J. Carley, Directors of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator;

Apologies:

Councillors: M. Farrell; F. Staples; M. Murphy; T. Dempsey;
O. Walsh; D. Wadding

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, thanked the Members for their expressions of sympathy following the death of his father Johnnie. He also expressed his sympathy to Cllr. D. Wadding on the death of her father.

Budget 2015:

The Chief Executive introduced the Draft Budget 2015 with an overview of the Council's financial position and highlighted the dramatic decline in income from both national and local sources since the beginning of the national economic recession. He stated that it has only been through the introduction of cost efficiency measures, significant staff reductions and the commitment and dedication of staff that the Council has been able to maintain service levels at an acceptable and relatively high standard.

The Chief Executive referred to the revenue deficit of €10.8m which has accrued over a number of years and indicated that he was hopeful that for 2014 he would be reporting a balanced position for the first time in a number of years, with no increase in the deficit which is a positive sign.

He reiterated his intention to bring to the Council, during the lifespan of the Council and where circumstances permit, a budget which has the ability to reduce commercial rates

for businesses. Wexford, he stated, must have a competitive business environment which is attractive to existing and new enterprise.

He stated that 2015 will be about stabilising the Council's finances and securing the cost efficiencies of the merged local authority and on that basis the draft budget for 2015 proposes to maintain commercial rates at the same rate as 2014 while also maintaining the Rates Incentive Scheme which provides for a reduction of up to 6% in rates.

The Chief Executive expressed his hope that with an improving national and local economy in 2015 and the move from reporting a deficit in the Council's finances that the council will be in a position to be able to propose a commercial rate reduction in 2016 but indicated that this was dependent on central government funding and must be balanced with investment in economic development in the county.

He acknowledged and thanked Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, the Staff and Directors of Services for their input into the formation of the Draft Budget 2015. He also thanked the Corporate Policy Group and the Budget Working Work for their involvement in the preparation of the Budget 2015.

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance then gave a presentation which provided Members with an overview of the budget for 2015. Proposal from Cllr. G. Lawlor and seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty and agreed that Wexford County Council writes to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government regarding the difficulties faced by Members in applying any variation to the level of refund of rates for vacant properties under Part 5 of the Local Government Reform Act. The requirement to apply any such variation to an entire local electoral area limits the ability of Members to target specific problem areas without penalising all ratepayers in the electoral area.

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, then presented the details of the Draft Budget under Divisions A to H which was considered by the Members. Questions raised by the Members regarding the figures in Divisions A to H were answered by the Head of Finance and by Council Officials in attendance.

Division B

Following discussion regarding the Pay Parking programme the Chief Executive advised the Council that additional income generated by increasing the parking fee or extending parking areas will be reflected in budget allocation to the Municipal Districts.

Division D

Following discussion regarding Protected Structures it was agreed to refer the issue to the Strategic Policy Committee for further investigation.

Division H

Following discussion it was agreed to write to LAMA and the AILG to ask about the services provided for the fee paid.

Adoption of Budget 2015:

Two amendments to the Budget as presented were proposed as follows:

Cllr. F. OSúilleabháin proposed that the School Warden budget be increased by €100K to be funded by a reduction in foreign travel.

Cllr. J. Mythen proposed that the Homeless Budget be increased by €10K to be funded by a reduction in the amount allocated to Local Elections.

Both of these motions were withdrawn on the assurances given by the Chief Executive that the Council will be in a position to fund School Wardens if required. Similarly, funding for homelessness was not required as the Council can recoup 90% of the cost of expenditure from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by the Council that there would be no variation for 2015 on rates to vacant premises.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council that the Base Rate for Year 1 (2015) would be €71.52.

Following discussion by the Members it was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, and agreed by the Members in attendance, that Wexford County Council adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 2015, 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 (as amended) 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 2015, the general annual rate on valuation of €71.52 as set out and adjusted in line with the requirements of Section 29 of the Local Government Reform Act concerning the harmonisation of rates .

A number of Members had left the meeting but the following voted in favour of the Budget 2015:

Councillors – P. Breen; J. Browne; M. Byrne; G. Carthy; K. Codd Nolan; A. Connick; A. Donohoe; K. Doyle; W. Fitzharris; J. Fleming; D. Hynes; R. Ireton; F. Kehoe; A. Kelly; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; BA Murphy; J. Mythen; L. O'Brien; O.O'Connell; F. ÓSúilleabháin; M. Roche; M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; M. Whelan.

The Chairman and Members present thanked Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance, the Finance Officials and all other Staff Members who were involved in preparation of the Draft Budget for 2015.

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that the next Statutory Meeting will be held on Monday 8th December 2014. Following the meeting it is proposed to hold a Civic Reception for at 6pm. The Cathaoirleach's Christmas Dinner for Members and Ex-Members will take place at 7.30 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary.

Daingnithe ar an _____la de Nollaig, 2015.

Cathaoirleach

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 8th December 2014 – 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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

Officials:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Economic Development;
Mr. M. O'Reilly, A/County Secretary;

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council sympathised with the following families who were recently bereaved:-

- The family of Tom Quigley, husband of Breda Quigley, Franchise Dept.
- The family of John Fenlon, husband of Anna Fenlon, former Member and former Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council.
- The family of Kathleen McDonnell, mother of Niall McDonnell, former County Secretary.
- The family of Paddy MacDonald, Former Member and Chairman of Gorey Town Council.
- The family of Hugh Foley, father of Tom Foley, Rathduff, Rathnure.
- The family of Mary Dunne, wife of Morgan Dunne, former Member of Enniscorthy Town Council.

Congratulations:

The Members congratulated the following:

- The Staff of Enniscorthy Municipal District and the volunteers for their work during and after the recent flooding in Enniscorthy.
- Walter and Robert Power and Fergie Doyle on winning the Melbourne Cup.
- Cllr. Deirdre Wadding wished to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy on the recent passing of her father.
- Enniscorthy Waterfront Leisure Centre on winning the White Flag Excellence Award.
- The Staff of the Library and Dr. Ned Culleton on winning the Chambers Ireland Award recently.

1. Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021:

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Philippa King, Regional Waste Co-ordinator, to the meeting.

Following a brief introduction by Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, Ms. Philippa King made a presentation to the meeting as circulated. She advised that the Draft Southern Regional Waste Management Plan is currently at public consultation phase which commenced on 18th November 2014 and will run until 30th January 2015. The draft plan will be presented to the Housing, Community & Environment SPC at its meeting in January 2015 with a view to the final plan being published by the end of March 2015.

During a wide-ranging discussion that followed the Members raised a variety of matters including:

- The future of Holmestown Landfill
- Incineration
- Hazardous Waste
- Recycling
- Fly-tipping
- Waste Audits
- Domestic Refuse Collection Services

The Chairman thanked Ms. King for her presentation and she left the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

2.1 On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 10th November, 2014.

2.2 On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the CPG/Budget Working Group Meeting held on 10th November, 2014.

2.3 On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd Nolan, the Council approved the Statutory Budget Meeting Minutes of 19th November 2014. In relation to the Statutory Budget Meeting it was noted that all Members present when the vote was taken had voted in favour of the adoption of the Budget 2015. It was also noted that the Chief Executive will advise the Members of any future changes to the Council's Schedule of Charges.

3. Business & Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property in New Ross

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services and Mr. P.O’Gorman made a presentation on the proposed Business and Retail Incentive Scheme for vacant property in New Ross Town. The scheme provides incentives over 3 years for the encouragement of business and retail users in designated areas of New Ross Town.

Following discussion on the matter on the proposal of Cllr. L. O’Brien, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Council resolved to adopt the New Ross Business and Retail Incentive Scheme.

4. Corporate Plan:

The A/County Secretary updated the meeting in relation to the preparation of the Corporate Plan. He advised that the draft plan will be presented to the CPG Meeting in January 2015 with a view to presenting the final draft plan to the February 2015 meeting of the Council.

5. Dates of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings:

The meeting noted the following dates for meetings of the SPC’s:

- Economic Development & Enterprise SPC – 11th December 2014.
- Housing, Community & Environment SPC – 11th December 2014.
- Planning & Building Control SPC – 12th December 2014.
- Transportation & Water Services SPC – 26th January 2015.

6. Report of Corporate Policy Group:

The Members noted the report of the CPG held on Monday 1st December 2014.

Following a discussion in relation to the control of dogs, on the proposal of Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Council agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government seeking a national advertisement campaign highlighting the issue of the control of dogs.

A discussion also took place in relation to safety issues at piers and harbours. It was agreed that this be included as a specific item for the January 2015 meeting of the Council.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services for Economic Development reminded Members of the Local Economic and Community Plan Workshop scheduled for 9th January 2015.

7. Chief Executive's Report

The Members noted the report of the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive advised the meeting of the imminent appointment of four District Managers – one for each Municipal District in the county. He further advised of the filling of the Senior Executive Officer position in Housing with the possibility of a knock-on effect in terms of staff promotion.

The Chief Executive also briefed the Members in relation to the Graduate Placement Scheme through which it is hoped the Council will employ 5 graduates to be assigned to specific projects.

8. List of Councillors Conferences

The Members noted and approved the List of Conferences and Training for Elected Members as circulated to the meeting.

9. Minutes of Meetings:

The Members noted the minutes of the following meetings:

- 9.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 8th October 2014.
- 9.2 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 20th October, 2014.
- 9.3 Protocol Meeting of Borough District of Wexford – 20th October, 2014.
- 9.4 Protocol Committee Meeting – 19th November, 2014.
- 9.5 Gorey Municipal District Meeting – 16th September, 2014.
- 9.6 Gorey Municipal District Meeting Draft Budgetary Plan – 7th October, 2014.
- 9.7 Gorey Municipal District Meeting – 7th October, 2014.
- 9.8 Special Meeting of Gorey Municipal District 21st October, 2014.

10. Notices of Motions:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor it was agreed to defer the consideration of the Notices of Motions to the next meeting of the Council.

11. Sealing of Documents

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

12. Any Other Business

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Farrell, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes the Members agreed to make representations to Iarnród Éireann to seek an increase in the level of access for disabled members of the public to their services.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Eanair, 2015.

Cathaoirleach