

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – 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;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary;  
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;  
Mr. P. Murphy, Harbour Master;  
Mr. T. O'Corcora, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr. J. Lambe, Executive Engineer;  
Mr. T. Doyle, Water Safety Development;  
Mr. H. Maguire, Administrative Officer;

**Apologies:** Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services.

**1. Presentation by Marie Brennan – “Update of Wexford Arts Review”.**

Marie Brennan, Arts and Creative Industry Specialist, gave a presentation to the meeting as attached. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Ms. Brennan.

**2. Update on Coastal Issues**

Gerry Forde, A/Senior Engineer, gave a presentation to the meeting as attached. Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, notified the meeting of a new bill regarding Ports and Harbours going through the Dáil at present and that New Ross Port would become the responsibility of Wexford County Council. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Officials in attendance. It was agreed to refer the issues regarding water safety at piers and harbours to the Housing, Community & Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Sam Murphy, son of Amanda Byrne, Gorey Municipal District.
- The family of Matt Murphy, father-in-law of Amanda Byrne, Gorey Municipal District.
- The family of Sean Dunbar, former Member of Wexford County Council and father of Siobhan Dunbar, Housing Department.
- The family of Breda Murphy, mother of Antoinette Duggan, Housing Dept and mother-in-law of John Ross, Town Foreman.
- The family of Jackie Power, former Laboratory Technician, Wexford County Council.
- The family of Tom Fahey, former Borough Engineer.
- The family of Rita Cullinan, mother of Darragh Cullinan, Senior Engineer, Water Services.
- The family of Patsy McCormack, uncle of Mick McCormack, New Ross Municipal District.
- The families of the 4 girls from Kildare/Carlow who had recently died in a tragic road accident.

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, requested that Wexford County Council write to the French Embassy to extend our sympathy for the recent killings in the Paris terror attacks and that a Book of Condolences be made available in each of the four district offices.

Cllr. J. O'Rourke left the meeting at 3.50 p.m. Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary advised the meeting that he had received an email stating the following regarding his attendance at meetings:

"Pat I write to ask that you circulate to the members as at previous meetings my early exits were due to fact that I tutor in the evenings from 4.30 pm. As the meeting starts at 2.30 pm. this restricts my time. This will continue till June when my attendance will hopefully reach full quota of time allocated for our meetings.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Bertram Allen, Show Jumper on his success in 2014.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes:**

- 3.1 On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor G. Lawlor, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

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

**4.1 Proposed lease of property at Westgate to the Wexford Republican Graves Association**

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Councillor A. Kelly, the Council resolved to dispose of the lands above in accordance with notice circulated.

**4.2 Proposed disposal of land to Mrs. Anna Fenlon, 1 Wolfe Tine Villas, Wexford.**

On the proposal of Councillor O. Walsh, seconded by Councillor K. Codd Nolan, the Council resolved to dispose of the lands above in accordance with notice circulated.

**5. GPS Procurement Contract - Section 85 Agreements between Wexford County Council and Tipperary County Council, and Wexford County Council and Kilkenny County Council.**

The Members noted the Section 85 Agreements as circulated to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy, the Members agreed the GPS Procurement Contract – Section 85 Agreements between Wexford County Council and Tipperary County Council, and Wexford County Council and Kilkenny County Council.

**6. Submission for Southern Waste Plan**

At the December Meeting of the Council Ms. Philippa King, Regional Waste Co-Ordinator, made a presentation to the meeting. Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer, requested that the Members make the attached submission to the plan. This was proposed by Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore and agreed by the Council.

A further discussion took place regarding proposals to pay for refuse by weight and that clarification be sought with regard to points raised by the Members for the next meeting.

**7. Chief Executive's Report**

Arising from the Chief Executive's Report a number of issues raised with regard to the following were dealt with by Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services:

- Further investment in Vinegar Hill
- Focus on 1916 rising as part of the Council's tourism marketing
- Museum for Wexford

It was also agreed to write to Enterprise Ireland and the IDA and invite them to attend a future meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that a Joint Policing Committee Meeting be held before the March meeting of the Council.

## **8. List of Councilors' Conferences and Training**

### **8.1 List of Councilors' Conferences**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien the Members approved the List of Councillors Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

### **8.2 Conference Reports**

The Members noted the conference reports as submitted to the meeting. The County Secretary acknowledged receipt of 3 reports from Cllr. D. Hynes which would be included for the February meeting of the Council.

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

The Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 9.1 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 16.07.14
- 9.2 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 17.09.14
- 9.3 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 08.10.14
- 9.4 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 12.11.14
- 9.5 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 18.11.14
- 9.6 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 16.12.14
- 9.7 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 17.11.14
- 9.8 Housing, Community & Environment SPC Meeting 11.12.14

## **10. Deferred Notices of Motions:**

### **10.1 Cllr. J. Mythen:**

"Irish Water have requested the P.P.S. numbers and data details of the tenants and employees of Wexford County Council. In light of this information we propose taking into account:

1. There is no legal basis for the scale and detail of the data requested.
2. That this matter is subject to agreement of Wexford County Council.
3. That the information requested by Irish Water, or any other outside body, should only be passed on, when the following conditions have been met, that Wexford County Council consults with their tenants before handing over their personal information and will only do so with their full knowledge and consent.

Amendment to this motion was received as follows:

"That the data details of the tenants of Wexford County Council, should only be passed on to Irish Water, when the following conditions have been met: That Wexford County Council consults with their tenants before handing over their personal information to Irish Water and will only do so with their full knowledge and consent.

Following discussion on the amended motion it was agreed that Wexford County Council seek legal advice on the proposed motion and that the motion be deferred.

Cllr. T. Dempsey proposed that an invitation be issued to Irish Water to attend a meeting of Wexford County Council. This was agreed by the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed by the Council it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to 6pm.

## **10.2 Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin:**

“Wexford County Council notes that there are serious and growing concerns in relation to the policy of fluoridating our water supply, and that all of our EU neighbours have now discontinued this policy due to health, environmental, legal or ethical concerns.

This Council further notes that over a dozen County and City Councils have now passed motions calling for the policy of water fluoridation to be discontinued.

Wexford County Council now calls on the Government to immediately reverse the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960”.

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

## **10.3 Cllr. O. O’Connell:**

That this Council: - With regard to the Electric Vehicle charging spaces in New Ross, Bunclody, Enniscorthy, Courtown Harbour and Wexford Town on Council property; will ensure that these are painted with appropriate markings, and signage erected with clear rules of use;

- Will implement statute instruments 325[1] and 330[2] (2014) relating to above;
- Subject to any reserved functions of Municipal Councils; will allow, recommend, and implement free parking for Electric Vehicles at these charging spaces, while they are charging.

References:

1. <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2014/en/si/0325.html>
2. <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2014/en/si/0330.html>

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

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, suggested that the electric vehicle car spaces are normally double spaces and one properly marked exclusively for that purpose should suffice. The second space could be made available after hours and also as the number of electric cars increase the second spaces can be marked and made available. This was agreed by the Members.

## **11. Sealing of Documents**

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

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

12.1 Correspondence from Martin Carroll, Higher Executive Officer, Dept of Social Protection regarding the operation of TUS in the Wexford Area.

The Members noted receipt of the above correspondence.

## **13. Any Other Business**

- Cllr. A. Kelly referred to correspondence at the December meeting and asked that the Council write again to Mr. Leo Varadkar, Minister for Health, regarding the need for an acute mental health unit in Wexford.
- On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty it was proposed that no protest take place inside the County Hall building.

An amendment to the motion was tabled by Cllr. K. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan as follows: "that the matter be referred to the Protocol Committee to draw up a set of rules with regards to protests".

Following discussion the Cathaoirleach then proposed a composite motion as follows: "that while Wexford County Council recognises the right to protest, the protest should take place outside the County building and that the Protocol Committee would draw up rules to facilitate this".

A roll call was then taken and the Members voted as follows:

Those voting in favour:

Councillors: P. Breen; J. Browne; M. Byrne; K. Codd Nolan; A. Connick; T. Dempsey; A. Donohoe; W. Fitzharris; J. Hegarty; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; G. Lawlor; B.A. Murphy; M. Murphy; L. O'Brien; O. Walsh.

Those voting against:

Councillors: K. Doyle; M. Farrell; J. Fleming; F. Kehoe; A. Kelly; J. Mythen; O. O'Connell; F. Ó Súilleabháin; M. Roche; M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; D. Wadding; M. Whelan.

Those abstaining from the vote:

Councillor G. Carthy

The composite motion was carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an 1<sup>la</sup> de Feabhra, 2015.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor G. Carthy; Councillor F. Kehoe.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Adam Nolan and Dean Walsh on their success at the Irish National Championships held at the National Stadium, Dublin in January 2015.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of John (Jack) Carroll, father of Imelda Carroll, Wexford Library.

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, notified the Members that a walk has been organised as part of the "Get Ireland Walking Programme" for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March before the County Council Meeting and it was hoped that John Treacy, Irish Sports Council and Eilish Kavanagh, Bunclody, Operation Transformation Leader will be in attendance.



**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

Cllr. D. Hynes objected to the taking of a motion under “Any Other Business” in relation to protests at County Hall and this was noted by the meeting

1.1 On the proposal of Councillor K. Codd Nolan, seconded by Councillor R. Ireton, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, clarified that no information about Council tenants had been given to Irish Water.

**2. Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2015-2021:**

This item was postponed until later in the meeting.

**3. Section 85 Agreement between Waterford City and County Council and Kilkenny County Council and Wexford County Council for the development of a European Capital of Culture 2020 bid:**

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, updated the Members on Wexford’s bid for the European Capital of Culture 2020 and advised that the Council would be notified on a regular basis of all updates. On the proposal of Cllr. O. O’Connell seconded by Cllr. M. Whelan the Members approved the Section 85 Agreement.

**4. Establishment of Local, Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Advisory Steering Group:**

The Establishment of a Local, Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Advisory Steering Group was noted by the meeting.

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

The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January were noted by the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were answered by officials in attendance. It was noted that the date of the Joint Policing Committee Meeting was Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## **6. Ireland 2016:**

The Director notified the Members that a committee had been formed to co-ordinate the commemoration of 1916. The first event of the commemoration is the launch of "The Irish Volunteers in Focus 1913-1916, a travelling exhibition of Military Archives". All Members of the Council have been invited to the launch which will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in Enniscorthy Castle.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle seconded by Cllr. J. Moore it was agreed that representatives from the other districts join the committee.

## **7. List of Councilors' Conferences and Training**

### **7.1 List of Councilors' Conferences**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh the Members approved the List of Councillors Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

### **7.2 Conference Reports**

The Members noted the conference reports as submitted to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle it was agreed to write to the AILG requesting that notes be provided at training courses and that more practical examples be given in the training.

### **7.3 Invitation to Cathaoirleach**

This matter was discussed later in the meeting.

## **8. Minutes of Meetings:**

The Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 8.1 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 17.12.14
- 8.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 10.12.14
- 8.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 15.12.14
- 8.4 Planning SPC Meeting 12.12.14
- 8.5 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Meeting 11.12.14

## **9. Notices of Motions:**

### **9.1 Cllr. B.A. Murphy:**

“Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Children to address the issue of funding cuts to the School Completion Programme over the last number of years and to adequately support this service which provides necessary supports and interventions to vulnerable students to help them complete their education and achieve their potential”.

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

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

“Following the recent unexpected letters received by the residents of Bishopswater Estate Wexford from Irish Water, and the H.S.E. concerning the lead content in their domestic water, which has caused extreme worry and anxiety among the residents. I move that this Council call on Irish water to immediately engage in meaningful consultation with the residents of Bishopswater Estate”.

The above motion was amended as follows:

“Following the recent unexpected letters received by the residents of Bishopswater Estate Wexford from Irish Water, and the H.S.E. concerning the lead content in their domestic water, which has caused extreme worry and anxiety among the residents. I move that this Council call on Irish water to immediately engage in meaningful consultation with the residents of Bishopswater Estate and others affected”.

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

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan it was agreed to write to Irish Water again to invite them to attend a County Council meeting in order to deal with the concerns of the people.

### **9.3 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

“I ask this Council to call on the Minister for Health to look at a system of centralisation of the Medical Card system as it is leading to inordinate delays and hardship for people applying or awaiting a review of their applications”.

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

**9.4 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

“This Council calls on the government to reverse the rent allowance cuts as this is causing serious hardship to those seeking rental accommodation and /or introduction of more flexibility into the system or alternatively fix rents at more affordable rates for hard pressed tenants which is already resulting in an increase in homelessness”.

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

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey it was proposed to remove the last clause from the motion as follows:

“This Council calls on the government to reverse the rent allowance cuts as this is causing serious hardship to those seeking rental accommodation and /or introduction of more flexibility into the system or alternatively fix rents at more affordable rates for hard pressed tenants”.

A vote on the rewording of the motion was taken with 16 voting in favour, 12 against and 1 abstaining. The motion was carried with all agreeing on the motion following the change.

**2. Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2015-2021:**

The Members noted that the Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2015-2021 had been considered by the Members of Gorey Municipal District and on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty seconded by Cllr. P. Breen it was agreed to proceed with the plan as submitted to the meeting.

**9.5 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“In the interests of democracy and transparency, I request an examination of the validity of the motion banning public protest within the lobby of the council building passed at the last meeting. I also request that this council clarifies its position with regard to people’s assembly within the building”.

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

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, advised the Members that this matter had been discussed at the Protocol Meeting this morning and at that meeting it was agreed that the County Secretary should receive prior advance notice of any protests and that arrangements would be made on a case by case basis.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, noted that the public was entitled to protest and that there had been two protests in County Hall in the past few months, neither of which related to the County Council.

Regarding the validity of the motion accepted under “Any Other Business” at the January meeting the Chief Executive noted that a proposal was made and seconded by the meeting and therefore was valid.

The solution proposed by the Protocol Committee was to let the Executive decide on the matter taking into account the health and safety of employees and it was a matter for the County Secretary to decide on the future protests and that protests would be outside of the building.

Cllr. D. Wadding agreed that the issues raised in her motion had been dealt with. The recommendation of the Protocol Committee was agreed.

## **10. Sealing of Documents**

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

## **11. Correspondence and Communications:**

11.1 Correspondence from Julie Sinnamon, CEO, Enterprise Ireland regarding attendance at County Council Meeting.

11.2 Correspondence from Katherine Walshe, Regional Operations Manager, Southern Region, Irish Water, regarding attendance at County Council Meeting.

11.3 Correspondence from Richard Dooley, General Manager, HSE, regarding Emergency Department at Wexford General Hospital.

11.4 Correspondence from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary, to Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government regarding fluoridation.

The Members noted receipt of the above correspondence.

## **12. Any Other Business**

- Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, advised the meeting that it was proposed that Enterprise Ireland and the IDA will meet with the Council at the April 2015 meeting.
- Cllr. A. Kelly noted that there had been an increase in charges for the use of harbours and he asked that any increases in charges be notified to the full Council as agreed at the Budget Meeting.
- Cllr. M. Byrne advised the meeting that he had received an invitation to a ceremony in Mexico to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of William Lamport and that his flight would be paid for by the Mexican Authority. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell it was agreed by the Council that Cllr. Byrne attend the ceremony.

- Cllr. M. Byrne advised the meeting that there would be a number of public consultation meetings taking place over the coming weeks throughout the county in relation to the County Arts Strategy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Marta, 2015.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

P.Breen,	J. Browne,	K. Codd Nolan,	A. Connick,
T. Dempsey,	A. Donohoe,	K. Doyle,	M. Farrell,
W. Fitzharris,	J. Fleming,	G. Carthy;	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,
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. P. Collins, County Secretary;  
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;  
Mr. J. Lambe, Executive Engineer;  
Mr. G. Mackey, Administrative Officer;  
Cpt. Phil Murphy, Harbour Master.

**Apologies:** Councillor F. Staples.

**Congratulations:**

The Cathaoirleach noted that David Medcalf, Reporter, previously with the People Newspaper had recently retired and wished him well for the future. He also welcomed David Looby, Reporter, who will cover County Council meetings for the paper.

The Members congratulated the following:

- Creagh College on its official opening.
- Oulart the Ballagh on winning the All Ireland Senior Camogie Club Final.
- Gorey Community School on winning the All Ireland Schools Senior Camogie Final.
- Good Counsel on winning the All Ireland Senior Football Final.
- The Housing Dept on their presentation to the Wexford Womens Refuge.
- David Minogue on his appointment as Communications Officer.
- Emmet O'Connell – inducted into Irish American Hall of Fame.
- George Dockrell and the Irish Cricket Team on their recent success.

The Cathaoirleach also thanked the five Members of the Council who took part in the "Get Wexford Walking" campaign with Eilish Kavanagh, Bunclody, who took part in the Operation Transformation television programme.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Myles Kehoe, father of Mr. Paul Kehoe, TD.
- The family of Aidan Colfer, brother of Ray Colfer, Housing Inspector, New Ross.
- The family of Seamus McGrath, brother of Tim McGrath, Executive Technician, Roads Dept.
- The family of Paddy Butler, father of Ray Butler, Retired Senior Engineer, NRA, Tramore House.
- The family of Agnes Kavanagh, mother of Sean Kavanagh, Planning Enforcement.
- The family of Shem Murphy, retired Firefighter.
- The family of Jean-Pierre Fougerat former Mayor of Coueron.
- The Members expressed their sympathy to Cllr. J. O'Rourke on the recent passing of his aunt.

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, advised the Members that there would be 2 County Council meetings in May. The Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan would attend the May County Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will also be a Special County Council Meeting likely to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May regarding Duncannon Beach and that IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland will attend on this date also.

**1. Duncannon Treatment Plant**

Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer, made a presentation to the meeting.  
Questions raised by the Members were answered by Officials in attendance.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

2.1 County Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015.

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

3.1 Proposed lease of Westgate Computer Centre, Wexford to Access 2000 Wexford Ltd.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Rourke seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton the Council resolved to lease the property above in accordance with notice circulated:



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

4.1 LAC 1406 – Proposed Construction of 8 No. dwellings and all associated siteworks at Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford (Enniscorthy T.D., Enniscorthy E.D.)

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 regarding LAC1406 at Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen, the Members agreed that the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

4.2 LAC 1407 – Construction of 1 no. single storey detached special needs dwelling with associated site works at Rosetown, Rosslare Strand, Co. Wexford (Rosetown T.D., Rosslare E.D.)

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 regarding LAC1407 at Rosetown, Rosslare Strand, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen, the Members agreed that the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

**5. Proposal to declare roads to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993:**

5.1 Relief Road at Ramstown Lower, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted correspondence from Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton it was agreed by the Council that the Relief Road at Ramstown Lower, Gorey, Co. Wexford be declared to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

**6. County Wexford Ambulance Service:**

Following a meeting of a cross-party group of Council members, the attached report was circulated to the meeting. Cllr. G. Carthy made a short presentation to the Council outlining the major points in the report.

Following discussion the following was agreed:

- On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Whelan, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding, the Council agreed that a deputation of the Council seeks a meeting with the Minister for Health.
- The issues raised in the report are referred to the HSE Forum by Council's representatives of the forum.

- The Council will write to the Minister, the HSE and the HSE Forum setting out the issues in the cross-party report.

## **7. Establishment of Local, Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Advisory Steering Group:**

The Members noted report circulated to the meeting by Mr. G. Mackey, Chief Officer Wexford LCDC. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe it was agreed to proceed with the establishment of a Local, Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Advisory Steering Group.

## **8. Road Grants 2015**

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, notified the meeting of the Road Grant Allocation for 2015 and advised that details of the allocation would be forwarded to each of the Municipal Districts over the next number of weeks, including an amount ring-fenced to be spent on roads in the major towns.

The Director highlighted that the reduction of €279,960 in the Roads Grants would have a serious impact on the County roads.

At this point the Cathaoirleach suggested that the following motions, all of which referred to Road Grants, be considered.

15.1 Councillors P. Breen; M. Byrne; J. Browne; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; J. Fleming; F. Kehoe; B.A. Murphy; J. Sullivan; M. Whelan;

"That Wexford County Council expresses serious concern at the decision of the Department of the Environment and Local Government to cut funding for non-national roads to Co. Wexford by €279,000 and calls for the following -

- a letter be sent to Minister Alan Kelly asking him to reverse the cut and the reasons as to why he has sanctioned a reduction in such funding despite the introduction of the Local Property Tax and an expectation to be permitted that funding would not be cut

- all Wexford Oireachtas representatives to be requested to raise the issue in the Oireachtas

- the Association of Irish Local Government and the Local Authority Members' Association to prioritise tackling the cuts in roads funding across the country".

15.5 Councillor K. Codd Nolan:

"This Council calls on the Minister for Transport to reinstate the Community Involvement Scheme for the tertiary county roads".

15.10 Councillor D. Hynes:

“This Council calls on the Minister of the Environment to restore the cut of €300,000 to the funding for the upkeep of secondary roads in County Wexford”.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien the Council agreed to request a deputation to meet the Minister for Transport requesting an increase in funding. The Council's deputation would be the Cathaoirleach and the Chairpersons of the Municipal Districts.

## **9. Harbour Charges:**

A number of documents were circulated to the meeting for consideration. Presentations on these documents were made by Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer and Cpt. Phil Murphy, Harbour Master.

### **Prohibition on Swimming at Piers and Harbours**

This document dealt with the prohibition on swimming at certain designated piers and harbours, arising from health and safety issues raised by Irish Water Safety.

Following a review, the decision to prohibit swimming was will remain in place. However, a procedure to allow swimming at Courtown, Cahore and Fethard, subject to the prior written approval of the Marine Officer, was recommended.

### **Harbour Charges 2015**

The document circulated to members set out the expenditure and income associated with harbours under the jurisdiction of Wexford County Council.

It was noted that Harbour Charges only applied to four of the eleven harbours (Wexford, Kilmore Quay, Duncannon and New Ross Marina).

It was also emphasised that there were no current plans to extend the charges to any of the other piers and harbours.

Capt. P. Murphy then explained the basis for charges and how it was proposed to amend a small number of the existing charges, both to facilitate users of the harbours and to improve the efficiency of collection of charges due

Following discussion and questions by members, both reports were accepted as presented, on the proposal of Cllr. R. Ireton seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell.

#### **10. Draft Corporate Plan:**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien the Members approved the Draft Corporate Plan as circulated to the meeting.

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

The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March were noted by the meeting and a number of questions raised by the Members were answered by officials in attendance.

In relation to Associated Bodies it was agreed that appointments to Associated Companies would be dealt with by the relevant Municipal District as set out in the report to the CPG with the exception of the Irish National Heritage Park where appointment would be made by the County Council.

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

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated to the meeting. Questions raised by the Members were responded to by Council Officials in attendance.

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

##### **13.1 List of Councillors' Conferences**

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Members approved the List of Councillors Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

##### **13.2 Conference Reports**

The Members noted the conference reports as submitted to the meeting.

##### **13.3 Training for Elected Members – noted.**

##### **13.4 Twinning Invitation – Fleurus, Belgium – noted and agreed.**

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

The Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

14.1 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 21.01.15

14.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 14.01.15

14.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 19.01.15

14.4 Borough District of Wexford Traffic Management Meeting 14.01.15

14.5 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 20.01.15

**Notices of Motions:**

15.2 Councillor M. Byrne:

“That Wexford County Council move to achieve a ban on the use of smoky coals in all parts of County Wexford by the end of 2015”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty and agreed by the Council.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting for a further 15 minutes to 5.45 p.m.

15.3 Councillor A. Kelly:

“Now that this Council is supporting the 1916/2016 centenary commemorations, I propose Wexford Co. Co. takes this opportunity to honour the men and women of 1916, and the core principles of the 1916 proclamation, by displaying a framed copy of the proclamation in a prominent place in this chamber, and to ask the other municipal districts if they have not already done so to follow suit”.

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

15.4 Councillor M. Sheehan:

That Wexford County Council acknowledges the chronic levels of unemployment in the county and recognises the need the radical actions by the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, hereby requests a deputation with the Minister to discuss the following priorities for County Wexford;

- The immediate publication of the South East Regional Jobs Plan with clear guaranteed targeted commitments to the county.
- The inclusion of guaranteed ring-fenced funding commitments for the provision of Enterprise and Innovation centres in Co. Wexford
- The inclusion of County Wexford in the Capital Investment Schemes to permit the semi-state agencies to plan for and build new Advance factories
- To recommit and pursue the installation of Natural Gas and High Speed Broadband network throughout the county
- To prioritise and provide additional targeted supports to address areas of high long term unemployment and low waged
- To ensure that any University of the South East would have a strong presence in County Wexford

that Wexford County Council reaffirms our willingness to support any job creating initiative and the removal of any blockages to prevent full employment.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle

It was further agreed to seek a deputation with Minister Bruton to discuss the above motion.

15.6 Councillor J. Mythen:

“That this council recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015 commonly known as Jake's Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20km specifically for housing estates. The council further commits to writing to the Minister on this issue, as well as circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration”.

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

Director for Road Transportation, E. Hore advised that a list of 76 estates compiled from correspondence with members of the public and representations from members of the Council had been presented to a previous meeting of the Council as having priority status for lower speed limits.

15.7 Councillor F.Ó Súilleabháin:

“Wexford County Council notes that we do not have a specific Heritage Officer to serve the county, and will work to appoint one this year”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Súilleabháin seconded by Cllr. O. O’Connell and was agreed by the Council.

Director of Service Tony Larkin advised the meeting that the moratorium on Staff Recruitment was still in force, but that the Council would have more need for a Conservation Officer or an Engineer to deal with unfinished housing estates. At present, the Council buys in expertise on Heritage matters, as required.

The Chief Executive also advised that it would not be possible to combine the two jobs, given that the Conservation Officer deals with built heritage, while the Heritage Officer role deals with ecology and other disciplines.

The following motions were amalgamated and considered – 15.8, 15.9, 15.11, 15.15.

15.8 Councillors B.A. Murphy; J. Fleming; M. Sheehan; M. Whelan; K. Doyle; J. Browne:

“That Wexford County Council request an immediate meeting with the Minister for Transport with a view to insuring that the current traditional bus stops at New Ross Clonroche Enniscorthy and Bunclody (Route 5) are maintained at their present level at the very minimum

To discontinue this service would be to impose awful hardship on an already deprived community, another blow to rural Ireland”.

15.9 Councillor J. Mythen:

“I call on Wexford Co. Co, to actively campaign for the reinstatement of both the Clonroche and Bunclody routes following the announcement by Bus Éireann to scrap Bus route 5 which services Waterford, New Ross, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Bunclody, Kildavin, Tullow, Blessington, Baltinglass Tallaght and Dublin City”.

15.11 Councillor D. Hynes:

“This Council calls on Bus Eireann to reverse its decision to cut the service to Clonroche, Bunclody and Kildavin in Wexford. This decision further undermines rural communities”.

15.15 Councillors K. Codd Nolan, P. Kavanagh, O. Walsh, L. O'Brien, W. Fitzharris:

“That Wexford County Council write immediately to Bus Eireann, The National Transport Authority & The Minister for Transport demanding that all existing bus services on Route 5 be retained as essential services for our communities within that region of our county which is already classified economically weak”.

Following discussion of the motions, it was proposed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by the Members to seek a meeting with the Minister for Transport regarding the reinstatement of these services.

It was further agreed to write to the Minister, Bus Eireann, and the National Transport Agency.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh it was agreed to suspend standing orders to extend the meeting to 6pm.

15.12 Councillor D. Wadding:

“That this Council calls on the government to reverse the cuts to lone parents payments due to hit all those whose youngest is 7 or over, in recognition of the hardship and increase in poverty and homelessness this will create”.

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



15.13 Councillor D. Wadding:

“Given that just a week ago Ozanam House in Wexford was full to capacity with a waiting list of 15, an additional emergency facility must be established as the situation is becoming critical and we must take preventive action”.

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

15.14 Councillor O. O’Connell:

“That this Council, regarding its 'Section 26' Fire Service changes, preparations and implementation:

- Recognises that the International Standards Organisation Insurance Industry Risk Assessment, calls for a Six-Person response on initial fire attack;

And furthermore accepts:

- That such 'Section 26' plans should not be passed until all the relevant concerns of Wexford's Fire-fighters and SIPTU are properly addressed; particularly with regard to minimum personnel response numbers, and coordination of Fire Service and HSE or Ambulance Services; and
- That no related changes will be made to the Fire Service in County Wexford, until the current related National Dispute over the "Keeping Communities Safe" document issued by Phil Hogan is resolved”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. O. O’Connell seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised that there were no proposal to changes to staffing levels and informed the meeting that ongoing industrial relations negotiations were a national issue. On the proposal of the Chief Executive, It was agreed to make a presentation on the Fire Service to the next meeting of the County Council.

The motion was then put to the Council and a poll was taken which resulted as follows:

In Favour: J. Browne; M. Byrne; G. Carthy; A. Connick; K. Doyle; M. Farrell; D. Hynes; R. Ireton; A. Kelly; G. Lawlor; B.A. Murphy; J. Mythen; L. O’Brien; O. O’Connell; F.Ó Súilleabháin; M. Roche; M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; D. Wadding; M. Whelan.

Against: K. Codd Nolan; A. Donohoe; W. Fitzharris; J. Hegarty; P. Kavanagh; F. Kehoe; J. Moore.

The motion was carried.

## **15. Sealing of Documents**

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy the Members noted and approved the sealing of documents as submitted to the meeting.

**16. Correspondence and Communications:**

17.1 Correspondence from David Franks, Chief Executive, Irish Rail regarding access for disabled members of the public to their services.

17.2 Correspondence from Martin Shanahan, IDA Ireland, confirming attendance of Ms. Anne Marie Tierney-LeRoux, South East Regional Manager at the Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

17.3 Acknowledgement from Evan Hackett, Private Secretary to Minister James Reilly, TD, regarding the School Completion Programme.

The above correspondence was noted and any issues arising are to be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

**17. Any Other Business**

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Aibreán, 2015.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

P. Breen,	J. Browne,	K. Codd Nolan,	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,	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;  
Ms. F. Ronan, Sports Co-Ordinator;  
Mr. N. O'Driscoll, A/Senior Engineer;  
Mr. M. O'Reilly, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors G. Carthy; A. Connick; F. Staples.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Pat Quigley, former employee, Wexford County Council.
- The family of Stephen Martin, former employee and father of David Martin, Borough District of Wexford.
- The family of Adam Thomas, Davitt Road South, Wexford former employee of Wexford Borough Council.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Alice Power on winning the European kickboxing title for the Wexford Academy of Martial Arts.
- Aaron Kirwan Doyle and Liam Walsh, The Ballagh on winning gold boxing medals.
- Enniscorthy Rugby on winning the Provincial Town Cup semi final.
- St. Michael's Boxing Club New Ross on their recent success.
- Katie Fitzhenry and the Womens Irish Rugby Team on winning the Six Nations.
- The four County Wexford Drama Groups on their recent success.

**Best Wishes:**

The Members expressed their best wishes to jockey Robbie McNamara following an injury at Wexford Racecourse and wished him well with his recovery.

**1. Presentation – Sports Active Wexford**

Ms. F. Ronan, Sports Co-ordinator for Sports Active Wexford gave a presentation to the meeting outlining the activities of the Local Sports Partnership since its establishment in 2008.

Her presentation outlined details of:

- Inter Agency Participation
- Current Board Membership
- Programmes and Activities undertaken
- Funding arrangements
- Physical Activity Grants and Club Grants
- Review of Strategic Objectives 2008-2012
- Key achievements to date
- Strategic Objectives from 2015 onwards

During the wide ranging discussion that followed questions raised by the Members were answered by officials in attendance.

The Cathaoirleach advised the meeting that a recommendation from the Sports Partnership in relation to the term of office of the Chair of the Sports Partnership will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**2.1 County Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**

On the proposal of Councillor T. Dempsey, seconded by Councillor A. Kelly, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

A discussion took place regarding the motion discussed at the March meeting regarding the Fire Service. Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised that this motion was invalid under Section 158 of the Local Government Act 2001. Cllr. O. O'Connell requested that legal opinion be circulated to the Members in any future similar cases.

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

3.1 LAC 1501 – Proposed construction/renovation of a derelict dwelling with the demolition of existing extensions and the erection of a new purpose built extension to create a 3 bedroom house and all associated site works at 28 Ross Road, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 regarding LAC1501 at 28 Ross Road, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, 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.

3.2 LAC 1503 – Proposed construction/renovation of 22 Francis Street, Wexford to include taking over part of existing County Council car park to facilitate a store area (previously agreed), to create a 2 storey 2 bedroom house and all associated site works in pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, (as amended).

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 regarding LAC1503 at 22 Francis Street, Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, 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.

**4. Road Works Programme 2015:**

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien the Road Works Programme 2015 was approved by the Council.

Mr. N. O'Driscoll, A/Senior Engineer (Roads), gave a comprehensive presentation to the meeting in relation to the funding, upkeep and maintenance of the county's road network.

His presentation contained details on the following:

- Grant funding for National and Non- National Roads
- Funding from Council's own resources
- Road patching and surface dressing
- Road strengthening/overlays
- Road selection and condition rating
- Road surveys
- Surface dressing cycle

During the lengthy discussion that followed Mr. O'Driscoll responded to a variety of questions and issues raised by the Members.

**5. Bunclody and Enniscorthy Vacant Property Schemes:**

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members approved the Bunclody and Enniscorthy Vacant Property Schemes as submitted to the meeting.

**6. Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Wexford County Council for rehabilitation works on MacMurrough Island Bridge 1 (WX-N30-007), MacMurrough Island Bridge 2 (WX-N30-008) and MacMurrough Island Farm Underpass (WX-N30-009):**

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty the Members approved the Section 85 Agreement between Kildare County Council and Wexford County Council for rehabilitation works on MacMurrough Island Bridge 1 (WX-N30-007), MacMurrough Island Bridge 2 (WX-N30-008) and MacMurrough Island Farm Underpass (WX-N30-009) as submitted to the meeting.

**7. Amended Standing Orders:**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor the Members approved the amended Standing Orders as submitted to the meeting.

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

The Members noted the report of the Corporate Policy Group.

Cllr. J. Mythen proposed and Cllr. O.O'Connell seconded that Sinn Féin have observer status on the Corporate Policy Group. Cllr. J. Moore proposed and by Cllr. P. Kavanagh seconded to support the recommendation of the CPG that the request be rejected on the basis that the membership of the CPG was restricted to the Chairperson's of the Strategic Policy Committees as set out in Section 133 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

A vote was taken on the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group:

Those voting in favour of the recommendation:

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

Those voting against the recommendation:

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

Abstaining from the vote:

Councillors: M. Farrell; D. Hynes.

The recommendation of the CPG was carried.

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

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated to the meeting.  
Questions raised by the Members were responded to by Council Officials in attendance.

## **10. 1916/2016 Centenary Programme:**

The Members noted that Enniscorthy 1916 commemorations are included in the 1916-2016 National Centenary Programme.

## **11. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training**

### **11.1 List of Councillors' Conferences**

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

### **11.2 Conference Reports**

The Members noted the conference reports as submitted to the meeting.

## **12. Minutes of Meetings:**

The Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

12.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 11.02.15

12.2 Protocol Committee of Borough District of Wexford Meeting 16.02.15

12.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 16.02.15

12.4 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 17.02.15

12.5 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 18.02.15

12.6 Protocol Committee Meeting 09.03.15

12.7 Joint Policing Committee Meeting 09.03.15

12.8 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 17.02.15

### **13. Deferred Notices of Motions:**

#### **13.1 Councillor D. Wadding:**

“That this Council calls on the government to reverse the cuts to lone parents payments due to hit all those whose youngest is 7 or over, in recognition of the hardship and increase in poverty and homelessness this will create”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and agreed by the Council.

#### **13.2 Councillor D. Wadding:**

“Given that just a week ago Ozanam House in Wexford was full to capacity with a waiting list of 15, an additional emergency facility must be established as the situation is becoming critical and we must take preventive action”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton and agreed by the Council.

### **14. Notices of Motion:**

#### **14.1 Gorey Municipal District**

“The Members of Gorey Municipal District ask that consideration be given to the re-opening of the old entrance to Wexford General Hospital to facilitate members of the public with access issues”

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

#### **14.2 Councillor G. Lawlor:**

“This Council supports the workers in Dunnes Stores who are seeking

- The implementation of banded hour contracts which would give workers security of hours and earnings.
- A review of excessive use of temporary contracts of employment.
- Individual and collective representational rights for Dunnes workers.

This Council welcomes the commitment to legislate for an improved framework for workers who seek to better their terms and conditions where collective bargaining is not recognised by their employer.

Further this council welcomes Government commitment to legislate so that workers can have confidence that they have an effective system that protects and promotes their rights. This legislation ensures they can advance claims about remuneration, terms and conditions and have these determined based on comparisons with similar companies – and not be victimised for doing so”



The above motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes and agreed by the Council and amended to include "This Council also protests at the intimidation of Dunnes workers". Cllr. Lawlor had no objection to the amended motion.

#### 14.3 Councillor M. Byrne

"That Wexford County Council building on its motion of support for Marriage Equality in 2012, calls for a Yes vote in the referendum on this issue on 22<sup>nd</sup> May".

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

#### 14.4 Councillor P. Kavanagh

"This council calls on the Dept of Agriculture to reassign staff to front desk duties at our local DVO-Dept of Agriculture offices in Enniscorthy".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. J. Browne and agreed by the Council.

#### 14.5 Councillor P. Kavanagh

"I am asking this council to state their policy on unauthorised gatherings of Travellers on public roads and public places for the purpose of selling and buying horses. I am also asking this council to get a policy statement from the Dept of Agriculture and the Dept of Transport on the same issue".

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. J. Moore and agreed subject to amendment to replace "Travellers" with "individuals".

#### 14.6 Councillor M. Byrne, P. Breen, J. Sullivan:

"That Wexford County Council expresses its serious concern to The Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner about the falling number of Gardaí in the County and the fact that per capita, we now have one of the lowest levels of policing in the country with the Gorey District having the worst level of Garda presence in Ireland. The Council calls for priority in Garda allocation to now be given to County Wexford and for the restoration of a Superintendent to Gorey District Station."

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Sullivan seconded by Cllr. P. Breen and agreed by the Members.

**On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen it was agreed to suspend Standing Order to allow the meeting to continue.**

14.7 Councillor M. Farrell:

“This Council calls on the Minister for Health not to further increase the contributions of older people towards the cost of Nursing Home care following the recent review of the Fair Deal Scheme”.

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

14.8 Councillor M. Farrell:

“This Council calls on the Health Service Executive to restore eligibility for criteria for Wexford patients attending hospitals outside County Wexford”.

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

Due to a potential conflict of interest the Chair left the meeting and Cllr. O. Walsh, Leas Cathaoirleach took the chair for the following motion.

14.9 Councillor T. Dempsey:

“That Wexford County Council calls on the Governing Bodies of Waterford and Carlow Institutes of Technology to work together with local authorities and civic society to attain the goal of a University for the South East”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Dempsey seconded by Cllr. F. ÓSúilleabháin and agreed by the Council.

## **15. Sealing of Documents**

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

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, resumed his position as Chair.

## **16. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

16.1 Acknowledgement from the Office of Minister Richard Bruton, TD, regarding meeting request.

16.2 Correspondence from Tommy Moylan, Association of Irish Local Government regarding training for Members.

16.3 Correspondence from National Transport Authority regarding Bus Éireann Route 5 Expressway Service.

16.4 Acknowledgement from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Mr. Leo Varadkar, T.D., regarding County Wexford Ambulance Service.

16.5 Acknowledgement from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary to Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., regarding smoky coals.

16.6 Correspondence from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Mr. Leo Varadkar, T.D., regarding the new "Satellite Dialysis Unit".

16.7 Correspondence from Chris Smith, Private Secretary to Mr. Paschal Donohoe, regarding the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015.

16.8 Correspondence from Pat Collins, County Secretary, regarding Supplementary Register.

16.9 Correspondence from Evan Hackett, Private Secretary to Minister James Reilly, T.D., regarding the School Completion Programme.

## **17. Any Other Business**

Cllr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, reminded the Members that a Special Meeting of Wexford County Council will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in relation to the following matters:

- Duncannon Wastewater Treatment Plant
- IDA/Enterprise Ireland presentation
- County Wexford Ambulance Service
- IT presentation – Register of Electors

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Bealtaine, 2015.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

J. Browne,	G. Carthy;	K. Codd Nolan,	A. Connick;
T. Dempsey,	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,	M. Murphy,	J. Mythen,
L. O'Brien,	J. O'Rourke,	M. Roche,	M. Sheehan,
F. Staples;	J. Sullivan,	D. Wadding,	O. Walsh,
M. Whelan.			

**Officials:**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors P. Breen; M. Farrell; O. O'Connell; F. ÓSúilleabháin,

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Wexford Women's Soccer Cup which was displayed at the meeting.
- Derek Dodebier, St. Peter's College Secondary School, who represented County Wexford and Wexford County Council in the TY Nation Awards Competition "Enabling Access across Generations", and was announced as national winner of the competition.
- Enniscorthy Rugby Club on winning the Provincial Town Cup.
- Bertram Allen on coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World Championships.
- Rathnure National School on winning the Healthy Eating Award from the HSE.
- Kilrush Drama Group on winning the All Ireland Drama.

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

**1.1 LAC 1504** – Provision of temporary Primary Settlement Tank, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Final Effluent Clarifier, Disinfection Facility, all associated interconnecting pipe work, sewers and services, at Duncannon, E.D., Ballyhack, Co. Wexford.

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 regarding LAC1504 at Duncannon, E.D., Ballyhack, Co. Wexford. Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services outlined the contents of the report to the meeting. Mr. G. Forde gave a further presentation as circulated to the meeting.

Cllr. M. Sheehan advised that New Ross Municipal District had recommended that the development be approved by the Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien, it was recommended that the proposal be approved by the meeting. A vote was taken:

Those voting in favour:

Councillors: J. Browne; M. Byrne; G. Carthy; K. Codd Nolan; T. Dempsey; A. Donohoe; K. Doyle; W. Fitzharris; J. Fleming; D. Hynes; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; F. Kehoe; A. Kelly; J. Moore; B.A. Murphy; M. Murphy; J. Mythen; L. O'Brien; J. O'Rourke; M. Roche; M. Sheehan; F. Staples; J. Sullivan; O. Walsh; M. Whelan.

Those voting against: Cllr. A. Connick.

Abstaining: Cllr. D. Wadding.

Following vote the above development was approved in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

**1.2 LAC1502** - Realignment of collapsed section of local tertiary road L40274 at Ballykelly, New Ross, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) and in accordance with Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended) .

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 regarding LAC1502 at Ballykelly, New Ross, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Members agreed that the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

**2. Demonstration of Register of Electors on Minutepad:**

Mr. P. Sweeney, A/Head of Information Systems, gave a demonstration to the Members of the Register of Electors on the minutedpad and advised that this would be released on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Mr. Sweeney. The Members welcomed the system and thanked Mr. Sweeney for his presentation.

**3. Brendan Crowley and Niamh Lacey, HSE re County Ambulance Service:**

Brendan Crowley and Niamh Lacey, HSE Ambulance Service outlined to the meeting that they were attending following questions raised by Members of Wexford County Council at the Regional Health Forum Meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place, questions and issues raised were responded to comprehensively by Brendan Crowley and Niamh Lacey,

**4. Blaithin Ennis, Wexford Winner, Ireland's Best Entrepreneur:**

Ms. Blaithin Ennis, Wexford Entrepreneur, gave a presentation to the meeting and outlined the guiding, mentoring and assistance she had received from the Local Enterprise Office. She advised the meeting that it would be a benefit to other students if the Local Enterprise Office could present their services in colleges.

The Members thanked Ms. Ennis for her excellent presentation and wished her well for the future with her jewellery collection.

**5. IDA – Anne Marie Tierney Le Roux and Andrew Vogelaar:**

Mr. Andrew Vogelaar, IDA, made a presentation to the meeting.

**6. Enterprise Ireland – Enda McDonnell:**

Mr. Enda McDonnell, Enterprise Ireland, made a presentation to the meeting.

Questions from Members regarding the two presentations were answered by the representatives of IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland in attendance.

Mr. Enright advised that under the new statutory remit it was part of Wexford County Council's job to encourage employment and facilitate businesses in the county.

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, thanked the IDA and Enterprise Ireland for their informative talks and stressed the importance of attracting jobs to County Wexford.

It was agreed that copies of the IDA and Enterprise Ireland presentations would be forwarded to the Members for their information.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Bealtaine, 2015.

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 – 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. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Presentation by Deputy Commissioner of the Gardai:**

A presentation was made to the meeting by Deputy Commissioner Jack Nolan who attended the meeting with Chief Superintendent J. Roche, Detective Inspector John Hunt and Inspector Dave McCarthy, Regional Office.

Assistant Commissioner Nolan, who is responsible for the policing of the South East Region outlined the services provided by the Gardai and the levels and profile of crime taking place in the Region. He gave details of statistics and manning figures and outlined detailed operational responses by Gardai.

Questions raised by the Members on a wide range of subjects were responded to by the Assistant Commissioner.



**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Christy Murphy, former employee, Wexford County Council.
- The family of Thomas Tierney, Bishops Park, Wexford.
- The family of Robert Byrne, Island Road, Enniscorthy.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Shamrock Rovers on winning the Wexford Cup Soccer Final.
- Bunclody-Kilmyshall Drama Group.
- Conor Levingstone and Stephen Davenport on their recent debuts for Ireland U17 soccer team.
- Bobbie Hendrick on winning the girls All Ireland Boxing title.
- Joanne Lennon, boxing.
- Ramsgrange Community School on U14 hurling success.

It was agreed that the Arts Strategy would be taken next for discussion.

**6. Arts Strategy:**

Ms. M. Brennan and Ms. E. Doyle made a presentation to the meeting regarding the Arts Strategy for County Wexford as circulated. They thanked all who had taken part in the strategy process. Questions raised by the Members were responded to by Ms. Brennan. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell and agreed by the Members the Council adopted the strategy as submitted to the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**1.1 County Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

**1.2 Special County Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

Cllr. J. O'Rourke confirmed to the meeting that he had voted against a vote taken at Item No. 8 and not in favour as outlined in the minutes.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 with the above amendment.

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

### **2.1 Proposed lease of property to Wexford Albion Soccer Club**

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Kelly seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Council resolved to lease the property above in accordance with notice circulated.

### **2.2 Proposed transfer of 0.10 acres to land at the rear of 13 Thomas Ashe Place, Ballygoman, Barntown, Wexford to Mr. Jason Long, 13 Thomas Ashe Place.**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Council resolved to transfer the above land in accordance with notice circulated.

## **3. 2015 Capital Allocation for Publicly Funded Housing Loans:**

The 2015 Capital Allocation for Publicly Funded Housing Purchase and Improvement Loans has been notified by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government at €1,000,000. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe the Council approved of the borrowing of €1,000,000 for the purpose of funding the House Purchase & Improvement Loan 2015 Programme under Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

## **4. Annual Financial Statement 2014**

### **Final Accounts 2014 – Report to Members**

The Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and Report to Members 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.

Following discussion on the content of the Annual Financial Statement on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe and in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 the Council formally approved the Annual Financial Statement 2014 as circulated to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe the Members approved for the additional expenditure in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 6p.m.

## **5. Capital Programme 2015-2017**

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

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

The Members noted the report of the Corporate Policy Group.

## **8. Chief Executive's Report**

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated to the meeting. Questions raised by the Members were responded to by Council Officials in attendance.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh asked for clarification following a recent invitation to a meeting issued by Wexford Local Development. Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive, advised that he had recently met with the Chief Executive and Chairman of Wexford Local Development. He noted that WLD Articles of Association had stated that 3 Elected Members and 1 Council Official of Wexford County Council be on the board of WLD.

The Department of Environment, Community & Local Government had previously issued advice about a possible conflict of interest arising where Members of the Council sit on the boards on Local Development Companies – these companies would be tendering to the LCDC for funding. The advice from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government was that there was not a requirement to appoint Councillors to sit on the board of WLD. The Chief Executive informed the meeting that he had now sought further clarification on this point from the Department.

The Chief Executive advised Members that they are entitled to join boards but that they should exercise caution if taking up directorships in a personal capacity. He further advised that they should seek their own legal advice if taking this course of action. Mr. Enright advised the meeting that he would circulate correspondence from the Department when he received same.

## **9. Date of Annual Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe it was agreed by the Council that the Annual Meeting would be held at 12 noon on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 with lunch to follow.

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

### **10.1 List of Councillors' Conferences**

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

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

The Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 11.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 11.03.15
- 11.2 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 16.03.15
- 11.3 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 16.03.15
- 11.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 18.03.15
- 11.5 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 03.02.15

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

### **Proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen seconded by Cllr. F.Ó Súilleabháin:**

"Wexford County Council welcomes Fáilte Ireland's recent launch of the Ancient East tourist trail. However we would like to call on the tourism body to actively engage with this council in ensuring that this historic county will be proportionately represented as the initiative progresses and develops"

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle it was proposed to amend the motion to replace "welcomes" with "notes"

Those voting in favour:

Councillors: P. Breen; M. Whelan; J. Browne; T. Dempsey; J. Sullivan; K. Doyle; F. Kehoe; M. Sheehan; M. Byrne; D. Hynes; D. Wadding.

Those voting against:

Councillors: A. Connick; A. Kelly; M. Farrell; M. Murphy; F. Staples; W. Fitzharris; R. Ireton; G. Lawlor; J. Mythen; F.Ó Súilleabháin; A. Donohoe; P. Kavanagh; L. O'Brien; M. Roche; K. Codd Nolan; J. Hegarty; O. O'Connell; O. Walsh.

The amended motion was then defeated.

A vote was then taken on the original motion:

Those voting in favour:

Councillors: A. Connick; A. Kelly; M. Farrell; M. Murphy; F. Staples; W. Fitzharris; R. Ireton; G. Lawlor; J. Mythen; F.Ó Súilleabháin; A. Donohoe; P. Kavanagh; L. O'Brien; M. Roche; K. Codd Nolan; J. Hegarty; O. O'Connell; O. Walsh; D. Wadding.

Those voting against:

Councillors: P. Breen; M. Whelan; J. Browne; T. Dempsey; J. Sullivan; K. Doyle; F. Kehoe; M. Sheehan; M. Byrne; D. Hynes.

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly:**

“This council calls on the Minister for Health to honour the commitment given by the former Minister O'Reilly to fund It's Good to Talk. Since its founding in 2012 this low cost service has helped thousands of people suffering from depression, suicidal ideation and addictions etc. relying on contributions and fund raising.”

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

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan:**

“This council calls on the Government to grant a cost of living increase to state pensioners, the long sick etc. in the upcoming budget. These vulnerable people haven't received an increase in seven years.”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Members.

Cllr. D. Wadding submitted 2 motions outside of the Standing Orders which the Chairman deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

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

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

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

The Members noted the following correspondence:

14.1 Correspondence from Mr. J. Browne, TD, re funding for non national roads.

14.2 Correspondence from Senator J. Walsh re funding for non national roads.

14.3 Acknowledgement from Jacinta Crawford, Private Secretary to Ms. Joan Burton, TD regarding the One Parent Family payment.

14.4 Acknowledgement from Chris Quattrociochi, Private Secretary to Ms. Frances Fitzgerald, T.D. regarding motion on Garda numbers in the County.

14.5 Correspondence from Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D., regarding the South East Regional Action Plan for Jobs.

14.6 Correspondence from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary to Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., regarding smoky coals.

14.7 Acknowledgment from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Mr. Leo Varadkar, T.D., regarding the Fair Deal Scheme.

14.8 Acknowledgment from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD, regarding criteria for Wexford patients attending hospitals outside Co. Wexford.

14.9 Correspondence from Eirgrid regarding review of its grid development strategy.

14.10 Correspondence from Waterford Institute of Technology regarding University for the South East.

14.11 Correspondence from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Mr. Simon Coveney, TD in relation to assigning staff at the local DVO in Enniscorthy.

14.12 Correspondence from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Mr. Simon Coveney, TD in relation to unauthorised gatherings of individuals on public roads and public places for the purpose of selling and buying horses.

14.13 Correspondence from Frank Walsh Superintendent, Private Secretary to Commissioner regarding attendance of Garda Commissioner at Council Meeting.

14.14 Correspondence from Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, President, IT Carlow regarding South East Technological University and Wexford County Council.

Regarding correspondence 14.14 from Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, President, IT Carlow, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe it was agreed to invite Dr. Mulcahy to the June meeting of the Council.

## **15. Any Other Business**

Cllr. O. O'Connell expressed thanks to the organisers of Hook Maritime Festival, Wexford's Jestfest, Zorrofest and the William Lamport 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium with a special thanks to the Mexican Ambassador.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Meitheamh, 2015.

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 12.00 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

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

**Officials:**

Messrs: T. Enright, Chief Executive,  
T. Larkin, E. Hore, Directors of Services;  
G. Forde, Acting Director of Service  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Mr. P. Collins, Meetings Administrator.

**Apologies:**

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs. James Browne and Mary Farrell.

Mr. M. Byrne, Cathaoirleach, welcomed the Councillors to the Annual Meeting and thanked the members for their support during the year in particular, he thanked the Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Oliver Walsh for his help and support.

He also paid tribute to the Executive Team and staff for their hard work during the year.

He then outlined the progress in the three priority areas he had identified on taking up office:

1. The development of an Arts Strategy for County Wexford.
2. Unfinished Estates.
3. The promotion of Wexford as a business-friendly County.

Representatives from each of the parties and the independent members congratulated the Cathaoirleach on a job well done as Cathaoirleach of the new Council – they highlighted his handling of meetings, his fairness and impartiality, and his role as an ambassador for the county.

Tributes were also made to the Leas Cathaoirleach for his excellent work during the year.

The Chief Executive, Mr. T. Enright, echoed the remarks of the Councillors and commended the work done by the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach.

### **Election of Cathaoirleach:**

Cllr. T. Dempsey was proposed by Cllr. P. Breen and seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan

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

#### ***In Favour of Councillor T. Dempsey:***

Councillors: G. Carthy; T. Dempsey; F. Kehoe; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; 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; F. Staples; 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 24 votes to 8, Councillor Tony Dempsey was elected Cathaoirleach and took the Chair.

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

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

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

#### ***In Favour of Councillor K. Codd-Nolan:***

Councillors: G. Carthy; T. Dempsey; F. Kehoe; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; 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; F. Staples; 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 24 votes to 8, Cllr. Codd-Nolan was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.



The new Cathaoirleach, Cllr. T. Dempsey then set out a number of highlights which would take place or be progressed during his term of office – the New Ross and Enniscorthy By-passes, the bringing of natural gas to Taghmon, the acquisition of office/industrial space in each of the four main towns, the development of Wexford Quayfront, the new Garda Headquarters, the 2015/2016 Housing Programme, the 1916 Commemorations, the bid for the European Capital of Culture and Coastal Protection works in the county.

In addition to the significant projects outlined above, the Cathaoirleach also set out three projects in particular which he intends to prioritise during his year in office as follows:-

1. The future development of Rosslare Europort.
2. The development of a multi-campus University for the Southeast.
3. The development of a bursary scheme under the LCDC to advance the educational needs of socially disadvantaged students.

Councillor Kathleen Codd-Nolan, Leas Cathaoirleach, thanked the members and looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach.

Representatives from each of the parties and the independent members congratulated the new Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and wished them well during their year in office. The Chief Executive added his congratulations to the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach on behalf of the staff and looked forward to working closely with both in a busy and exciting year ahead.

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

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County Secretary

**Daingithe ar an 13ú la de Iúil, 2015.**

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Cathaoirleach

**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 – 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:** Mr. 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, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;

Mr. Shane O' Flanagan, Leinster Council, attended with the Liam McCarthy and Sam Maguire cups to launch the new agreement between Wexford County Council and the GAA. He advised the meeting that this was the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the agreement and its target was to provide coaching for over 3,000 children in Cul Camps during the summer months.

**1. Presentation – Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, Institute of Technology Carlow (In Committee):**

A presentation as circulated was made to the meeting by Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, President, IT Carlow. Questions raised by the Members were answered by Dr. Mulcahy. Dr. Mulcahy extended an open invitation to the Members to attend a meeting in IT Carlow in the future.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Noel Dillon, former Wexford County Manager.
- The family of Brigid O'Brien, aunt of Cllr. Larry O'Brien.
- The family of Olive Bridges, mother of Michele Bridges Carley, Housing Section.
- The family of Fr. Walter Forde, PP, Castlebridge.
- The family of Joe Thomas, Wexford Sea Scouts.

**Best Wishes:**

The Members expressed their best wish to Pat Laffan, Council employee, who was ill at the moment.

**2. Presentation – EU Capital of Culture, Katherine Collins:**

Katherine Collins gave a presentation as distributed to the meeting regarding European Capital of Culture 2020 - Three Sisters 2020. Questions by the Members were answered by Ms. Collins.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Gorey Community School on hosting their first ever Inter-schools championships incorporating the final of the Irish Ferries Inter-Schools Show Jumping League.
- Cllr. J. Moore complimented the Director of Service and Staff involved for facilitating the visit of the recent cruise ship to Kilmore Quay.
- Finalists of the Wexford Business Awards.
- Boxers Dean Walsh and Adam Nolan who are at the Baku 2015 games representing Wexford.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes:**

3.1 County Council Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor K. Doyle, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

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

4.1 Proposed disposal of 753 sq. m. approx to the 13<sup>th</sup> Wexford Scout Group Clonard Unit.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Kelly seconded by Cllr. J. O'Rourke the Council resolved to dispose of the land in accordance with notice circulated.

**5. Capital Programme 2015-2017:**

The Members considered the Capital Programme 2015-2017 as circulated.

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy seconded by Cllr. L. O'Brien the Members approved the Capital Programme.

**6. In accordance with Section 128C.(3) (a) of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in accordance with S.I. No. 234 of 2014, Consideration of Public Participation Network (PPN) Nominees to the membership of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).**

The Members noted the PPN Elected nominees to the LCDC and in accordance with Section 128 C (3) (a) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and in accordance with S.I. No 234 of 2014, the following list of nominees were approved by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe and agreed by the Council.

- Pat Rath
- Mary Hamilton
- Sean Quirke
- Anne Shannon
- Susan Murphy

**7. Election of Chair of Sports Partnership:**

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, Cllr. F. Staples was nominated.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Kelly seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, Cllr. J. Mythen was nominated.

Those voting in favour of Cllr. F. Staples:

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

Those voting in favour of Cllr. J. Mythen:

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

Cllr. F. Staples was elected Chair of the Sports Partnership.

## **8. Student Grant Scheme 2015:**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe the Council resolved to adopt the Student Grant Scheme for 2015/2016.

## **9. Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015:**

Mr. Pat Collins, County Secretary presented the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015 to the meeting. Questions raised by Members were answered by Council Officials in attendance. Mr. T. Larkin, A/Chief Executive, advised the meeting that the plan was in line with the 2015 budget and that quarterly reports would be submitted to the meeting as part of the Chief Executive Reports.

The Annual Service Delivery Plan was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. K. Doyle. A vote was taken

Those voting in favour of the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015:

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

Those voting against the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015:

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

Those abstaining: Councillors J. O'Rourke; M. Farrell; A. Connick.

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

The Members noted the report of the Corporate Policy Group.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, updated the Members that the amount of €30,000 had been received as part of the 1916 Commemoration Programme. He advised that it was intended that the funding be divided as follows:

- €10,000 to Wexford County Council/County Programme
- €5,000 to each of the Municipal Districts

It was agreed that Mr. E. Breen be invited to a future meeting of the Council to present the programme.

Mr. Carley advised that Capital funding of €250,000 was provided for The Atheneum in Enniscorthy.

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

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

The matter of Housing Maintenance 2015 was raised by the Members with regard to the adequacy of funding in the 2015 budget. The Director advised that a review of expenditure is being carried out at present.

The Chairman praised the Community Department and the Research Staff in Maynooth for the evidence based AIRO Report.

Questions raised by the Members were responded to by Council Officials in attendance.

### **12. List of Councillors' Conferences and Training**

#### **12.1 List of Councillors' Conferences**

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

#### **12.2 Conference Report**

The Members noted the Conference Report of Mr. J. Fleming as submitted to the meeting.

### **13. Minutes of Meetings:**

The Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 13.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 08.04.15
- 13.2 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 20.04.15
- 13.3 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 21.04.15
- 13.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 15.04.15
- 13.5 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 29.04.15
- 13.6 Protocol Committee Meeting 11.05.15
- 13.7 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 14.04.15
- 13.8 Special Housing, Community & Environment SPC 29.04.15

### **14. Notices of Motion:**

#### **Motion proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly:**

"That this council condemns the government's attempt to panic and intimidate people out of a legitimate choice to use boycott as protest, by threatening to create a fast track court system and falsely giving the impression that water charges will be deducted directly at source".

A vote was taken on the motion

Those voting in favour of the motion

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

Those voting against the motion:

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

Abstaining from the motion:

Councillors: P. Breen; J. Browne; M. Byrne; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; J. Fleming; F. Kehoe; B.A. Murphy; M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; M. Whelan.

The motion was defeated.

**Motion proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen:**

“ This council calls on the government to rescind any call to landlords to increase the deposits on rental accommodation to cover water charges thus making private landlords act as debt collectors for Irish Water and adding to the existing crisis in housing and homelessness”

Those voting in favour of the motion

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

Those voting against the motion:

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

Abstaining from the motion:

Councillors: P. Breen; J. Browne; M. Byrne; T. Dempsey; K. Doyle; J. Fleming; F. Kehoe; B.A. Murphy; M. Sheehan; J. Sullivan; M. Whelan; M. Murphy.

The motion was defeated.

**Motion proposed by Cllr. J. O'Rourke seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton:**

"I ask that all sides of the house support and endorse Waterford County Council motion to ask government to stop blotting our landscapes with wind turbines".

Following discussion and agreement the motion was amended as proposed by Cllr. J. Mythen and seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly:

"I ask that all sides of the house support and endorse Waterford County Council motion to ask government to stop blotting our landscapes with wind turbines prior to the emergence of new national guidelines".

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services, advised the meeting that wind areas shown in the Wexford County Development Plan had been identified using a scientific approach which restricted the positioning of turbines to a relatively small number of areas in County Wexford.

Mr. T. Larkin, A/Chief Executive, advised that meeting that a recent application for a wind farm had been refused by Wexford County Council. He advised that Wexford County Council's policies are set out in the County Development Plan and outlined that is very difficult to get planning permission for wind farms.

Those voting in favour of the motion

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

Those voting against the motion:

Councillors: G. Carthy; K. Codd Nolan; T. Dempsey; A. Donohoe; W. Fitzharris; J. Hegarty; R. Ireton; P. Kavanagh; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; L. O'Brien; F. Staples; J. Sullivan; O. Walsh.

Abstaining from the motion:

Councillors: P. Breen; J. Browne; M. Byrne; K. Doyle; J. Fleming; F. Kehoe; B.A. Murphy; M. Sheehan; M. Whelan; M. Murphy.

The motion was defeated.

**Motion proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy seconded by Cllr. P. Breen:**

"That Wexford County Council call on the Ministers for Agriculture and Finance to reinstate the Early Retirement Scheme and Installation Grant for our Farming Communities".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy seconded by Cllr. P. Breen and approved by the Council.



**Motion proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly:**

"I would ask this Council to consider holding our next Housing Community & Environment SPC meetings at Rosslare Port".

This motion was withdrawn and referred to the Housing Community & Environment SPC.

**Motion proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell:**

"When a Tenant of Wexford County Council wilfully damages a residential property they reside in, they become liable for the reinstatement costs which has to be paid before been rehoused or be allowed to continue their tenancy in the residence".

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised the meeting that this approach is in accordance with the current Letting Agreement. It was suggested that the Local Authority Tenant who damages the Local Authority house have their rent increased. This motion was adopted in principle and is to be referred to the Housing SPC to be reviewed in detail.

**Motion proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. J. Moore:**

"As a critical means of job creation and infrastructure enhancement, this Council reaffirms our support for the introduction and continued rollout of natural gas to County Wexford and supports any application or initiative with the Regulator or Department to make it commercially viable to incorporate additional spurs on the main pipeline to the rural and urban areas of the County".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. J. Moore and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. J. Browne, Cllr. M. Sheehan:**

"That Wexford County Council calls on the government to compel commercial business in the food sector to donate unsold but edible food in the first instance to charity, and then for use as animal feed or compost in the event that the food is unsafe for human consumption.

In a time where 10pc of the population suffers from food poverty we are sending 1,000,000 tonnes of food to waste yearly, about 30-40% of what is produced. There are about 750,000 tonnes of organic waste generated each year by businesses in Ireland. Of this, over 300,000 comes from commercial businesses (e.g. food retail, hotels, food wholesale, hospitals, restaurants, etc.) and over 400,000 tonnes is generated by the industrial food producing sector".

This motion was agreed by the Council and referred to the Planning & Economic Development SPC.

**On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan seconded by Cllr. B.A. Murphy it was agreed to suspend Standing Order to allow the meeting to continue.**

**Cllr. J. Browne, Cllr. F. Kehoe:**

"That Wexford County Council implement a policy of facilitating the conversion of heating systems in its housing units to allow multi source heating to include the use of solid fuel stoves for its tenants on a needs basis.

The use of solid fuel stoves aids the elevation of fuel poverty for those who cannot afford an oil supply, fuel poverty in turn increases socio-economic deprivation and debilitates health while stoves are environmentally more efficient than open fires".

This motion was agreed and referred to the Housing SPC to deal with the details.

## **15. Sealing of Documents**

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

## **16. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Senator Jim Walsh regarding funding for non national roads
- Correspondence from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health regarding review of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme
- Email from Chris Smith, Private Secretary to Minister Paschal Donohoe regarding funding for non national roads
- Acknowledgement from Ms. Joan Burton TD, regarding increase in state pensions
- Correspondence from Chris Quattrociochi, Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding Gorey Garda Station.
- Correspondence from Lily Byrnes, General Manager, Wexford General Hospital regarding the old hospital entrance.
- Correspondence from Mr. Paschal Donohoe, T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding funding for roads.

The Members expressed the following their dissatisfaction of the following:

- Correspondence from Lily Byrnes, General Manager, Wexford General Hospital, and requested that Pat Collins, County Secretary arrange a meeting with Lily Byrnes and that Councillor M. Farrell would attend the meeting to represent the Council.
- Correspondence from Mr. Paschal Donohoe, T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding funding for roads and requested that the Council write to Mr. Donohoe to request a meeting to meet with him.

**17.Any Other Business:**

- It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would take place at 12 noon on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- It was agreed that the Council write to Minister Coveney to convey their congratulations to the Members of the Irish Naval vessel Eithne in rescuing migrants in the Mediterranean.
- Wexford Day is to be referred to the Community Department for review.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de Iúil, 2015.

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

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

**Officials:** Mr. E. Hore, D/Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Mr. N. O'Driscoll, A/Director of Services;  
Mr. G. Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community;  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Cllr. O. O'Connell;

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Tommy Nolan, father of Tony Nolan, Planning Dept.
- The family of Stephen Earle, Enniscorthy.
- The families of those tragically killed in the recent attack in Tunisia.
- The family of Pat Redmond, Liam Mellows Park.
- The family of Kevin Breen, Wexford
- The family of Kevin (Wackey) Dempsey, Wexford.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Congratulations to Wexford County Council from Féile Peil na nÓg on their help in making the event such a huge success.
- Fionnuala Hanrahan on her retirement and the Members thanked her for her long service and dedication and outlined the awards received by the Library Service under her stewardship and her commitment to the library service.

- St. Johns Volunteers and St. Fintans on winning their relevant shields at the Féile.
- Our Lady's Island Feile teams.
- Steven Murphy – Academy of Martial Arts
- Bannow Rathangan Show.
- Wexford U21 hurlers on winning the 3 in a row in the Leinster Final.
- Derek Dodebier, St. Peter's College, on winning the Access Poster Competition for 2014/2015.

Cllr. J. Browne circulated an AILG survey for completion by the Members in relation to a review of Councillors terms and conditions.

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

#### **1.1 County Council Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor G. Carthy, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

#### **1.2 Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.**

On the proposal of Councillor A. Connick, seconded by Councillor M. Whelan, the Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

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

#### **2.1 Proposed transfer of land at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy from Wexford County Council to St. Senan's Primary School.**

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor F. Staples the Council resolved to transfer the land in accordance with notice circulated.

#### **2.2 Proposed transfer of 0.10 acres of land at the rear of 13 Thomas Ashe Place, Ballygoman, Barntown, to Mr. Jason Long.**

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe seconded by Councillor G. Carthy the Council resolved to transfer the land in accordance with notice circulated.

### **3. Audit Committee:**

#### **3.1 Audit Committee Charter:**

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance, presented the Audit Committee Charter to the meeting which is required under Section 8 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014. Ms. O'Neill advised the meeting that the charter was approved by Wexford County Council's Audit Committee at their meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and had been signed off by the Chief Executive. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Council formally adopted the Audit Committee Charter as circulated to the meeting.

### 3.2 Annual Audit Committee Work Programme:

Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance presented the Annual Audit Committee Work Programme to the meeting. Ms. O'Neill advised that the annual work programme was approved by Wexford County Council's Audit Committee at their meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and had been signed off by the Chief Executive. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Council formally adopted the Annual Audi Committee Work Programme as circulated to the meeting.

### 4. **Draft Annual Report 2014:**

The Members noted the Draft Annual Report as circulated to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members adopted the Annual Report for 2014.

### 5. **Draft Business & Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property in Gorey MD:**

The Members noted the Draft Business & Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property in Gorey MD.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Byrne seconded by Cllr. P. Breen the Council resolved to adopt the scheme.

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

The Members noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan seconded by Cllr. A. Connick the Members approved the CPG Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Arising from the minutes Cllr. M. Byrne asked if an arrears report of outstanding commercial rates be prepared for the next meeting of the Council on a geographical basis of each of the four Municipal Districts.

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

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

Questions raised by the Members were responded to by Council Officials in attendance.

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

### **8.1 List of Councillors' Conferences/Training**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. P. Breen the Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

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

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Connick seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell the Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 9.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 13.05.15
- 9.2 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 18.05.15
- 9.3 Protocol Committee Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 18.05.15
- 9.4 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 19.05.15
- 9.5 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 20.05.15
- 9.6 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 17.06.15

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

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

"I move that this Council call on the Department to carry out a full review of the current leasing criteria of the RAS Housing Scheme".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed by the Council. It was also agreed to refer this item to the Housing SPC for further analysis.

### **10.2 Cllr. J. Mythen:**

"That this Council calls on the local authority of Wexford County Council to refrain from collecting debts for or on behalf of Irish Water".

Arising from this motion Mr. E. Hore, D/Chief Executive, clarified that Wexford County Council do not collect domestic water rates but does collect commercial water rates under a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. The motion was withdrawn by Cllr. Mythen as he confirmed that his motion related to domestic water rates.

### **10.3 Cllr. M. Sheehan:**

"That this Council reaffirms our support for the Post Office Network, in particular it's key role in rural communities and supports the Six Point Plan advocated by the Postmasters Union, including the expansion of the banking and payment platforms by An Post and furthermore calls on the Minister of Social Protection to ensure that future Welfare forms give equal priority to payments in the Post Office on all correspondence".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. M. Whelan.

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

Those voting against: Cllr. R. Ireton

**10.4 Cllr. M. Byrne:**

"That Wexford County Council notes the success of the Wexford Ambassadors programme that was established in 2010 and calls for it to be recommenced and fully supported".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services advised that the Strategic Policy Committee was bringing proposals forward including the date for Wexford Day and the initiation of Ambassadors Charlie Murphy and John Fitzpatrick.

**10.5 Cllr. J. Browne and Cllr M. Sheehan:**

"That Wexford County Council calls on the Government to remove the restrictions on Credit Unions preventing them from providing effective and competitive services to local communities;

— the credit union movement is critical to the economic and social well-being of communities all over Ireland with almost 3 million members and nearly 400 offices nationally;

— the sector, offering primarily savings and loan services, employs 4,000 people and has almost 10,000 volunteers;

— credit unions have survived the crisis well with just 1% of credit unions needing State funding support since the financial crisis began;

— the not-for-profit and independent nature of credit unions is vital to the success of the sector;

— in other jurisdictions, the role and function of credit unions is clearly set out at a national policy level;

— the sector is overburdened with restrictive limitations which are disproportionate to the nature of its lending and this is stifling the growth potential of credit unions;"

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and agreed by the Council.

**10.6 Cllr. J. Browne:**

"That Wexford County Council deplores the recent cuts to the lone parents allowance and the failure of Tánaiste Joan Burton to fulfil her promise to deliver an affordable "Scandinavian model" of childcare, which would encourage and facilitate lone parents to participate fully in employment or education before making such cuts."

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne and a vote was taken on the motion.



Those voting in favour: 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, J. O'Rourke, F. Ó Súilleabháin, M. Roche, M. Sheehan, J. Sullivan, D. Wadding, M. Whelan.

Those voting against: Cllr. R. Ireton, K. Codd Nolan, A. Donohoe, W. Fitzharris, J. Hegarty, P. Kavanagh; J. Moore, L. O'Brien, F. Staples, O. Walsh.

The motion was carried.

### **10.7 Cllr. G. Carthy**

"That this Council do everything possible to assist Celtic Linen in its efforts to secure the maximum number of jobs possible as part of its current restructuring, in particular that the Council enter negotiations with the company with a view to assisting them in every way possible. The Council urges State agencies provide the maximum assistance and flexibility to secure employment at Celtic Linen and to provide fast-track supports for those who unfortunately will lose their jobs to enable them to avail of re-training and educational opportunities".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly and agreed by the Council.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised the meeting that Celtic Linen were important employers in the county and that the Chief Executive had been in contact with Celtic Linen and offered whatever support and assistance the Council could give. Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach, advised the meeting that he had met with Mr. Philip Scallan and had extended the Council's support to Celtic Linen in resolving their current difficulties.

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

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

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

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Email from Darren McArdle, Office of Minister Alex White TD, regarding the introduction and continued rollout of Natural Gas to County Wexford.
- Correspondence from Jenny De Saulles, Head of Programmes East & South regarding Ireland's Ancient East.
- Acknowledgement from Simon Coveney, TD, Minister for Defence, regarding the crew of the Irish Naval vessel LÉ Eithne.
- Correspondence from Therese Walsh, Private Secretary to Mr. Richard Bruton, TD, regarding the introduction and continued rollout of natural gas.
- Correspondence from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Mr. Simon Coveney, TD regarding the early Retirement Scheme and Installation Grant.
- Acknowledgement from Alex Lalor, Private Secretary to Mr. Michael Noonan, TD.

- Correspondence from Graham Lennox, Private Secretary to Mr. Simon Coveney regarding the reinstatement of the Early Retirement Scheme and Installation Grant for farming communities.
- Correspondence from Minister Paschal Donohoe in relation to the discontinuation of Bus Éireann's Expressway Route 5.
- Correspondence from Senator J. Walsh regarding cuts to funding for non-national roads in County Wexford.

### **13. Any Other Business:**

Cllr. M. Byrne highlighted the recent attack on Minister B. Howlin – the Minister was entitled to privacy during his free time and that the behaviour of the attackers was unacceptable.

It was agreed that the County Secretary would write to Ministers to whom the Council had previously asked to meet about various issues. It was further agreed that the HSE be contacted to make arrangements to meet with representatives from the Council.

Following discussion it was agreed that the surplus IPBMI dividend in excess of the amount already accounted for in the Council's 2015 Budget be divided on a 50/50 basis (1) to help clear off the Council's deficit and (2) to be distributed equally between the four Municipal Districts.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. T. Dempsey, 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,	M. Murphy,	J. Mythen,
L. O'Brien,	O. O'Connell;	J. O'Rourke,	M. Roche,
M. Sheehan,	F. Staples,	J. Sullivan,	D. Wadding,
O. Walsh,	M. Whelan.		

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, District Manager Enniscorthy;  
Mr. T. Doyle, Water Safety Officer  
Mr. M. O'Reilly, A/County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors M. Byrne; M. Farrell; F. ÓSúilleabháin.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family of Mairead Furlong, Founder of Friends of Wexford County Arts Collection.
- The family of Mary Lambert, mother of Enda Lambert, Maire Lambert and Paula McGuire, Wexford County Council.
- The family of Eileen Rochford, sister of Joe Fenlon, Traffic Warden, Borough District of Wexford.
- The family of Ann Tobin, wife of Peter Tobin, Roads Dept, Gorey Municipal District
- The family of Jim Kavanagh, father of Geraldine Kavanagh, Gorey Municipal District
- The family of Rosie Bradley, mother of Joe Bradley, New Ross Municipal District
- The family of Teresa Sullivan, mother in law of Eddie Breen, former County Manager
- The family of Jimmy O'Leary former County Secretary and father of Helen Meehan, Housing Department.

### **Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Tadhg Furlong from Campile, New Ross on his inclusion on the Irish Rugby squad for Rugby World Cup 2015
- Wexford Youths on their promotion to League of Ireland
- Cathal Redmond on being shortlisted in the last 20 for the James Dyson Award
- Gordon D'Arcy on his retirement from international rugby
- The organisers of the Cannonball Event
- All involved in the success of the Business Expo held at County Hall
- County Wexford Hand Ballers on their recent success in winning six gold medals
- Eoin Colfer on the success of "Artemis Fowl".
- James Owens on refereeing the All Ireland Hurling Final.

### **1. Presentation – 2016 Centenary Programme:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, and Mr. P. O'Gorman, Enniscorthy Municipal District Manager, gave a detailed presentation on the programme of events planned for County Wexford to commemorate the momentous events of 1916 in Ireland. The programme is varied and wide-ranging and seeks to remember, reconcile, present, imagine and celebrate the events of that period.

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the contribution of Mr. Eddie Breen, Chairman and the other Members of the County Wexford 1916 Centenary Commemoration Committee.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

2.1 County Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Ireton, seconded by Councillor P. Breen, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

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

3.1 Proposed lease of property at 35/36 Wolfe Tone Villas Wexford to Wolfe Tone Community Development Project Ltd.

On the proposal of Councillor A. Kelly seconded by Councillor F. Kehoe the Council resolved to transfer the land in accordance with notice circulated.

### **4. Curracloe Water Safety Training Centre Part 8 Planning Consultation Process:**

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised the Members of the Part 8 planning process for the proposed construction of a Water Safety Training Centre at Whitegap, Curracloe in conjunction with the Wexford Area Committee of Irish Water Safety. The Director and Mr. Tom Doyle, Water Safety Officer, responded to queries raised by the Members.

**5. County Wexford Septic Tank Inspection Report:**

A report on Septic Tank Inspections in County Wexford had been circulated to the Members.

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, and Mr. G. Frode, A/Senior Engineer, Environment, highlighted that there are approximately 24,000 septic tanks registered in the county. The main aims of the inspection regime is to protect public health and to minimise the risk of pollution incidents.

Mr. G. Forde responded to a number of queries raised by the Members.

**6. Budget 2016:**

The Head of Finance outlined details of upcoming meetings and items for decision in relation to Budget 2016. She advised that the Council is to receive €11.8m from the Local Property Tax Equalisation Fund – the same level of funding as 2015 and 2014. She highlighted the financial implications of increasing/reducing the level of LPT in the county.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to consider the LPT Variation for 2016. It was noted that a decision on the level of the LPT must be notified to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government and the Revenue Commissioners on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**7. Consideration by the Audit Committee of the Audited Annual Financial Statement for 2013 and the Local Government Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Wexford County Council for 2013:**

The Members noted the report from the Chairperson of the Audit Committee dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 circulated prior to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe, the Council approved the Audit Committee's Report.

**8. Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Membership:**

A report dated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 regarding the membership of the LCDC was noted.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe, the Council agreed to increase the membership of the LCDC to 19 to include one representative from the Health Service Executive (HSE) and one from the Wexford Council of Trade Unions.

**9. Report of CPG:**

The Members noted the minutes of the CPG. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Council approved the CPG Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Following a discussion in relation to the Rates Partial Exemption for Community Sports Clubs it was agreed to write to the relevant government Minister seeking clarification of the impact of the new Valuation (Amendment) Act 2015, on local community hall events and, in particular, in relation to community gatherings for funerals etc.

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

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

The Officials in attendance responded to queries raised by the Members.

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

##### **11.1 List of Councillors' Conferences/Training**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes the Members noted and approved the List of Councillors' Conferences and Training as submitted to the meeting.

#### **12. Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe the Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 12.1 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 15.06.15
- 12.2 Annual Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 29.06.15
- 12.3 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 16.06.15
- 12.4 Annual Meeting of Gorey Municipal District 16.06.15
- 12.5 New Ross Municipal District 10.06.15
- 12.6 Annual Meeting of New Ross Municipal District 24.06.15
- 12.7 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 17.07.15
- 12.8 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 07.07.15
- 12.9 Enniscorthy Municipal District 17.06.15
- 12.10 Annual Meeting of Enniscorthy Municipal District 18.06.15

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

##### **13.1 Cllr. J. Fleming:**

"That Wexford County Council call on the government to financially increase support for organisations like ALONE and the HSE to provide adequate home care packages, as this is a more cost effective way to care for the old and needy. One third of people in care in nursing homes are low dependency and can be cared for at home, in their own safe familiar environment at considerable savings to the tax payer.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes, and agreed by the Council.

**13.2 Cllr. J. Fleming:**

“That Wexford County Council call on the government to scrap the pay by weight system of collecting household waste to be introduced next year as this is another extra cost on the struggling house holder”.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to refer this matter to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee for further analysis and consideration.

**13.3 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“That this council would suspend use of cypermethrin in Co. Wexford Coillte sites due to concerns with regard to its toxicity particularly to the bees, and that we will call on Government to initiate a full and transparent investigation into the effects of its use and to suspend such use until the findings are known”.

Arising from this motion it was agreed to write to Coillte expressing serious concern regarding the use of cypermethrin and requesting that they actively support the use of other biological alternatives.

**13.4 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“That a full listing of all empty/boarded up property in the county be made available by this council and that all boarded up property be released for use as a matter of urgency. That we call on government to release additional funding where necessary to acquire NAMA held property and that in addition to housing our own homeless, we would lead the way as a council by issuing a welcome to refugee families”.

In response to this motion the Chief Executive highlighted the difficulties involved in undertaking a survey of all empty/boarded-up properties countywide. There would be a variety of owners including NAMA and any number of financial institutions. In addition, the exact ownership of many properties may be unknown.

Following further discussion on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, it was agreed to refer the matter to the Housing SPC for consideration.

**13.5 Gorey Municipal District Members**

“The Members of Gorey Municipal District propose that each District has a minimum of three representatives on the County Joint Policing Committee (JPC)”.

At the request of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed to refer this matter to the Protocol Committee for consideration.

**13.6 Borough District of Wexford Members**

“Wexford Borough District works with Wexford County Council and the Castlebridge Community to provide a playground for Castlebridge”

This motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Lawlor and seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy and agreed by the Council. It was also agreed to refer this matter to the Community SPC.

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

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

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

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Chris Keane, Assistant Principal, Dept of Social Protection, in relation to payment options as Post Offices.
- Acknowledgement from Jacinta Crawford, Private Secretary to Ms. Joan Burton, TD, in relation to revised social welfare forms.
- Acknowledgement from Jacinta Crawford, Private Secretary to Ms. Joan Burton, TD, in relation to changes to the one parent family payment.
- Correspondence from Mr. Alex White, TD, regarding the roll-out of natural gas to County Wexford.
- Email from Michael Sills, London Wexford Association regarding receipt amenity grant contribution.
- Correspondence from John Paul Dunham, OFP Policy Section, Dept of Social Protection, in relation to the changes to the One-Parent Family Payment scheme.
- Correspondence from David O'Connor, Private Secretary, Dept of Health, regarding Wexford patients attending hospitals outside County Wexford.
- Email from Senator Jim Walsh regarding funding for roads.
- Correspondence from Angela McCormack, Runaí, Coiste na nÓg, regarding the recent Féile Peil 2015.

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

Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services, advised the Members that the Library Reservation Fee, originally set at €5.00, is to be reduced to €0.50c for all reserves. This charge is to be introduced with effect from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The Cathaoirleach informed the Members that progress was being made with regard to the future operation and development of Rosslare Port.

It was noted that the IFA have requested assistance in highlighting the issue of dog control across the county.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

P.Breen,	J. Browne,	M. Byrne;	G. Carthy,
K. Codd-Nolan,	A. Connick,	A. Donohoe,	K. Doyle,
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;	F. Ó Súilleabháin;	M. Roche,	M. Sheehan,
J. Sullivan,	D. Wadding,	O. Walsh,	M. Whelan.

**Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive;  
Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services;  
Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services;  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance;  
Ms. S. Casey, District Manager, New Ross;  
Mr. G. Forde, A/Senior Engineer;  
Mr. H. Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment;  
Mr. J. Colfer, Dog Warden;  
Mr. M. O'Reilly, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors M. Farrell; W. Fitzharris; M. Murphy; J. O'Rourke;  
F. Staples.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

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

- The family, friends and colleagues of Garda A. Golden.
- The families and relatives of the victims of the Carrickmines tragedy.
- The family of Dick O'Connell, former Doctor and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Wexford.
- The family of Matt Travers former Gorey Town Councillor

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Cllr. Ger Carthy and his wife Ann Marie on the birth of their daughter Erin
- St. John's Volunteers & Wygram Gaels on winning the U14 hurling Championship Division 3 Shield
- Wexford Youths on winning the SSE Airtricity League of Ireland First Division
- St. Patrick's Club, Enniscorthy on their recent golfing success
- Cody O'Connell on his recent Kick Boxing success.

- The Irish Rugby Squad on their continuing success at the Rugby World Cup
- John Whelan on his success at the World Ploughing Championship in Denmark
- Cloughbawn on winning the County Junior A Camogie championship

1. **Three Sisters 2020 Update - Presentation by Michael Quinn, Director of Services, Waterford City & County Council:**

Mr. Michael Quinn, Director of Services, Waterford City & County Council, gave a presentation on the Three Sisters Bid to host the European Capital of Culture for 2020.

He advised that the Three Sisters Bid is competing against bids from Dublin, Galway and Limerick. His presentation highlighted the key elements of the competition process including:

- The public engagement process
- The Bid Book
- Key issues for the Bid
- Next steps in the process

He further advised that there is a short-listing process with a deadline for the final bid of July 2016.

Mr. Quinn responded to a number of issues raised by the Members.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Mr. Quinn and his team and wished them every success with their endeavours.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

2.1 County Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. Kehoe, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

2.2 Special County Council Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor F. Kehoe, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

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

3.1 Proposed disposal of property at “Maple Ridge”, Coolcree, Barntown, Co. Wexford to Mr. Sean Redmond and Mrs. Mary Redmond.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan seconded by Councillor R. Ireton the Council resolved to transfer the land in accordance with notice circulated.

3.2 Proposed extension of the duration of a Licence Agreement for the use of an office at Kilmore Quay Harbour Office, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Moore seconded by Councillor R. Ireton the Council resolved to extend the duration of the licence agreement for the use of an office at Kilmore Quay Harbour Office, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority.

#### **4. Overdraft Facility 2016:**

The Head of Finance advised that approval was being sought for borrowing by way of temporary overdraft accommodation of €13m to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016, the same level of overdraft facility as 2015.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton, the Members approved borrowing by way of temporary overdraft of €13m to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

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

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

- Wexford Borough District – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 p.m.
- Gorey Municipal District – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30 p.m.
- New Ross Municipal District – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00 a.m.
- Enniscorthy Municipal District – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30 p.m.

#### **6. Date of Budget 2016 Meeting:**

The Members noted that the date set for the Statutory Meeting to consider the Budget 2016 is at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015.

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

The Members noted the minutes of the CPG. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. J. Hegarty the Council approved the CPG Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

#### **8. Control of Dogs – County Wexford:**

A report from the Director of Services for Housing, Community & Environment, on the Control of Dogs in County Wexford was presented to the meeting. The report outlined the current issues and activities in relation to the Control of Dogs in the County under the following headings:

- Legislation
- Control of Dogs Act 1986 (as amended)
- Duties of the Dog Warden
- Resources

- Control of Dogs statistics for County Wexford 2010-2014
- Strengths/weaknesses of the Dog Warden Service
- Issues of concern
- Recommendations

During a wide-ranging debate the following issues were discussed by the Members:

- Responsible dog ownership
- Micro chipping of all dogs
- Use of CCTV to identify dog fouling offenders
- Cruelty to animals
- Tenancy Agreements and dangerous dog breeds

The Director of Service, Mr. J. Carley, and Mr. H. Maguire, AO, Environment, responded to the issues raised by the Members, who welcomed the report and acknowledged the commitment and efforts of the Council's Dog Warden, Mr. J. Colfer.

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

The Members noted the Chief Executive's Report as circulated and the Chief Executive and the other Officials present responded to questions raised by the Members.

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

### **10.1 List of Councillors' Conferences/Training**

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

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

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan the Members noted and approved the following minutes of meetings:

- 11.1 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 20.07.15
- 11.2 Protocol Committee Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 04.09.15
- 11.3 Twinning Committee Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 12.09.15
- 11.4 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 21.07.15
- 11.5 New Ross Municipal District 08.07.15
- 11.6 Enniscorthy Municipal District 15.07.15

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

### **12.1 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

"This Council calls on the Minister of the Environment and Local Government to urgently review the funding model for Local Authorities introduced since 2014. This model is proving to be totally inadequate in meeting the needs of Councils like Wexford Co. Council and is completely at odds with the aspirations outlined in 'Putting People

First, an Action Plan for Effective Local Government'. As a first step the Minister should restore the Local Government Fund which the hard pressed tax payer is still contributing to, but which been taken from Local Government without any subsequent reduction in tax".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and was agreed by the Council with 27 Members voting in favour and 1 against the motion.

**12.2 Cllr. D. Hynes:**

"This Council calls on the Government to carry out a full, public and independent investigation into the affairs of NAMA on foot of very serious and ongoing concerns raised by Deputy Mick Wallace in the Dáil".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding, and was carried with 17 Members voting in favour and 9 Members voting against.

**12.3 Cllr. A. Kelly:**

"Due to the increase of crime in rural Ireland I move that this Council would call on the Minister to phase in the re-opening of rural Garda Stations".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. O. O'Connell. Cllr. J. Moore proposed an amendment to the motion and this was seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh. Following a debate on the motion and amended motion the following motion was put to a vote:

"Due to the increase of crime in rural Ireland I move that this Council would call on the Minister to phase in the re-opening of rural Garda Stations and to phase in an increase in resources to the Gardai to include

- Training and increased Members in the Force
- Increase in the number of patrol cars, including high performance units
- Increased technology".

The amended motion was agreed unanimously by the Council.

**12.4 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

"That this Council, in light of the debacle that Irish Water has been, and with particular reference to the plight of the Bishopswater residents, votes no confidence in IW and calls on Government to abolish it".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding and seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen. An amendment to add "that the control of Water Services revert to the Local Authorities was proposed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes.

The amended motion was carried with 15 Members voting in favour and 8 voting against.

**12.5 Cllr. D. Wadding:**

“That this Council calls on the Government to enforce the 12.5 % Corporate Tax Rate, to pursue Apple among others for unpaid tax and to use this revenue to alleviate the housing crisis which is now a National Emergency”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Wadding, seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly.

The motion was defeated with 6 Members voting in favour and 15 voting against.

**13. Sealing of Documents**

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

**14. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Acknowledgement from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Minister Leo Varadkar, TD, regarding County Wexford Ambulance Service.
- Correspondence from David O'Connor, Private Secretary to Minister Leo Varadkar, TD, regarding County Wexford Ambulance Service.

**15. Any Other Business: None**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

J. Browne,	M. Byrne;	G. Carthy,	K. Codd-Nolan,
A. Connick,	A. Donohoe,	K. Doyle,	M. Farrell;
J. Fleming,	W. Fitzharris	J. Hegarty,	R. Ireton,
P. Kavanagh;	F. Kehoe;	G. Lawlor,	J. Moore,
BA Murphy,	M. Murphy;	J. Mythen,	L. O'Brien,
O. O'Connell;	J. O'Rourke;	F. Ó Súilleabháin;	M. Roche,
M. Sheehan,	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. D. Minogue, Communications Officer;  
Mr. M. O'Reilly, County Secretary.

**Apologies:** Councillors P. Breen; D. Hynes; A. Kelly.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Evelyn Devereux, mother of Patricia Devereux, Chief Executive's Office.
- The family of Jim Dunbar, Retired Foreman – Gorey Area
- The family of Liz McCrea, Enniscorthy, wife of Paul McCrea

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Wexford Youths Ladies on winning the National League
- Oulart/The Ballagh camogie
- Alice Power on her recent kick boxing success
- Diarmaid Ó Súilleabháin, Ian Coleman and Richard Murphy, Wexford Young Entrepreneurs on reaching the regional finals.
- William Doyle, Coach of Wexford Youths Ladies
- Billy Walsh, National Women's USA Boxing Coach
- Housing Department on the success of the Community Day held in Wexford County Council
- P.O'Gorman and all involved in the screening of Brooklyn in Enniscorthy
- Eoin Colfer on his recent literary achievement

**1. Council Logo/Corporate Signage:**

Mr. D. Minogue, Communications Officer, gave a presentation on the proposed Corporate Logo. He highlighted the design option recommended by the Protocol Committee and the Corporate Policy Group.

Following a discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. F. Kehoe, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell, the Council agreed the introduction of the new corporate logo with all those present voting in favour, except Cllr. D. Wadding who voted against.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

2.1 County Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

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

3.1 Proposed lease of ground at Crescent Quay, Wexford to the National Tourism Development Authority.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton the Members agreed to the lease of ground at Crescent Quay, Wexford to the National Tourism Development Authority in accordance with the notice circulated.

**4. New Park at Killeens, Wexford:**

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised the Members of the proposed development of an 18-acre park and access road with associated works at Ballynagee, Killeens, Wexford. He further advised that the Part 8 Planning Process for the proposed development will commence immediately with the intention of having the new park open to the public in Summer/Autumn of 2017.

The Council noted and welcomed the development.

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

The Members noted the minutes of the CPG and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. F. Kehoe the Council approved the CPG Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015.



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

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

The Officials in attendance responded to a variety of matters raised by the Members.

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

7.1 List of Councillors' Conferences/Training

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

**8. Minutes of Meetings:**

8.1 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 21.09.15

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. F. Staples, the Members noted and approved the minutes of the Borough District of Wexford Meeting 21.09.15.

8.2 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 15.09.15

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan, the Members noted and approved the minutes of Gorey Municipal District Meeting 15.09.15.

8.3 New Ross Municipal District 09.09.15

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Connick, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Members noted and approved the minutes of New Ross Municipal District Meeting 09.09.15

8.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District 16.09.15

On the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, the Members noted and approved the minutes of New Ross Municipal District Meeting 16.09.15

8.5 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 01.09.15

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin, seconded by Cllr. M. Farrell, the Members noted and approved the minutes of the Housing, Environment & Community SPC 01.09.15

**9. Notices of Motion:**

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

"Noting the impact of climate change on Co. Wexford, particularly in the areas of coastal erosion and agriculture, Wexford County Council supports those who seek an effective outcome to tackle climate change globally at the forthcoming Paris Conference and further that this Council would undertake an audit of all our activities with a view to ensuring that we do not contribute toward Climate change and that we actively promote ways for citizens to play their part as well as raising awareness of the potential damage through inaction".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan and carried unanimously.

**Cllr. Malcolm Byrne:**

“That Wexford County Council believes that it is in the best interests of the UK and of the EU for the UK to remain a member of the European Union and that we would write to those Councils with whom we have links or twinning arrangements expressing that view”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan and carried with 23 Members voting in favour of the motion, 2 Members voting against the motion and 5 Members abstaining.

**Cllr. James Browne:**

“That, considering Minister Alan Kelly's failure to increase the rent allowance, this Council urgently contacts the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to call upon the Minister to extend immediately the Tenancy Protection Scheme to Wexford”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. James Browne:**

“That this Council urgently contacts the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform to call upon Minister Frances Fitzgerald to bring forward regulation of Cash for Gold outlets without further delay”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne and agreed by the Council.

**Cllr. Michael Sheehan:**

“That this Council calls for the immediate publication of the Social Housing Tenant Purchase Scheme to allow tenants to purchase their own homes from Local Authorities and furthermore calls for a National Rent to Buy Scheme to allow tenants who cannot acquire a mortgage to purchase their home incrementally from the Council”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. J. Fleming and agreed unanimously by the Council.

**Cllr. Michael Sheehan:**

“That this Council calls on the Government to ensure that Local Authorities are the main providers of social and affordable accommodation by channelling adequate funds through the Council's Housing Programmes and Housing Support Initiatives. Furthermore, that this Council is opposed to the creation of a centralised National Housing Agency which sees a further erosion of the Council's ability to create its own housing policy”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding and agreed unanimously by the Council.

Cllr. J. Fleming declared a conflict of interest in relation to the upcoming motions and he left the meeting.

**Cllr. Robert Ireton:**

“That this Council calls on NAMA to cancel the public auction scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, of undeveloped land, c16 acres, and 32 unfinished units at different stages of development at Riverchapel Wood, Gorey and adjacent to the new development of Riverchapel Community Complex. This Council further calls that this land be retained in public ownership and used for affordable or social housing needs and its potential explored for future education requirements in the Gorey Riverchapel area”.

Following discussion on the matter it was agreed to refer this matter to the Gorey Municipal District Committee Members for discussion with the Director for Housing. Cllr. D. Wadding opposed this referral.

**Cllr. Deirdre Wadding:**

“That this Council immediately carries out a full inspection of all halting sites in Co Wexford and calls on Government to undertake a nationwide inspection as a matter of urgency”.

This motion was withdrawn.

**Cllr. Deirdre Wadding:**

“That this Council would seek a halting of the auction of NAMA property in Riverchapel scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and would commit to obtaining the houses in question for social housing if necessary putting pressure on central government to release the funds required. We note that as NAMA is owned by the state the property being sold in fact belongs to the people and should not be sold to private bidders to go into the private sector”.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Gorey Municipal District Members. This was opposed by Cllr. D. Wadding.

## **10. Sealing of Documents**

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

## **11. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Acknowledgement from Alex Lalor, Private Secretary to Minister Michael Noonan, dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.
- Acknowledgment from Chris Quattrociocchi, Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Equality, regarding the re-opening of rural Garda stations.
- Acknowledgement from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary to Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., regarding the Local Authority Funding Model.
- Correspondence from Alex Lalor, Private Secretary, to Minister Michael Noonan, regarding Credit Unions.
- Acknowledgement from Alex Lalor, Private Secretary to Minister Michael Noonan, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

- Correspondence from Declan Lavelle, Head of Valuation Services regarding the Valuation (Amendment) Act 2015 – Partial Exemption from Rates of Community Sports Clubs.

**12. Any Other Business:**

The Members noted that the Environment Awards were scheduled to take place that evening at 7.00 p.m. in the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

***Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting of  
Wexford County Council  
Held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 2.00 p.m.  
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

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**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Councillor T. Dempsey, Cathaoirleach.

**Councillors:**

P.Breen,	J. Browne,	M. Byrne;	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,	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;	D. Wadding;	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. M. O'Reilly, County Secretary.

**Apologies:**

Councillors: M. Farrell

**1. Opening Address – Mr. Tom Enright:**

The Chief Executive introduced the Draft Budget 2016 with an overview of the Council's financial position and a review of the Council's Budget 2016 process to date. He highlighted the significant challenges with regard to the provision of social housing and the increasing funding requirements needed to maintain the Council's Housing Stock.

He advised that Revenue Expenditure for 2016 will be in excess of €100m and that efforts will continue to be made to reduce the Council's revenue deficit of almost €10m. While acknowledging the steady improvements in the national economy, particularly in relation to job creation, the County is still behind the national trends.

The Chief Executive referred to the Council's initiative designed to stimulate economic activity by providing property solutions for businesses and commercial ventures. He highlighted the proposed enhancements to the Rates Incentive Scheme which will assist existing businesses across the County.

He thanked the Head of Finance, the Staff and Management Team for their efforts in the formulation of the Draft Budget 2016. He also acknowledged and thanked the

Corporate Policy Group and the Budget Working Group for their input into the 2016 Budget process.

## **2. Budget Overview – Presentation:**

The Head of Finance made a presentation giving the Members an overview of the Draft 2016 Budget. Her presentation highlighted factors that informed the preparation of the Budget, including

- Economic Factors
- Local Government Reform
- Central Funding
- Staffing

The Head of Finance identified other costs and income pressures impacting on the Council's finances for 2016 in the form of increases in:

- Insurance Costs
- Housing Maintenance Costs
- General Municipal Allocations
- Operational Costs for Municipal Districts
- The Gateway Scheme
- 1916 Commemorative Events
- Arts/Culture and Community Facilities
- Development Plan Programme for 2016

Her presentation also referred to:

- LPT Allocation for 2016
- Rates on Vacant Properties
- Rates Harmonisation process
- Overview of Rates Calculation for 2016
- Rates Incentive Scheme for 2016

The Head of Finance then presented the Draft Budget 2016 under the Divisions A to H to the Members. The Officials present responded to a range of items raised by the Members including:

- The Draft Schedule of Charges from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016
- Rates income from "Globals"
- Irish Water
- Traveller Accommodation and Homelessness
- Vacant properties and the Rates Incentive Scheme

### 3. Budget 2016

- **Decision on Rates to be applied to Vacant Properties**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, the Members unanimously resolved to maintain the Vacant Premises Scheme for 2016 unchanged from the 2015 Scheme.

- **Decision on Rate Movement for Year 2 (2016) of the Harmonisation Process**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, the Members resolved to adopt a 2.9% increase in the former town's rates, with all Members present, with the exception of Cllr. R. Ireton, voting in favour.

- **Adopt General Rate of €71.52**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore the Members adopted a general annual rate on valuation of €71.52, with all the Members present, with the exception of Cllr. D. Hynes, voting in favour.

- **Adopt 2016 Budget**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. P. Kavanagh, the Members in attendance agreed that Wexford County Council adopt, for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016, the draft Budget as set out in Tables A to F of the prescribed form of Budget prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and Local Government Financial Procedures and Audit Regulations 2002.

The Chairman and the Members thanked the Head of Finance and other officials involved in the preparation of the Draft Budget for 2016.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary.

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**WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council  
held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 – 2.30 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

P. Breen;	J. Browne,	M. Byrne;	G. Carthy,
K. Codd-Nolan,	A. Donohoe,	K. Doyle,	J. Fleming,
W. Fitzharris	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,	J. O'Rourke;	F. Ó Súilleabháin;	M. Roche,
M. Sheehan,	F. Staples;	J. Sullivan,	D. Wadding,
O. Walsh,	M. Whelan.		

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

**Apologies:** Councillors A. Connick; M. Farrell; O. O'Connell.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

- The family of Joe Murphy, Knockskimolin, Oulart, former Councillor.
- The family of Denis Nolan, father of Robert Nolan, Roads Section, Borough District of Wexford
- The family of Carmel O'Hara, mother of Geraldine Ellis, Finance Department.
- The family of Paddy Rattigan, father of James Rattigan, Water Services.
- The family of Seamus O'Byrne, father of Ann Marie Devlin, Planning Department.
- The family of Sean Walshe, Park, Wexford.
- The family of Jimmy Whelan, Bishopswater, Wexford.

**Congratulations:**

The Members congratulated the following:

- Dean Walsh and Adam Nolan on their recent national boxing success
- John Evoy founder of the Irish Men's Sheds Association following his recent success in the People of the Year Awards
- Cathal Redmond on achieving joint runner up in the global James Dyson Awards
- F. Ó Súilleabháin and John Ó Néill on the launch of their book "Proclaiming The Republic - North Wexford & The 1916 Rising".



1. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Codd Nolan, the Council approved the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

1.2 Statutory Budget Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor P. Breen, the Council approved the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015.

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

**2.1 LAC1505** - Proposed Development at Orchard Lane, Ardavan, Co. Wexford  
The laying of approx. 355m of 63mm OD SDR11 PE100 PN10 and approx. 340m of 150mm uPVC sewer pipes in public roads. Construction of pumping chamber with overflow tank and associated works. Mechanical and electrical installation of pumping equipment including pump, control panel, flow meter, level control and kiosk and associated works. The installation of all valves, chambers, connections and associated works.

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 regarding LAC1505 at Orchard Lane, Ardavan, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mythen, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the Members agreed that the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

**2.2 LAC1506**- Proposed Development at Whitegap, Curracloe, Co. Wexford.  
The development comprises of the provision of Water Safety Training Centre in the form of a two storey building incorporating training/meeting facilities, dry and wet storage areas for life-saving equipment, welfare/shower facilities for staff and trainees and the existing Bring Centre will be integrated into the development. Further to this, the development will involve replacing the existing toilet block with provision of toilet facilities for the public and also include a Wastewater Treatment Plant sited at a remote location (some 900m to the south).

The Members noted Chief Executive's Report dated 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 regarding LAC1506 at Whitegap, Curracloe, Co. Wexford. On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy, the Members agreed that the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the report submitted to the meeting.

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

3.1 Proposed transfer of 7.29m sq and 4.42m sq of land at Cluain Charman, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford to the Electricity Supply Board.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh the Members agreed to the proposed transfer as circulated.

**4. Annual Financial Statement 2014 (Post Audit) and Local Government Auditors Report for the Financial Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne, the Members noted and approved the Annual Financial Statement for 2014.

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

The Members noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan the Council approved the CPG Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

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

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

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

- Ancient East and the Norman Way
- The 1916 Rising and County Wexford Educational Resource Pack
- The new Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Resurfacing of N80
- Road signage

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

**7.1 List of Councillors' Conferences/Training**

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

**7.2 Conference Report**

The Members noted Conference Reports as submitted to the meeting.

**8. Minutes of Meetings:**

- 8.1 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 21.10.15
- 8.2 Gorey Municipal District Meeting 20.10.15
- 8.3 New Ross Municipal District 21.10.15
- 8.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District 21.10.15
- 8.5 Housing, Community & Environment SPC 01.09.15
- 8.6 Protocol Committee Meeting 02.11.15

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. P. Breen the Members noted and approved the above minutes.

**9. Notices of Motion:**

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

“That all development plans for Co. Wexford would ensure that no new fast food restaurant or outlet could open within 500m of any school”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding, and carried with all Members present voting in favour. The Director for Planning noted the intent of this motion and stated that every effort will be made to ensure that the spirit of the motion is incorporated into future development plans but noted that achieving this objective would be problematic in town centre environments.

**Cllr. A. Kelly:**

“I move, that this Council would call on the Minister for Health to make funds available for the setting up of a 24/7 adequately staffed acute mental health assessment unit in Wexford”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. D. Wadding. The motion was carried unanimously by the Council.

**Cllr. J. Browne:**

“That this Council calls on Pobal to pay to the minimum wage to employees in the community it supports though its various programmes and condemns its refusal to do so.”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne, seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen and agreed by the Council. It was agreed that “Pobal” be replaced by “Department of Social Protection”.

**Cllr. J. Browne:**

“That this council writes to The Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Alex White, T.D. and calls on him to speed up the roll out of high speed broadband in order to end the digital divide between major urban centres and rural areas. Access to high-quality broadband allows people to live and work where they choose and has become critical to efficient farming. The lack of high speed broadband in areas of County Wexford is contributing significantly to its economic malaise.”

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Browne, seconded by Cllr. R. Ireton and agreed unanimously by the Council.

**Cllr. M. Byrne:**

“That Wexford Council, recognising that the vast majority of Councillors in Ireland are hardworking and committed to their communities and do not abuse their public office, does not condone the actions of any public representative or official that engages in any form of corrupt practice or abuse of their office and calls for the following -

- a strengthening of the law to take action against any representative or official found guilty of corrupt practices, abuse of office for personal gain and serious tax evasion, such sanction including suspension or removal from their office
- the establishment of a national anti- corruption office to address any allegations of abuse
- a streamlining of the declaration requirements of public representatives such that each public representative must only have to fill in one single form each year and that such information can be done online and easily accessible.

And, pending national action in this area, that the Council will publish all Councillors' declarations of interests on our website each year”.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. A. Kelly and agreed unanimously by the Members.

**Motion from the Economic SPC Chairman Michael Sheehan:**

“As per the recommendation of the Economic Strategic Policy Committee, we recommend that Wexford County Council calls on SIRO, (the joint venture Broadband Company) to ensure that the all four district Towns and the Rural Areas are included in the first wave of their Broadband programme and that SIRO publishes a timeframe for installation in County Wexford”.

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

**10. Sealing of Documents**

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

**11. Correspondence and Communications:**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Correspondence from Michael McElgunn, Inspector for Superintendent Commissioner's Office, regarding Gorey
- Correspondence from Coillte regarding use of Cypermethrin in Coillte forests in County Wexford
- Correspondence from Larry Kelly, Private Secretary to Minister Alan Kelly regarding the Local Government Fund
- Correspondence from Chris Quattrociochi, Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding Garda Resources

In relation to the correspondence from Mr. Michael McElgunn, Inspector for Superintendent Commissioner's Office, on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. M. Byrne the Council called for an immediate review of the resources allocated to the Wexford Garda Division.

In relation to the correspondence from Coillte, and its use of cypermethrin on the proposal of Cllr. D. Wadding seconded by Cllr. J. Mythen, the Council agreed to call on Coillte to undertake a study on the effects of cypermethrin in bees.

## **12. Any Other Business:**

- The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that he was allowing Cllr. D. Wadding to put a motion to the meeting regarding the arrest and detention of T.D.'s Mick Wallace and Claire Daly.

Following a robust debate on the matter it was agreed that Cllr. Wadding submit her motion to the next meeting of the Council.

- It was noted that the numbers of Elected Members from the Wexford Borough District, currently on the Joint Policing Committee, is to be reviewed at the January 2016 meeting of the Wexford Borough District.
- The Chief Executive, Mr. T. Enright, thanked the Cathaoirleach, the Elected Members, members of the media and his Management Team and staff for their commitment and support throughout 2015. He wished them all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.
- The Cathaoirleach joined the Chief Executive in wishing his fellow Councillors and all the Staff of the Council a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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