

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOROUGH DISTRICT OF WEXFORD HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 15th January, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, M. Roche, T Dempsey,
D. Hynes, L. McDonald, T Forde, F Staples.

Apologies from Cllr. G. Lawlor and Cllr. T. Walsh for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. A. R. Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services.
- Mr. S. Meyler, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. S. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Laurence Lett, Executive Engineer.
- Ms. J. Murphy, Staff Officer.
- Ms. Noirin Cummins Senior Staff Officer.
- Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner.
- Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

Mr. Paddy Nolan, Former Mayor, R.I.P.

Ms. Sheila Whitty, R.I.P.

Dr. Paul Neale, R.I.P.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th December, 2017 copies of which had previously been circulated, were then confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. M Roche.

MATTERS ARISING.

Councillor G. Carthy raised the subject of public relations/engagement with the media and expressed concerns that any one Councillor would engage with the media with regard to developments in the Borough District. Cllr. Carthy suggested that the Mayor of the day should be the person designated to speak to the media with regard to upcoming special projects and announcements re same. His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore agreed to raise the matter at the next Protocol Committee Meeting for consideration.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, clarified that the Mayor is entitled to speak on behalf of the Council as a Corporate Body, notwithstanding the fact that any Councillor has the right to speak on their own behalf as an elected member.

WEXFORD TOWN GAS & WATER PROJECT

Mr. Andrew Doyle, Senior Construction Engineer, Gas Networks Ireland presented the attached report to members in relation to the Wexford Town Gas and Water Project currently being delivered jointly by Gas Networks Ireland and Irish Water on behalf of Ervia.

Mr Doyle updated members as follows:-

- Phase 1 – Gas pipeline from Campile to Wexford Town – Complete.
- Phase 2 – Laying of pipeline on outer ring roads – Complete.
- Phase 3 – First phase of works in Wexford Town Centre – Complete end of May 2018.
- Phase 4 - Second phase of works in Wexford Town to commence July/August 2018 with scheduled completion - December 2019.

Concerns and issues raised by the members were addressed by Mr Doyle who outlined that GNI is very mindful that works are an inconvenience and cause disruption to both business and residents along the town route and that they will continue to engage with local authority personnel, elected members and other stakeholders in this regard.

Members thanked GNI for their presentation welcoming the €30m investment and its impact on the town's economy.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald then joined the meeting.

PROPOSED CRESCENT QUAY WORKS –(advance notice re pending Part 8 submission).

Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Services and Mr. Sean Meyler, Senior Executive Engineer, Special Projects Team, presented the attached report with regard to the above.

Mr. Meyler informed members that the public consultation process for this proposed improvement works programme will commence at end of January with actual works commencing in early September 2018 and due to be completed at end of March 2019.

Mr. Meyler advised that the total budget for the proposed works which includes new roadways, additional road crossings, widening of footpaths, replacing wooden works, raised walkways, street furniture, hard and soft landscaping is €2m, with €1m grant funding from ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) and €1m from WCC's own capital resources.

Mr. Taffee, Director of Services advised that all proposed works are subject to budget and there may be a need to prioritise spend on certain features depending on detailed cost estimates

Questions raised by members were addressed by Mr. Meyler and Mr. Taaffe . Members welcomed the programme noting that it would revitalize the Quayfront area and create a focal point and improved linkage to the Main Street via Henrietta Street.

PRESENTATION BY TUSLA ON THE PROPOSED 'SQUASHY COUCH' PROJECT FOR WEXFORD.

Ms. Anne Goodwin and Mr Adrian Hogan gave a presentation and circulated the attached report in relation to the Squashy Couch Project, an Adolescent Health Information Project for 14-19 year olds which is currently based in Waterford City and seeking to extend its service to Wexford Town and other areas within the County.

Members welcomed this service, noting the urgent need for an integrated counselling service, assessment and tailored interventions to target children & young people in difficulty at home or on the brink of entering Foster Care and Residential Care.

It was noted that options for a suitable premises to accommodate the service are being explored with the assistance of the Community Department of Wexford County Council.

RAPID FUNDING.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer.

Mr. Mackey advised members that the LCDCC at its meeting on the 15th December, 2017 approved the allocation of RAPID funding of €64,500 in Co. Wexford towards the development of a countywide FAB Lab at the Enniscorthy Enterprise Centre, in collaboration with the WWETB.

Approval to the project was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. G Carthy, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

REPORTS.

Housing.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Ms. Noirin Cummins, Senior Staff Officer, Housing.

Questions raised by members were addressed by Ms. Cummins.

In response to queries raised by members at previous meetings, Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, updated members in relation to the following matters:-

- Two derelict houses at Bride Street.
- Unfinished housing development at Devereux Villas.
- Vacant/derelict housing unit at Ferndale Park.

Planning.

The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated, were presented by Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner. Questions raised in relation to protected structures/structures at risk were addressed by Mr. Lavin.

District Engineer's Report.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted.

Areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- Insufficient car parking space to serve the new Courthouse at Belvedere Road.
- Footpaths in Rowe Street.
- High number of faulty street lights in Wexford Town.
- Review of Free Parking in Wexford Town during Christmas week.

Questions raised by members were addressed by Ms. A. R. Laffan, District Manager and Mr. S. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, it was agreed to write to Virgin Media to present a progress report to members at the February District Meeting.

Environment.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted. Members requested that a member of staff from Environment attend the next meeting of Wexford Borough District to discuss issues arising and in particular the following concerns:-

- Erosion at Rosslare and other coastal areas due to storm Ophelia.
- The very high inspection failure rates for septic tanks.
- Increase in illegal dumping.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

It being 4.30 p.m., on the proposal of Cllr. L. McDonald seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the business of the agenda to be concluded.

Community Development.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Libraries/Archives/Arts.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Fire Service.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MOTIONS.

Public Lighting.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Staples and following discussion, unanimously adopted:-

“This Council demands that the ESB repair the public lights in Wexford Town – example - the lights on Waterloo Road are out now for nearly three months! And also give the Council an explanation as to why it is taking such a totally unacceptable time to repair the up to 45 lights that have been out since weeks before Christmas”.

Harbour View.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Staples and following discussion, unanimously adopted:-

“I call on the engineer(s) to rectify the problem of raw sewage coming up through the manholes at the sea shore at Harbour View at the edge of Maudlintown, as efforts up to now have been unsuccessful.”

Sinnottstown Lane.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Staples seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy and following discussion, unanimously adopted:-

“I call on this Council, as a matter of urgency, to address the chronic traffic problems at the junction of Sinnottstown Lane.

With up to 15 businesses in this area, while also providing access to Ireland’s busiest fast food drive-through and with the addition of the new dialysis unit resulting in increased traffic volume, road management of this junction must be a priority for this Council.”

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services, shared the concerns of members and advised that he is working with the roads/Planning Departments to agree a solution. Mr. Larkin agreed to revert to members in the next 2/3 months.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonald seconded by Cllr. Dempsey, Standing Orders were suspended to allow for urgent discussion on the planned opening of the Loreto Secondary School and the uncertainty arising following the collapse of UK Construction Company, Carillion.

On the proposal of Cllr. L. McDonald it was agreed that a letter be sent to Education Minister, Richard Bruton to demand swift and decisive action to ensure the opening of the new Loreto Secondary School proceeds as planned and to ensure the maintenance of the school going forward.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 10.30 A.M. ON MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:-His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J.Moore.

Councillors:-T. Dempsey, G. Lawlor,D. Hynes, L. McDonald,
M. Roche,T. Walsh, F. Staples.

Apologies from Cllr. G. Carthy and Cllr. T.Forde for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Acting Director of Services.
- Ms. A. R. Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Laurence Lett, Executive Engineer.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.
- Ms. Eileen Morrissey County Librarian.
- Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing.
- Mr Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment.
- Mr. Rory O'Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment.
- Ms. Gillian Power, Executive Engineer, Environment

Apologies from Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services and Mr. S. Kavanagh, S.E.E., for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

Mrs.Kathleen Kavanagh, R.I.P.
Mr. Danny Barnes ,R.I.P.
Mr. Eamonn (Edward) Savage ,R.I.P.
Mr. Chris Culleton,R.I.P.
Mr. William Codd R.I.P.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th January 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr.F. Staples, seconded by Cllr.T. Walsh.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. G. Lawlor responded to comments made by Councillors, in his absence, at the January Meeting with regard to his engagement with the local media in relation to the Council's recently announced Economic and Community Investment Programme 2018-2022. Cllr. Lawlor suggested that the Chamber and the Press had been misled by comments made. In relation to his engagement with the media, Cllr. Lawlor clarified that he had been requested by South East Radio to share his views on the

Programme which was already in the public domain and that it was never his intention to usurp the Office of Mayor.
Cllr. Lawlor's clarification was accepted by the Mayor.

The minutes of the Twinning Committee Meeting held on 15th January, 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Staples seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

PRESENTATION BY VIRGIN MEDIA

Mr. Don Davern, Virgin Media Business Development Manager, presented members with an update on the delivery of the Virgin Media Broadband Network in Wexford Town .

Mr. Davern confirmed that Virgin Media had constructed 40,000 metres to date, representing 50%to 60% of the overall development, with a target completion date of Q3/Q4 2018.

Members welcomed the roll out of the service in Wexford Town and questions raised were addressed by Mr. Davern.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON PROTOCOL COMMITTEE (Following the resignation of Cllr. A. Kelly).

Cllr. Mick Roche was nominated on the proposal of Cllr. G Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes. There being no further nominations, Cllr. Roche was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Protocol Committee.

ROADS PROGRAMME 2018:

In the absence of the District Engineer, Mr. Sean Kavanagh, the 2018 Roads Programme, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented on his behalf by Mr. Lar Lett, Executive Engineer, and considered by Members.

Prior to discussion, a number of amendments to the programme as circulated were advised to Members as follows:-

Restoration Improvement schemes 2018

The following entry is removed from the programme

Road Class	Road Bane and /or Townland Name	Road No	Approximate length of works (m)
LP	Kitestown	<u>L3007-1</u>	<u>280</u>

The following entry is amended from

Road Class	Road Bane and /or Townland Name	Road No	Approximate length of works (m)
R	Murrintown Upper	R736-44/45	515

To Read

Road Class	Road Bane and /or Townland Name	Road No	Approximate length of works (m)
R	Mauritiustown to Ballybro	R736-44/45	515

Cllr. Frank Staples raised the villages of Mayglass and Ballycogley for which significant funding had been committed in the 2016 Roads Programme but no works completed (with the exception of new footpath on one side of road in Ballycogley Village) due to an overspend in the Roads Budget in that year. Cllr. Staples expressed his deep disappointment and anger that the Mayglass area has again been omitted from the 2018 Programme despite his ongoing representations to management and officials. Cllr. Staples referred to and circulated correspondence from Senior Council Officials wherein he was assured that the works would remain on the programme and would be completed, and, on foot of which, the local community were advised accordingly.

During discussion on the matter, Councillors supported the views and concerns expressed by Cllr. Staples and agreed that the issue be revisited by the Roads/Engineering Department.

Following lengthy discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. F. Staples, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey, the programme, as presented, was adopted by Members subject to the issues raised by Cllr. Staples being addressed and reinstated on the Programme. It was agreed that the Engineer be requested to revert with proposals to the March Meeting.

JOHN REDMOND CENTENARY.

The District Manager advised members that a weekend of commemorative events will be held in Wexford Town on the weekend of Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th March, to mark the Centenary of the death of Irish Parliamentary Party leader John Edward Redmond.

A Civic Ceremony of Commemoration and Wreathlaying, led by the Mayor and Members of Wexford Borough District, will take place on Sunday, 4th March at St. John's Graveyard.

In preparation for the Centenary Commemorations, the District Manager advised that certain works are in progress at St. Johns Graveyard including accessibility works,

cleaning of the Redmond Mausoleum, provision of new signage inside and outside the graveyard.

Eileen Morrissey, County Librarian also outlined a series of weekend events being co-ordinated through Wexford Library Service:-

Saturday 3rd March –

- Launch of a new exhibition 'Redmond 100', on the life and legacy of Redmond followed by a guided walking tour of the key Redmond Sites.
- Launch of Talking History Smart Audio Facilities at each of the sites – Redmond Square, Redmond Park and John Street Graveyard.

Sunday 4th March –

'Redmond 100' Seminar -Speakers will include –

- Mr. Ronan McGreevy (The Irish Times) – Author, Journalist and Videographer.
- Mr.Dermot Meleady – Author and Redmond Biographer.
- Dr. Martin O'Donoghue, School of Humanities, NUI Galway.
- The Redmond 'Wexford Connections' Brochure is being reproduced by Wexford Library and will be circulated to all primary and post-primary schools in the County.
- A curriculum based workshop for all teachers in County Wexford will be held in the Education Centre, Enniscorthy to give a briefing of John Redmond and the Redmond Family, primary sources and local history sources all linked to the primary curriculum for different class groups.

From the National perspective, Ms. Morrissey also briefed Members on the following:

- The Redmond Centenary Symposium to be held in the National Gallery of Ireland on 6th March 2018 and co-ordinated by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the National University of Ireland, the Royal Irish Academy and the School of History, University College Dublin.
- A new postage stamp to coincide with the centenary of Redmond's death will be launched by An Post on 1st March.
- Digitisation of Redmond's Papers by the National Library to make a record of his political career available online.

Members thanked the District Manager, the County Librarian and all involved in co-ordinating the Programme of Events.

FIX DATE FOR MARCH ORDINARY MEETING.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore, it was agreed that the date for the March Ordinary Meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, 20th March at 2.30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS IN RELATION TO NEW LORETO SCHOOL

The attached letter, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by the District Manager and noted.

REPORTS.

Housing

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing, and noted.

Planning

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner, and noted.

District Engineer's Report.

The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted. Areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- Recent Accident adjacent to the Summerhill Roundabout.

Councillors expressed their concern following another road traffic accident at the above location in which the front boundary wall of a dwellinghouse was demolished and called for appropriate measures to guard against further incidents in the interest of public safety.

Members requested that the current layout of the roundabout be investigated as a priority with a view to improving safety for all road users.

Mr. Lar Lett, Executive Engineer, outlined previous improvements carried out to improve safety at this junction including the installation of advanced cushion ramps, anti-skid surfacing and stop signs.

Mr. Lett advised Members that the situation would be reviewed to make the roundabout safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Environment

The attached presentation was presented by Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment, in relation to the 2017 Litter Statistics, details of the expansion of the Rapid Response Crew, illegal dumping and enforcement.

Mr. Forde advised that response times will be improved and all illegal waste activity will be properly recorded. All illegal dumping will be properly recorded on Geopal, volumes of wastes collected will be recorded, and litter blackspots will be identified and targeted (e.g. with CCTV).

Crews will be based locally (one two-man crew generally based in each Municipal District), leading to a greater local knowledge and detection in problem areas.

Members welcomed the programme, and encouraged the ongoing promotion of pride in the County, the development of links with local Community Groups and recommended that members of the public be reassured of complete confidentiality if and when reporting illegal dumping.

WEXFORD TO CURRACLOE GREENWAY

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, and Mr. Rory O' Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer, made a detailed presentation of the Wexford to Curracloe Greenway Project which is to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval.

Members were informed that the proposed Greenway (length 10.7 Km) will link Wexford Town with the renowned beach area of Curracloe at Culleton's Gap and will have three distinct elements.

- Leg 1 Length 3.7 km- Wexford Town to the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve (also a return route through Ardavan).
- Leg 2 Length 3.4 km - Wexford Wildfowl Reserve to the Raven Wood.
- Leg 3 Length 3.6 km - The Raven Wood to Curracloe (Culleton's Gap)

Members welcomed the project noting the benefits to the District through tourism and health societal benefits and congratulated the Coastal Path Team on this major body of work.

Following discussion, the proposal was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor and seconded by Cllr. F. Staples.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. Lisa McDonald in relation to the serious problem of erosion at Rosslare, Mr. Forde advised that a Draft Plan with regard to the overall problem of erosion from Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour was currently being prepared with a view to presenting the findings to the OPW for funding.

Community

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Libraries/Archives/Arts

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Fire Service

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MOTIONS

Local Government.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. McDonald and adopted with His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore, abstaining.

"In the interest of better local government, this Council calls on the present government to restore Wexford's Town Council along with its budgetary autonomy etc."

It was further agreed that the motion be amended to include a request to the Minister to restore the Town Council's electoral boundary.

Provision of Facilities for local Soccer Clubs.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Lawlor and following discussion, unanimously adopted:-

"This Council supports the call by three local soccer clubs for a pitch to develop and use for their practice and matches".

During discussion, Cllr. Hynes clarified that the 3 Clubs involved are Wexford Albion, Wexford Bohemians and North End. Mr. D. Houston advised Members that the Chief Executive is actively seeking suitable lands within the Town Area to accommodate all 3 Clubs.

Cllr. L. McDonald raised the need to address facilities for other sports such as cricket and including minority sports in general. Cllr. McDonald suggested that a Sports Campus to accommodate all sports should be considered.

NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

At the conclusion of the meeting agenda, and at the request of Cllr. L. McDonald, the Mayor allowed the following to be considered:-

Cllr. Lisa McDonald expressed her deep concern that the recently announced National Planning Framework has failed to set out a plan of action for Rosslare Europort with this essential component of Wexford's economic infrastructure not mentioned anywhere in the document. Cllr. McDonald asked that a letter issue from the Council to the Department of An Taoiseach seeking clarification

as to why Rosslare Harbour has been left off the agenda, particularly in light of Ireland's need to develop new trade links post Brexit.

Mr. D. Houston replied that the Minister has undertaken to visit each region to outline the Plan in due course.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonald it was agreed that a letter be sent to the office of Minister Eoghan Murphy to demand that significant investment in Rosslare Europort be included in the NPF to allow Rosslare Europort to achieve its full economic and social potential.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 20th MARCH 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, T. Dempsey, G. Lawlor, D. Hynes, L. McDonald, T. Walsh, F. Staples, T. Forde.

Apologies from Cllr. M. Roche for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. A. R. Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Laurence Lett, Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Liam Bowe, Acting Senior Executive Planner.
- Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Staples, seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey, it was agreed that the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G. Carthy, assume the Chair pending the late arrival of the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G. Carthy, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

Mr. George O'Connor, Bishopswater, R.I.P.

Mr. Tony Murphy, Maudlintown, R.I.P.

Mrs. Mary Bergin, Wolfe Tone Villas, R.I.P.

VOTE OF THANKS:

On the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G. Carthy, members expressed their appreciation to the officials and staff for their efforts and tremendous support to the local community during recent Storm Emma.

Members also thanked the farming communities and contractors for their hard work during and after the event.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th February, 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Staples, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

PRESENTATION RE PFIZER HEALTHY TOWN 2018

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Ms. Rachel Morrogh and Ms. Karen O'Keeffe representing Pfizer to the meeting.

Ms. Rachel Morrogh presented Members with an overview of the Pfizer Healthy Town Initiative and the proposal to announce Wexford as Pfizer Healthy Town for 2018.

Ms. Morrogh advised that a town is selected by Pfizer each year to take part in a unique initiative providing simple steps to improve health and lifestyle and, with the support of Members, Wexford Town has been selected as the Pfizer Healthy Town 2018.

The project, which will run for eight weeks from 1st September, will comprise health promotion events, health checks and physical activity to encourage local communities to improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing. All activities and events are free to the public.

Members welcomed the project and offered their full support, acknowledging that it is a very worthwhile initiative in educating and encouraging a healthy lifestyle and recommended engagement with local primary schools and young people in particular.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore, then joined the meeting and the Deputy Mayor vacated the Chair.

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS WORKS 2018.

The attached report was presented by the District Manager and following discussion adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Ms. Laffan highlighted an amendment to the Schedule as circulated to include a further sum of €60,000 at H0901 which is an additional Discretionary Fund available to Members for projects within the District. The District Manager suggested that Councillors might consider combining their allocations to deliver specific projects based on current needs and priorities within the District.

Following lengthy discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy, it was agreed that each Member receive an equal allocation of €6,000 and consult with the District Manager with regard to proposals.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2018 (LIS).

In the absence of the District Engineer, Mr. Sean Kavanagh, the Local Improvement Scheme 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented on his behalf by Mr. Lar Lett, Executive Engineer, and considered by Members.

Mr. Lett advised members that an amount of €90,000 was allocated to each District and projects with an estimated cost exceeding €25,000 required a 15% local

contribution and projects with an estimated cost of less than €25,000 required a 10% local contribution.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. L. McDonald, the Scheme as presented was unanimously adopted.

AMENITY/ARTS GRANTS 2018

The Amenity/Arts Scheme 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by the District Manager and considered by Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh, the Scheme, as presented, was adopted by Members.

HOUSING

The attached Housing Report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. P. O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, for information of members.

Capital Development:-

Mr. O' Gorman advised Members of a number of housing capital projects in the Wexford District which have been approved by the Department and which are due to progress to construction stage including 10 units at Slippery Green and 35 turnkey units at Ard Uisce.

Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme:-

Mr. O' Gorman also updated members with regard to the proposed amendment to the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme agreed by Members in June 2017 to include provision of Traveller Specific Accommodation in the Wexford District to accommodate three indigenous Wexford families on a site recommended as the most suitable by the County Architect at Ballyhine, Barntown. Mr. O'Gorman advised Members that the public consultation process was now completed and approval from the LTAC to proceed had been received. Noting that the amended Programme can only be adopted 7 months after the public consultation notice, Members were advised that this County Programme must be adopted by all 4 Districts and will be presented for adoption at the April District meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr. Ger Carthy, it was agreed that the matter be discussed in committee at the April meeting.

HAP/Housing Allocations:-

In response to Members queries in relation to HAP and the system of housing allocations, Mr. O 'Gorman advised that these matters will be addressed with the full Council at the Special Housing Meeting fixed for 12.00 noon on Monday, 9th April.

Cllr. F. Staples then departed the meeting

Planning

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Liam Bowe, Acting Senior Executive Planner, and noted.

In response to Cllr. Carthy, the Director advised that Section 183 Notices in relation to the Rosslare Harbour Mens Shed and the land to be transferred to the Coastguard at Kilmore Quay will be brought before the members for approval as soon as both matters have been approved by the Director.

Community

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Environment

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted

Libraries/Archives/Arts

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Fire Service

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Members Support System.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Engineering Matters

Areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- Condition of roads/pothole repairs required following Storm Emma.
- Urgent need to address dangerous footpaths in Wexford Town and District.
- Dangerous paving at Clifford Terrace.
- Unauthorised parking of vehicles in Selskar Square – bollard to be replaced.
- Proximity of Clonard pedestrian crossing to junctions – considered dangerous and to be reviewed.
- Request to relocate the disabled parking spaces from within Paul Quay Car park to the external area beyond the car park barriers.
- Need for gullies in Talbot Green to be cleaned following recent works and areas of the green to be reinstated.
- Special arrangements needed to accommodate residents on Crescent Quay during proposed Crescent Quay Works.
- Need for installation of a pedestrian crossing at Whitemill Industrial Estate in the vicinity of the school.

Queries in relation to the impact of Storm Emma on water supply and leaks were addressed by Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.

MOTIONS.

Storm Emma

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and following discussion, unanimously adopted:-

"Cllr. Ger Carthy calls on this Council to recognise the work of all the emergency services, volunteer services and local authority personnel in the recent weather conditions "Storm Emma" and, in a particular way, members of the Irish Defence Forces who assisted in emergency situations and in the clean up".

Wolfe Tone Community Development Project

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and, following discussion, unanimously adopted :-

"The Wolfe Tone Community Development Project provide valuable services to the community. Some of these services have been lost while others remain under threat. In the interest of protecting the services provided by Wolfe Tone Community Development Project, I call on the Council to do its best to provide/secure funding for the group and to request a meeting with the stakeholders to see how its future can be best secured".

The District Manager informed Members that the S.E.O, Housing, has scheduled a meeting of all stakeholders on 29th March to discuss this matter.

T. Larkin, Director of Services, advised that he is in discussions with Ger Mackey, Community Department and other stakeholders to secure the future of Wolfe Tone Community House.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 16th APRIL, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore.

Councillors:- T. Dempsey, G. Lawlor, D. Hynes, M. Roche, T. Walsh, F. Staples, G. Carthy, T. Forde.

Apologies from Cllr. L. McDonald for her inability to attend this meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. A. R. Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
- Mr. James Lavin Senior Executive Planner.
- Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community
- Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician / Road Safety Officer.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor and Members, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

Mr. John Beary, Hollyville Heights, R.I.P.

Ms. Anne Kelly, Belvedere Grove.R.I.P.

Ms. Emily Stafford, Ard Alainn, Castlebridge R.I.P.

Mr. William Doyle, Ballycogley, R.I.P.

Mr. Kieran Murphy, Bishopswater and Castlebridge, R.I.P.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore, congratulated and thanked the County Librarian and staff of Wexford Library in relation to the ‘Redmond 100’ Seminar and Exhibition held in Wexford Library on Sunday, 15th April, 2018 and also congratulated the District Manager and Borough staff in relation to the Civic Commemoration Ceremony and Wreathlaying at John Street Graveyard at which President Michael D. Higgins was the guest of honour. All members acknowledged the efforts of all concerned and associated with the Mayors congratulations on what was a significant event to honour the memory of Irish Parliamentary Party leader, John Edward Redmond MP.

Votes of congratulations were also extended to the following:

- Ballycogley Players Drama Group on reaching the All Ireland Drama Finals.

- North End United who have qualified for the FAI Junior Cup Final in the Aviva Stadium in May.
- Leon Reid, Menapians Athletics Club, on winning a bronze medal in the men's 200m sprint at the Commonwealth Games.
- Wexford Wanderers Under 14's and Under 15's success in winning the Leinster Rugby League.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20th March, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Carty seconded by Cllr. Walsh.

The minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 26th March, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche and seconded by Cllr. Staples

MAYOR/MEMBERS REPRESENTING WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT ABROAD.

Arising from the Minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting, the District Manager advised that, on foot of a proposal previously adopted by Members, options for the introduction of a suitable emblem or sash to be worn by the Mayor and Councillors while on official business outside of the Country have been explored. Sample designs incorporating the National and County colours were presented for information and comment by Members.

As proposed by the Mayor and agreed at the Protocol Committee Meeting on 27th March, 2018 members were advised that the introduction of these emblem sashes will now proceed for all official business outside of the country.

IN COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Cllr. George Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Frank Staples, it was agreed to go into committee to allow discussion on a number of items with Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, SEO, Housing, and Mr. Ger Mackey, Administrative Officer, Community.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2014-2018 (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, with regard to a proposed amendment to the Traveller Accommodation Programme to allow the provision of 3 traveller specific accommodation units on a site at Ballyhine deemed to be the preferred and most suitable site.

Following a lengthy discussion to which all members contributed, on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, the site was deemed unsuitable for a number of reasons and the proposed amendment was unanimously rejected.

DRAFT COUNTY WEXFORD ROAD TRAFFIC SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAWS 2018.

The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated, were then presented by Mr. David Codd, Chief Technician / Road Safety Officer.

Mr. Codd advised members that the public consultation phase was now complete and advised that 37 individual locations were submitted for review in the Wexford Borough District area. Members noted that, following a review of these submissions, it was agreed to adjust the speed limits proposed in 6 locations.

Members in particular, requested that consideration be given to the creation of Slow Zones at points of entry/egress from Housing Estates particularly on Whiterock Hill. Cllr. G. Lawlor proposed an expansion to the use of high visibility Periodic Special Speed Limit Signs in the vicinity of all schools in the district.

Other areas of concern raised by members were addressed by Mr. Codd. Following discussion, the Draft Bye Laws were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

FIX DATE – 2018 ANNUAL MEETING.

On the proposal of Cllr. G Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. F. Staples the date of the Annual Meeting was fixed for Monday 25th June, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

TAKING IN CHARGE – CHURCHWOOD, KILRANE.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. F. Staples, seconded by Cllr. T.Walsh.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore then departed the meeting and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G Carty, assumed the chair.

HOUSING.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Padraig O'Gorman Senior Executive Officer, Housing.

Mr. O'Gorman advised members that the construction of 10 number residential dwellings at Slippery Green had commenced on the morning of the meeting.

Mr. O' Gorman further advised that contracts will be signed in relation to the turnkey development of 35 units in Ard Uisce, Whiterock Hill, in the next week and expected to be available for allocation in mid 2018.

In relation to the construction of the new Wexford Women's Refuge on a site at Maudlintown, Mr. O' Gorman confirmed that Stage 1 approval has issued from the Department with funding of €2.2m recently approved.

Members welcomed the announcement of the new housing developments.

PLANNING.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. James Lavin, Acting S/Executive Planner, and noted.

ENGINEERING.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer. Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- Need for improvement works at Distillery Road / Mulgannon Junction.
- Proximity of Clonard pedestrian crossing to junctions – considered dangerous.
- Need for improvement works at Summerhill Roundabout.
- Need for measures to reduce speed of traffic entering Liam Mellows Park.
- Speed of traffic on Whiterock Hill.
- Damage to green areas in need of reinstatement following works undertaken by the utility companies throughout the town.

In reply to Cllr. M. Roche, Mr. Sean Kavanagh, EE, advised that there is no funding currently available to provide a cycle lane from Bridgetown to Kilmore as part of the current upgrade of this stretch of road but suggested that he would consider looking for funding into the future.

Cllr. Frank Staples again referred to previous discussion with regard to village improvements in Mayglass as discussed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th February, 2018 during which Councillors had supported the views and concerns expressed by Cllr. Staples and adopted the 2018 Roads Programme on condition that the issue be revisited by the Roads/Engineering Department with a view to bringing forward proposals for Mayglass.

Cllr. Staples requested that special consideration be given to the provision of new footpaths in Mayglass in view of the fact that the Mayglass area had again been omitted from the 2018 Programme, despite assurances given by senior officials that the works would remain on the programme and would be completed and, on foot of which, the local community were advised accordingly.

Senior Executive Engineer, Sean Kavanagh, advised Cllr. Staples that resources will not be allocated to Mayglass until funding is secured outside of the scope of the 2018 Roads Programme.

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Service, agreed to discuss the matter further with the S.E.E. but advised that the current focus is concentrated on the delivery of the Roads Programme recently adopted by Members.

Following a request by Cllr. Lawlor for the return of the administration and processing of parking ticket appeals to District level, the Director advised that the Roads Section is presently working to streamline the 4 different systems from the towns into one central system. The Director agreed to discuss the issues raised by Cllr. Lawlor with the Director of Roads.

In reply to Cllr. Staples seeking an updated report in relation to the ongoing traffic congestion and safety issues at Sinnottstown Lane, Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services, reported that the area has been examined by the Engineer and is of the view that a properly designed roundabout would appear to be the best solution and would alleviate a lot of the existing issues at this junction. However, engagement with other agencies and stakeholders will be required before proceeding.

Noting that a land take would probably be required to facilitate such a proposal, the Director advised that the project would not be constructed in 2018 but could be included in the capital programme review for 2019 – 2021.

As a short term solution, the Director stated that the Engineer is considering a temporary roundabout which would help inform the process.

COMMUNITY.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

LIBRARIES/ARTS/ARCHIVES.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted

CORRESPONDENCE

Rosslare Europort.

The attached letter of acknowledgement from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

In the absence of any further satisfactory reply from the Department, on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey, the District Manager was requested to send a further letter outlining the concerns of members and requesting a detailed response from Minister Eoghan Murphy.

Members also expressed their hope that, following the recent visit to Rosslare Europort by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Deputy Shane Ross, that

the future of Rosslare Europort and the need for urgent investment in the infrastructure in County Wexford would now be top of the Minister's agenda.

The District Manager was also asked to seek a report from the recent meeting with Minister Shane Ross.

Restoration of Town Councils.

The attached letters from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOROUGH DISTRICT OF WEXFORD HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 18TH JUNE, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Moore.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, T. Forde, G. Lawlor, T. Dempsey, F. Staples,
M. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Walsh, L. McDonald.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. A.R. Laffan, District Manager.
- Ms. J. Murphy, Staff Officer.
- Mr. L. Bowe, Acting Senior Executive Planner.
- Mr. N. McCabe, Administrative Officer.
- Mr. S. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. L. Lett, Executive Engineer.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of Mr. Barry Asple, R.I.P.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/THANKS:-

- Wexford Special Olympics Team on their recent achievements at the Ireland Games in Dublin.
- Helen Corish-Wylde and the Paupers Graveyard Committee re the organisation of the Annual Patron at the Paupers Graveyard, Coolcotts.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st May, 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Matters Arising:-

In relation to the issues raised with regard to the Council's Emergency Accommodation provision, Cllr. D. Hynes confirmed that he and Cllr. T. Walsh recently met with Mr. P. O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, to discuss proposed improvements to the service.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION (GMA) 2018 – Festivals/Events.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

TAKING IN CHARGE – SEABURY, ROSSLARE STRAND/SUMMERCOTE, ROSSLARE STRAND/AN CAISLEAN, BRIDGETOWN.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. T. Dempsey seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy.

REPORTS.

Housing.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted. Questions raised by members were addressed by Mr. N. McCabe, Administrative Officer.

Planning.

The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted.

- Cllr. G. Carthy expressed concern at the lengthy delays being endured by the public in obtaining an appointment for pre planning meetings and queried if the Planning Department is adequately resourced to deal with increased activity. Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services of Services, agreed to review the matter with the Senior Planner.
- Cllr. G. Carthy thanked the Planning Enforcement Staff and the District Engineer for their prompt action in eliminating the safety issues at Broadway Hall.
- In response to the Mayor, Mr. L. Bowe, Acting Senior Executive Planner, advised that the current Wexford Town & Environs Development Plan was extended and will remain in force until the new Development Plan is adopted.

Engineering.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted. The following issues were raised by members and addressed by Mr. S. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer:-

- Delay in the planting of roundabouts on the main approach routes into town is a matter of serious concern to Wexford Tidy Towns.
- Surfacing abutting houses on Clifford Terrace in urgent need of repair.
- Green area to the rear of houses in King Street.
- Drainage issues on narrow section of School Street.
- Possible inclusion of Corish Park (green area and footpaths) in the 2018 C.I.S. Scheme.
- Issues at the Horse River/The Knock to the rear of Casement Terrace.
- Loss of car parking spaces at Rocklands following recent road works and road lining for bus parking.

- Up-date on the R741 Programme of Works at Ferrybank/Ardcavan.
- Cutting of hedgerows in rural areas.
- Water Supply – Taylorstown/Fardystown.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

LIBRARIES/ARCHIVES/ARTS.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, G. Lawlor, J. Moore, D. Hynes, M. Roche, L. McDonald, T. Walsh, T. Forde.

Apologies from Cllr. F. Staples for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tom Enright, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Tom Banville, Acting Director of Services.
- Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
- Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

- Mr. Oliver Hall, Blackcow Lane Thomas Street, RIP.
- Ms. Patricia Sinnott, Grange, Kilmore, RIP.
- Mr. Billy Byrne, Castle Lane, Brownswood, RIP.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25th June, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor and seconded by Cllr. T. Forde.

LEASING OF PROPERTY AT COIS MARA, ROSSLARE STRAND.

The attached report dated 13th June, 2018 with regard to the proposed leasing of property at Cois Mara, Rosslare Strand to Cois Barry Community House was presented by Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

PRESENTATION BY SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM – TRINITY WHARF DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer and Head of Special Projects, presented members with the Council's ambitious Draft Masterplan for the proposed Trinity Wharf Development and outlined the proposed timeframes for delivery and implementation of the Plan.

Members were advised that the detailed design would be finalised before the end of September with a view to lodging an application for consent to An Bord Pleanála in October. A planning decision from An Bord Pleanála is expected by Spring/Summer 2019 and if approved, construction is expected to commence by the end of 2019.

Mr. Galvin advised that the site will be delivered and developed under PPP and outlined the detailed elements of the Plan for this iconic 10 acre site to include hotel accommodation, modern office space, commercial buildings, multi-storey car parking, a 61 berth marina, cultural centre/events multi use building, public realm areas, an element of residential accommodation and a new boardwalk and pedestrian bridge linking Trinity Wharf to Paul Quay and the Crescent area.

Mr. Galvin advised members that infrastructural works to include site development works, access, roads, footpaths, lighting, water and ICT services will be constructed by Wexford County Council to as to provide a prime site ready for development.

Chief Executive, Mr. Tom Enright, commented that Trinity Wharf has the capacity to create over 1,000 jobs in the technology and financial services sectors over the next 5 to 10 years.

Questions raised by Members were addressed by the Chief Executive, Mr. Tom Enright, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services and Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Engineer.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey, and Members welcomed the presentation and thanked the Special Projects team for the progress made and confirmed their unanimous support in advancing this major project to public consultation stage.

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF MIN RYAN PARK.

Mr. Brian Galvin, Senior Executive Engineer, informed Members that tenders for the construction of the park are currently being assessed and a contractor expected to be appointed within 2- 3 weeks with a view to commencing work in early September.

Queries raised by Members in relation to planned features, multi use events area and art/sculpture displays were addressed by Mr. Galvin.

In reply to Cllr. G. Lawlor, Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Service, confirmed that the Council is currently liaising with the Library Service staff in relation to the inclusion of an appropriate monument to the memory of the many Wexford people who died during the First and Second World Wars.

In reply to Cllr. D. Hynes, Mr. Taaffe confirmed that an area would be reserved for a skate boarding area within the park development.

PRESENTATION BY MR. BRIAN KEHOE, CEO, WEXFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. Brian Kehoe, Mr. Michael Wall, and Ms. Claire Ryan, Wexford Local Development to the meeting.

Mr. Brian Kehoe, CEO., made a presentation to Members on the role played by Wexford Local Development and the services offered - a community based organisation whose work is delivered through a range of contracted publicly funded programmes, the core purpose of which is to "enable specific individuals and communities to achieve a better social and economic quality of life by improving their opportunities for employment and by addressing inequality".

In response to concerns raised by Members, Mr. Kehoe stated that all programmes are delivered countrywide with a particular focus on Disadvantaged Area (informed by Pobal Maps and the A.I.R.O. report) and special target groups including unemployed, single parent families, new communities, Travellers, Roma disadvantaged Women and Men, and young people living in disadvantaged areas.

Questions raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Michael Wall, and Ms. Ryan.

Members thanked Mr. Kehoe, Ms. Ryan and Mr. Wall for their attendance and presentation and acknowledged the support and services offered by Wexford Local Development to a wide range of individuals and groups in Co. Wexford.

REPORTS:

Housing

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Padraig O'Gorman, Senior Executive Officer, Housing.

In reply to concerns raised by Cllr. T. Forde and Cllr. L. McDonald regarding the lack of suitable homeless emergency accommodation in Wexford town, in particular over the weekend, Mr. O'Gorman advised that alternative emergency weekend accommodation is currently offered in New Ross and Courtown.

Mr. O'Gorman also confirmed that progress had been made on plans to designate 5 units in the Respond development in Westland for emergency accommodation and the provision of an additional 4 units in Oznam House.

Mr. O'Gorman advised members that the construction of 10 new residential dwellings at Slippery Green had commenced on the morning of the meeting which was welcomed by Members.

However, in relation to the proposed three to four storey housing block proposed for the courthouse end of the site known as the "Christmas Tree site" on Belvedere Road, Cllr. Lawlor, Cllr. Hynes and Cllr. McDonald said that such a development was unsuitable for this particular site, stating that three to four storey apartment blocks are not suitable in Wexford town and informed Mr. O'Gorman that they would not be supporting any plans for this development.

Further to previous concerns raised by Members in relation to the operation of the HAP Scheme, Mr. O' Gorman advised that notification has been received from the Ministers office confirming that current RAS tenants in receipt of a valid notice of termination of tenancy from the landlord will now be eligible to apply for HAP.

Mr. O' Gorman advised Members that the 2018 allocation to Wexford County Council for Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and people with a Disability for private householders is €2,165,026, an increase of over €370,000 on the 2017 allocation.

Planning.

The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted.

Cllr. Ger Carthy requested an update on the position in relation to the derelict site at the Great Southern Hotel Rosslare.

As no officials were present to answer queries in relation to Planning, members expressed their dissatisfaction and requested that a representative from the Planning Department be present for all future meetings.

Engineering:

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.

Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- Staining of the surface on Main Street and the need for proper investment and resources to maintain a regular cleaning programme.
- Build up of traffic at certain peak times at roundabouts and in particular on the approaches to Whitford House.
- Road reinstatement in areas affected by Gas Networks contract.
- The need for proper parking enforcement in Rosslare during Summer months to ensure access for emergency vehicles.
- Members requested that Notices be served to address problem of over-hanging trees on the road at McDonald's and in Killinick Village adjacent to Karoo restaurant .
- Need for maintenance and improvement of Ashfield roundabout on Rosslare Road.
- Installation of Double Yellow Lines and removal of some parking spaces on Davitt Road North.

- Concerns in relation to the “half ramps” at the end of Summerhill which results in bad driving behavior with some drivers using the wrong side of the road in order to avoid these ramps.
- Cllr. D. Hynes called for a review of disabled parking spaces in the town and in particular in Charlotte Street.
- Lack of maintenance at Carrig Graveyard.
- Dangerous condition of footpaths in Rosslare.
- Cllr. J Moore requested that the upgrading of manhole covers be extended to roads.

All matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. S. Kavanagh, SEE.

Mr. Kavanagh gave a presentation, designed by Landscape Architects Derek Howlin and Dara Hilliard, to Members outlining plans for the landscaping of the three roundabouts on Wexford’s Ring Road.

Mr. Kavanagh advised that plants and materials which reflect the locality and provide all year round colour will be incorporated into these plans and cost of the projects will be funded from the sale of advertising rights on these roundabouts.

During discussion, the relocation of the Pikemen Statue at Barntown on the N25 to the Maldron Roundabout was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor and agreed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

It being 4.30 p.m., on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders for 15 minutes to allow the remaining business of the agenda to be concluded.

COMMUNITY.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

LIBRARIES/ARTS/ARCHIVES.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was noted

CORRESPONDENCE

At the conclusion of the meeting agenda, and at the request of Cllr's Forde , Carthy, Lawlor and McDonald, the Mayor allowed mention of the following matters:

Proposed opening of a methadone Clinic in Georges Street:

In relation to the proposed opening of a methadone Clinic in Georges Street, Wexford, members, while recognising the need to provide such a service, agreed that Georges Street was not a suitable location for the clinic and on the proposal of Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. McDonald, recommended that the methadone clinic be located in the new Primary Care Centre in Grogan's Road. It was further agreed that the Mayor would write to the Health Service Executive – South seeking an urgent meeting to discuss this recommendation.

Loreto Secondary School at Killeens:

Cllr. T. Forde requested that Wexford County Council ask the Government to enter into meaningful talks with the parties involved to help negotiate payments for subcontractors who have not received payment for work carried out on the Loreto Secondary School at Killeens following the collapse of Carillion and subcontractor Sammon Contractor going into liquidation.

Renaming of Proposed new Kilmore Local Electoral Area:

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey, was requested to write to the Minister of State, Department of Housing , Planning and Local Government, to request that the proposed new Kilmore Local Electoral Area be renamed as Rosslare.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD
AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.**

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, G. Lawlor, J. Moore, D. Hynes, M. Roche, L. McDonald, T. Walsh, T. Forde.

Apologies from Cllr. F. Staples for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

- Ms. Bernadette Murphy, Parklands, Wexford.R.I.P.
- Ms. Phil Keeling, 27 Highfields Wexford. RIP.
- Ms. Jo Matthews "Melford House" Ballyhealy, Kilmore. RIP.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Votes of congratulations were extended to the following:

- Dr. Michael Redmond, formerly of St. Brendan's Road, who shared in the 2018 António Champalimaud Vision Award for his work on developing a revolutionary cure for a rare genetic form of childhood blindness.
- To Pfizer Healthcare Ireland and all involved in the Wexford Healthy Town, 2018 initiative and Community Walk led by Lee Chin.
- To the Wexford Handballers, in particular Adam Walsh from St. Josephs Handball Club in Wexford Town on becoming the fifth player from County Wexford to win Men's C Singles gold medal in the World Championships in Minnesota
- To Michelle O'Neill on her appointment as international soccer referee to officiate at the FIFA World Cup U-20 Women's Final.
- To the Bridgetown community and committee on hosting the very successful first Kathleen Browne Arts and Literary Festival.
- To Kilmore Ladies GAA club on winning their County title.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th July, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

The minutes of the In-Committee Special Meeting held on 15th August, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Roche and seconded by Cllr. G Carthy.

The minutes of the Protocol Meeting held on 28th August, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore seconded by Cllr. G Carthy.

Arising from the Minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting Cllr. G Carthy extended congratulation to all involved in the Civil reception to honour the Wexford All Ireland Winning Hurling team of 1968 – 50th Anniversary and asked that the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Team of 1968 be honoured in a similar way.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME.

The attached report dated 13th September, 2018 with regard to the Community Enhancement and schedule of all applications and recommended grant allocation in each case was presented by Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager , and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

TAKING IN CHARGE – Port na bPucaí, Kilmore, Beechfield Manor, Screen , Ravenwood ,Glynn .

The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. Roche, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

SALE OF LAND - Clonard Little and 16 Greenore Park, Rosslare Harbour .

Clonard Little, Wexford.

The attached report in relation to the disposal of a plot of land at Clonard Little, Wexford, a copy of which had previously been circulated was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. T Walsh.

16 Greenore Park, Rosslare Harbour.

The attached report in relation to the disposal of property at 16, Greenore Park, Rosslare Harbour, a copy of which had previously been circulated was considered by Members. Following concerns raised by Members, on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, it was unanimously agreed that, having regard to the current housing crisis, a decision to dispose of the property at 16, Greenore Park be deferred to the October meeting pending receipt of further information in relation to the cost of renovating this property and returning it to the Council's housing stock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Rosslare Europort

The attached letter from the Office of the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government in relation to Rosslare Europort, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. Following discussion and in the absence of a detailed and specific reply from the Department in relation to investment in, and expansion of Rosslare Europort, it was unanimously agreed to write to Shane Ross, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport outlining Members' concerns and requesting him to meet with a cross party delegation of Members of Wexford Borough District as a matter of urgency.

New Local Electoral Areas

The attached letter from the office of Mr. John Paul Phelan, T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, in reply to the proposal that the new Kilmore Electoral Area be renamed as Rosslare Electoral Area, was noted.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh, the District Manager was requested to send a further letter to Minister Phelan outlining the concerns of members and requesting that, having regard to the strategic location of Rosslare in the context of Brexit, that the Electoral Area Boundary Committee seriously consider the request to rename Kilmore local electoral area as Rosslare electoral area.

REPORTS:

Housing

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing, and noted.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. George Lawlor over the condition in which some leased houses are being let to tenants, particularly in comparison to that of houses owned by the Local Authority, Mr. McCabe advised that leased houses are inspected by Housing staff prior to Wexford County Council entering into a lease agreement and a further inspection is carried out prior to allocation.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald requested that a report on the delivery of social housing units under the Single stage approval process to be made available for the next meeting of the Wexford Borough District.

Planning.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner and noted.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. George Lawlor over the delay in the carrying out of Planning Searches, in particular in relation to house purchases, Mr. Lavin

stated that the delay may be due to staff shortage and agreed to provide a report on the time scales involved in this process for next meeting.

Cllr. J Moore queried the origin of figures reported in the CSO returns for planning permissions granted for the first quarter of 2018.

In response to Cllr. J. Moore's query in relation to funding for 'Buildings at Risk', such as Kilmannon Castle and Churchyard, Mr. Lavin confirmed that Wexford County Council has been in communication with residents in the area, the Council are seeking to secure funding for this project and that internal funds would be used if necessary.

Cllr. D. Hynes then joined the meeting (3:05pm)

Cllr. G. Carthy highlighted the concerns of residents in Rosslare Harbour in relation to the lack of action in dealing with dereliction in the area, in particular the derelict condition of the Great Southern Hotel and the adverse visual impact it is having on the area, and queried if the building had been placed on the Register of Derelict Sites.

In response Mr. Lavin confirmed that Wexford County Council had recently obtained a valuation of the property and can now move to impose the 3% derelict sites levy though the owner is hoping to keep the property out of the Derelict Sites Register.

Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Service, agreed to examine the matter and update members in this regard at the next meeting.

Engineering:

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.

Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- The spread of Japanese Knotweed - Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that spraying for knotweed had commenced on our own property and in public places.
- The need for hedge cutting from Ashfield Cross to Killinick.
- Suggested widening of roads at the main roundabouts to deal with traffic delays and tailbacks at certain peak times. Mr. Kavanagh advised Members that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is responsible for managing and improving these roundabouts on national roads, that he had recently carried out a survey on the Duncannon Road and that he will continue to liaise with the Roads Department and TII to address this problem.
- Need for additional bus shelters, in particular on Newtown Road near Wexford Hospital. In response Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that while this was mainly a matter for the NTA he will be looking at key locations for same in the coming months.
- Lack of safe pedestrian crossings at LIDL from Liam Mellows Park and Avondale Drive housing estates. In response Mr. Kavanagh acknowledged

the need for a public consultation process to identify best solutions for the area.

- Members queried if progress had been made in relation to the implementation of a one way traffic system or other possible solutions to address issues on Whiterock View.
- Tree in Corry's Villas blocking public lighting in the area and overgrown foliage in general in the town which interferes with light emanating from the new public LED lighting system.
- Members queried progress on safety proposals which were to be presented to members in relation to the roundabout at the end of Summerhill.
- Update on installation of new roundabout at Rathaspeck exit and Sinnottstown Lane
- Members requested that Notices be served to address problem of over-hanging trees on the road at McDonald's and in Killinick Village adjacent to Karoo restaurant.
- Clarification on the responsibility of landowners and occupiers in relation to the maintenance of waterways and hedgerows and requested that a copy of the relevant legislation be circulated to Members.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME

The attached report outlining proposals and recommendations for spending under the Community Involvement Scheme, 2018 was circulated by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, and unanimously agreed.

COMMUNITY.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. As no official was present to answer queries in relation to Environment, members requested that a representative from the Environment Department be present at the October meeting to deal with these matters.

LIBRARIES /ARTS / ARCHIVES.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MOTIONS.

Traffic Management – Killeens.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. L. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

“That this Borough and District Council immediately publishes a traffic management plan for the Killeens area and that the road building program for that area is immediately progressed and funding sought”.

Works at the former PTSB Building, The Bullring.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. L. McDonald.

“Cllr. Lisa McDonald calls on Wexford Borough and District Council to suspend the planned works for the PTSB building in the Bullring, Wexford until January 2019”.

Speaking on the motion, Cllr. McDonald, referred to the motion being obsolete given that the works had already commenced on site.

Members expressed their frustration at the lack of advance communication to the Members, and the local business community prior to closure of the road, erection of a substantial hoarding and commencement of the works.

The Director and District Manager outlined the Council’s position and apologized for the lack of advance communication.

Members were assured that the road closure order will expire on 7th October, the hoarding removed and the road will be reopened to single lane traffic on 8th October well in advance of the Wexford Opera Festival. Members were advised that work on the project will continue into January, 2019 based on the current programme.

Following lengthy discussion, the following amended motion was then agreed and proposed by Cllr. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde, and unanimously adopted:-

“That in view of disruption to businesses, that Ratepayers be considered for a reduction in their Commercial Rate Bill for 2019”.

Armistice Day Commemorations

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. J Moore, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh, and following discussion, unanimously adopted:-

“That Wexford Borough District gives Civic recognition to Armistice Day Commemorations in Wexford town and acknowledge the role and sacrifice of citizens of Wexford and Ireland in the Great War”.

A.O.B.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald extended congratulations to all involved in the recording by Celtic Woman of the special television broadcast at Johnstown Castle on Friday evening 14th September 2018.

Cllr. McDonald said that the recording, which was filmed against the backdrop of the impressive Johnstown Castle and which will be broadcast to an American TV audience of 90 million in early 2019 will showcase this destination at an international level and gain exposure in many overseas markets.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD
AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 15th OCTOBER 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.**

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, G. Lawlor, J. Moore, D. Hynes, M. Roche, L. McDonald, T. Walsh, T. Forde.

Apologies from Cllr. F. Staples for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Ms. Annette O'Neill, Head of Finance
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner
- Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

- Mr. David Nevins Mulgannon, Wexford R.I.P.
- Mr. Jim McCleane, 6 Casa Rio, Wexford. RIP.
- Ms. Annette Mahoney, 2 Fishers Row. RIP.
- Ms. Eileen O'Keeffe, 54 Bernadette Place Wexford. R.I.P.

His Worship the Mayor expressed good wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr. Frank Staples and all members associated with this expression of good wishes to Cllr. Staples.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Votes of congratulations were extended to the following:

- To the Presentation Sisters on celebrating their 200 year Anniversary of continued education and service in Wexford town.
- To Brendan "Bear" Wright on his success in the Ironman Championships in Barcelona.
- To the Rosslare Kettle Bell Club on representing Ireland in the World Championships in Latvia.
- To the AOH Bridgetown on their 100th Anniversary and 65th Anniversary of the first Technical School in the AOH Hall, Wexford.
- To the Bridgetown /Mulrankin Tops on their recent achievements.

- To the Sheila Grace Dance Company on their recent success in the International Festival of Dance and Performing Arts in Paris.
- To Paul Hynes of La Cote Restaurant, Wexford on winning Best Chef & Restaurant in Leinster.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th September, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Roche seconded by Cllr. L. McDonald.

Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 – GMA Allocations.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance.

In response to matters raised during discussion, Ms. O'Neill advised Members that the Draft Budgetary Plan must be adopted at today's meeting with or without amendment in accordance with the statutory process.

In relation to concerns raised by Cllr. Carthy regarding the potential funding implications for the proposed new electoral areas in the context of festivals, LIS Schemes etc. Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services, advised that the proposals as outlined in the Boundary Commission Report have not yet been signed into law and the Council must prepare the 2019 budget based on current needs and structures in accordance with current legislation. If and when the Order is signed into law by the Minister, the Council will have to revisit the budget and divide down across the District.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. Hynes over the charging of commercial rates on properties used by charitable organisations, Ms. O'Neill confirmed that all other local authorities charged rates in such instances and that a report will be brought before members for approval when a decision is received from the Valuation Office.

The Draft Budgetary Plan, as presented, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF PROPERTY AT COOLCOTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The attached report in relation to the leasing of property at Coolcotts Community Centre, a copy of which had previously been circulated was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh

RENEWAL OF LEASE AT 8 LEE HEIGHTS

The attached report in relation to the renewal of lease at 8 Lee Heights with Ferns Diocesan Youth Service, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh seconded by Cllr. T. Forde.

LEASING OF ADDITIONAL LANDS AT TRESPAN ROCKS MAUDLINTOWN

The attached report in relation to the leasing of additional lands at Trespan Rocks to St. Mary's GFC, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor seconded by Cllr. T. Forde.

LEASING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The attached report in relation to the leasing of the Community Building at Rosslare Harbour to Kilrane/Rosslare Mens Shed Group, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. Roche seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

TAKING IN CHARGE – SALLYVILLE CLOSE, ROSSLARE

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore.

WEXFORD TIDY TOWNS REPORT 2018

District Manager, Angela Laffan, presented the adjudication report for the 2018 Tidy Towns results.

The District Manager and Members extended congratulations to the Wexford Tidy Towns Committee on their achievements in the National Tidy Towns Competition and on retaining a silver medal.

Members also acknowledged the success of other Tidy Towns Groups throughout the District including Rosslare Strand and Rosslare Harbour.

Cllr. G. Lawlor asked that work to develop and plant the roundabouts on the approach roads to the town would be progressed as a priority and completed in time for next year's competition.

REPORTS:

Housing

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing, and noted.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. L. McDonald in relation to the delivery of social housing units under the recently announced Single Stage Approval Process for schemes under €2.0m, Mr. McCabe confirmed that schemes already in the approval process could not now revert to be fast-tracked under the new arrangements.

Mr. McCabe also confirmed that the proposed 14 house scheme in Carricklawn could not proceed further until title problems were resolved by the landowner.

Cllr. G. Carthy requested an update on the proposed disposal of 16, Greenore Park Rosslare Harbour which had been presented for approval of Members at the September meeting.

Mr. McCabe advised members that the property had been valued at €55,000.00, that Wexford County Council proposed to sell the property for €77,000.00, that the estimated cost of repairs is approximately €55,000 less grant available of €5,000.00 and that there is a liability of €100,000.00 on the property.

Following a lengthy discussion, and having regard to the current housing crisis and the lack of suitable accommodation in the Rosslare area, Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services, advised that the decision to purchase the house is a matter for the Director of Housing. On the proposal of Cllr. Carthy, it was unanimously agreed that Members would suggest to the Director of Housing that the property be purchased by the Council with a view to carrying out the necessary repairs and including the property in the Council's Housing Stock .

Planning.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner. The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Lavin and noted.

Derelict Property at Portside, Rosslare Harbour – formerly occupied by a crèche facility.

Cllr. M. Roche queried the position in relation to planning for 7 houses on a site opposite the Post Office site in Bridgetown.

Cllr. G.Lawlor queried if any progress had been made in reducing delays in the carrying out of Planning Searches. Mr. Lavin advised that efforts would be made to speed up the process internally.

Engineering:

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.

Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- The spread of Japanese Knotweed, in particular on Bank of Ireland site in Rosslare Harbour and memorial garden, site opposite St Joseph's Club Wexford and at Keelogue's Barntown and on private property. Mr Kavanagh agreed to clarify the legal position with regard to the eradication of Japanese Knotweed on privately owned property at next meeting.
- No Road Number id at Rathaspeck Road close to Kerlogue Nursing Home
- Issue in relation to stolen finger post signage in South Wexford.
- The need for hedge cutting from Ashfield Cross to Killinick.

- The ongoing problem of over-hanging trees on the road at McDonald's and in Killinick Village adjacent to Karoo restaurant.
- Dangerous junction at Ballymore cross and possible change in priority at same.
- Damage to vehicles due to width of road on narrow section linking Corish Park down to Kennedy Park.
- Need for roundabout at Distillery Road to Mulgannon junction.
- Trees in Corry's Villas, Clonard Road and Fisher's Row blocking public lighting in the area and overgrown foliage in general in the town which interferes with light emanating from the new public LED lighting system.
- Relocation of existing disabled parking spaces within Paul Quay Car Park to an area outside of the Car Park.
- Need to have all gullies and shores cleared and manhole cover in Lower Bride Street fixed
- Members queried if progress had been made in relation to the implementation of a one way traffic system or other possible solutions to address issues on Whiterock View and town traffic survey. Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that there are plans to go to public consultation
- Members queried the progress on safety proposals which were to be presented to members in relation to the roundabout at the end of Summerhill.
- Update on installation of new roundabout at Rathaspeck exit and Sinnottstown Lane
- Pedestrian Crossing at Talbot Hotel /King Street and speed of approaching cars
- Light at Rowe St Church . Mr Kavanagh confirmed that old lighting was beyond repair and was replaced with more efficient system
- Cllr. Moore highlighted safety concerns and the need for improvement works at Geelan's Junction on the New Line Road . Mr Kavanagh confirmed that funds had been allocated for this junction under the 2019 Low Cost Safety Programme of work.
- Cllr. McDonald asked that, in response to concerns raised by local people in the Crossabeg area, a letter be sent to TII demanding that the speed limit be reduced to 60KM per hour at Kyle Cross.

Following ongoing discussions with Irish Rail with regard to public safety concerns along Wexford Quayfront, Mr. Kavanagh circulated images of proposed pedestrian barrier along the railway line.

In response to queries raised, Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that he had met with Irish Rail to discuss options to improve public safety and that Irish Rail had agreed to fund the erection of steel railings, of a high specification, aesthetically pleasing, similar to railing installed at Kilmore Quay, on both sides of open railway line from the Tourist Office to the end of Paul Quay.

In response to Cllr. Carthy's query regarding the cost of the railings, Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that this is an Irish Rail funded project and the financial details are not available to Wexford County Council.

Mr. Kavanagh also informed Members that Wexford County Council is proposing to build a footpath on Paul Quay from the Tourist Office to the Talbot Hotel car park and that this project is independent of Irish Rail.

Cllr. Carthy also queried the cost of providing the proposed new footpath but was advised by the Engineer that this information was not yet available. Cllr. Carthy expressed his dissatisfaction with what he considered inadequate replies from the Executive and departed the meeting at 3:45pm

COMMUNITY.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

As no official was present to answer queries in relation to Environment, members requested that a representative from the Environment Department be present at the November meeting to deal with matters including the following:

- Details of any national approach and response to dealing with the spread of Japanese Knotweed and the legal position in relation to private property.
- Need to enhance the surface on an area of The Raven, Curracloe. It was agreed to write to the Senior Engineer, Environment, requesting that improvements be carried out to enhance the surface for walkers.
- Details of air quality monitoring methods and technologies – Mr. S. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed to discuss with Mr. Brendan Cooney, Senior Executive Scientist.

LIBRARIES /ARTS / ARCHIVES.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

The attached correspondence in relation to the Loreto Secondary School, Killeens, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MOTIONS.

Refurbishment of the Westgate Heritage Centre .

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. L. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. D.Hynes, and following discussion was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council seek appropriate funding from the Heritage Council for the repair and refurbishment of the Westgate Heritage Centre".

Mr Tony Larkin, Director of Service, confirmed that the Centre would be inspected with a view to submitting a grant proposal.

Reclamation Area at Ferrybank.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. L. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That the reclaimed area in Ferrybank be turned into a people's park".

Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Service, confirmed that the redevelopment of the site would require funding and that the idea would be explored with a view to sourcing funding.

Mains Water Dispenser.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"I call on this Council to further enhance Wexford's town centre through the installation of a mains water dispenser , providing immediate and easily accessible mains line tap water , as is provided in most large towns and cities throughout Europe".

Mr Tony Larkin, Director of Service, welcomed the proposal suggesting that the old Bullring Fountain could be restored for this purpose .

Installation of CCTV at Alleyway in Talbot Green.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. D. Hynes, and following discussion was unanimously adopted:-

"In light of recent reports in the media of increased anti –social behaviour in the main alley way at Talbot Green ,including drug use , illegal dumping , fires and threats to young children , I call on this Council to install a CCTV system in the alley way to allay fears of residents in the area".

Parking on Streets in the vicinity of the GAA Park.

The following motion was submitted by Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. G.Lawlor, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

“Despite efforts made to address the problem of parking on the streets in the vicinity of the GAA Park. The problem continues to occur. I would ask the Mayor on behalf of the members to convene a joint meeting of the Councillors, the Gardai and reps from the GAA and perhaps some spoke people from the streets and estates effected to try to get a workable plan in place for all future matches”

The Mayor agreed to seek to arrange a meeting of all parties prior to the upcoming weekend games and to request that the agreed stewarding plan be implemented with the assistance of the St. Patricks Day Committee stewards.

Rattling Manhole Cover at Bride Street.

The following motion was submitted by Cllr. D. Hynes.

“That the engineer addresses the problem of a small manhole in Lower Bride Street in causing a huge noise as traffic passes over it”.

On speaking to the motion, Cllr. Hynes advised that the matter had been discussed with the Engineer who agreed to refer the issue to Irish Water for attention.

Questions

The following questions were raised by Cllr. D. Hynes and addressed by the Engineer.

- (a) Have the council ensured that the gully's in the town and villages in the district cleared to prevent floodings in the Autumn and Winter in view of the fact that some weeks ago when we had a heavy downpour , a manhole cover on the road near Tesco was actually lifting right up from the ground ?
- (b) When will the tree in Corry's Villas that is obstructing the public light be cut back?

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- Deputy Mayor, Cllr. George Lawlor

Councillors:- G. Carthy, J. Moore, , M. Roche, L. McDonald, T. Walsh, T. Forde

Apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Tony Dempsey, Cllr. Frank Staples and Cllr. David Hynes for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

At the outset, in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair on the proposal of Cllr. Moore seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Acting Director of Service.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Laurence Lett, Executive Engineer
- Mr Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment
- Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Dermot Leahy , Agricultural Scientist
- Mr. Ian Plunkett, Planning/Environment - Executive Technician
- Mr. Noel Byrne , General Services Facility Manager, Holmestown
- Mr. Peter Byrne , Waste Disposal Supervisor

At the outset of the meeting, the Deputy Mayor welcomed new staff member, Mr. Dermot Leahy , Agricultural Scientist, to the meeting.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, unanimous votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the following:-

- Mr. Fintan (Finn) Howlin, former employee of Wexford Co. Council, R.I.P.
- Ms. Ellen (Nellie) Hore, former Founder and Director of Hores Stores, RIP.
- Mr. Gerry Markem, father of Fr. Aodhan Markem , RIP.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Votes of congratulations were extended to the following:

- To the Sinnott family from Kilmore on their success in Ireland's Fittest family.
- To athletes from Wexford on winning a silver medal in the International Athletic Championships.
- To Liam Bates, Eoin Colfer and Michael Londra on their recent success with the launch of 'Noël The Musical' in Burnsville, Minnesota, USA.
- To St Martin's Camogie Club on winning their first Leinster Senior Club title.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th October, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE –RIVER SOW UPDATE .

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Catchment Manager, Local Authority Waters Programme, and her team to the meeting.

Ms. Ruth Hennessy presented an overview to members in relation to the next phase of work under the River Basin Management Plan for the coming year with specific reference to the River Sow Catchment. Members were advised that a Public Meeting is scheduled to take place in Ballymurn Hall on Wednesday, 21st November to give a preview on the Plan to the local community.

Noting that the River Sow is an important main source of water for Wexford Town, Ms. Hennessy confirmed that this assessment project is being carried out in collaboration with a number of other agencies and organisations including Wexford County Council, Irish Water, the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Teagasc.

Ms Hennessy advised that the Sow river catchment, with a number of different tributaries spanning an area from Castlebridge to Oylegate and The Ballagh, was selected as a first focus location as water quality was not good with higher than acceptable levels of nitrates, oxygen levels, nutrients levels, heavy metals, pesticides and persistent pollutants in the river had been identified .

Ms. Hennessy further advised that the Water Quality Monitoring Program, a multi agency collaborative effort, is funded up to December 2021 and that planned river assessments will take place from November to January 2019 with further monitoring up to 2021.

Questions raised by Members were addressed by Ms.Hennessy.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G. Lawlor thanked Ms. Hennessy, Ms. Ann Phelan and Mr. Stephen Davis from LAWPRO for the presentation.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald then joined the Meeting

ROSSLARE COASTAL EROSION AND FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

The attached report was presented by Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment, in relation to Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management. Mr. Forde outlined the findings of a study conducted by RPS Consulting Engineers on 14.4 km area between Rosslare Strand and Rosslare Harbour which highlighted the vulnerability of the Rosslare Strand area in the 100 km stretch of the Wexford coastline and which features 21 erosion zones. The report also identified serious implications for Irish Rail.

Mr. Forde outlined the recommendations and options put forward by RPS Consulting Engineers to address the problem. However these recommendations do not include works to protect the railway track as this was considered a matter for Irish Rail.

Questions raised by Members were then addressed by Mr. Forde.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. G. Lawlor, thanked Mr. Forde for the presentation.

Cllr. Tom Forde then joined the Meeting.

EXPANSION OF RAPID RESPONSE GROUP AND COUNCILLOR INTERACTION

Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment, outlined the structure of the new Rapid Response Unit to members and introduced team members present - Mr. Peter Byrne, Waste Disposal Supervisor, Mr Noel Byrne, General Services Facility Manager Holmestown, and Mr. Ian Plunkett, Planning/Environment - Executive Technician.

Mr. Forde advised that the new Rapid Response Unit is being funded, in part, by the €2 charge at recycling centres across the county and will target repeat rubbish dumping and offer a One Stop Shop – Customer Service response, dedicated to tackling the issue of illegal dumping.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr Moore that the €2.00 charge was penalising responsible waste disposers and not offenders, Mr. Forde welcomed Cllr. Moore suggestion of a loyalty card system and agreed to follow up on same.

Cllr. Walsh recommended a mattress amnesty day for the Wexford District.

Further questions raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Forde, Mr. Noel Byrne and Mr. Peter Byrne.

TAKING IN CHARGE – CROMWELLSFORT DRIVE MULGANNON

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

TAKING IN CHARGE – CROMWELLSFORT HEIGHTS MULGANNON

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

TAKING IN CHARGE – FERNHILL CLOSE KILLINICK

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Moore, seconded by Cllr. M. Roche.

REPORTS:

Housing

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing, and noted.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. G Lawlor in relation to an illegal encampment at Park, Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Acting Director of Service, confirmed that the Housing Department were taking the lead in addressing this issue and that the Planning Department will step in to bring about a solution if and when required. Cllr. L McDonald suggested that a special meeting be called to deal with the matter.

Mr. McCabe agreed to follow up with the Housing Technical team in relation to concerns highlighted by Cllr. Forde over the failure of the recently upgraded heating system in at least two houses in College View.

In relation to queries raised by Cllr. L McDonald regarding the Single Stage Approval Process at the October meeting, Mr. McCabe outlined the proposed increase of the financial threshold level for the single -stage approval process which will apply to the proposed scheme of 6 units at Ballyhine.

Planning.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr Diarmuid Houston, Acting Director of Service, and noted.

Cllr. J. Moore expressed concern over households having to move out of thatched roofed homes due to problems with leaks.

Mr. Houston outlined details of grants available towards the cost of renovating thatched roofs of owner occupied houses through the Thatching Grants Scheme administered by the DHPLG and the Built Heritage Programmes, administered by the DCHG.

Engineering:

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.

Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following:-

- Pedestrian crossing at roundabout at Courthouse Wexford - Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that lines incorrectly indicating a controlled crossing had been removed and that there are no plans to install a pedestrian crossing at this location.
- The status of the one way system from the Quays to Cornmarket.
Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that the traffic restrictions were introduced to facilitate work on the former PTSB building in The Bullring and that implications arising from the temporary one-way system will be considered as

part of the overall Traffic Management Plan review with a view to implementing changes and improvements.

- Cllr. G. Carthy expressed concern over the substandard work on the slipform kerbing at Ferrybank.
- Relocation of existing disabled parking spaces within Paul Quay Car Park to an area outside of the Car Park barriers.
- Damage to vehicles caused by manhole covers popping during heavy rain at Distillery Road - Mr. Kavanagh advised that Irish Water are aware of the issue.
- Lack of progress on the implementation of a one way traffic system or other possible solutions to address issues on Whiterock View and town traffic survey. Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that there are plans to go to public consultation.
- Cllr. Lawlor raised concerns over Virgin Media's failure to deliver a Broadband supply to certain estates in Wexford town, noting Parkview, Parkside, Stoneybatter and Farnogue Park as examples, despite assurances given by Virgin Media to Members in 2017. Cllr. Lawlor suggested that a letter issue to Virgin Media requesting that Virgin Media's fulfill their promise to supply a high speed internet to all estates in Wexford Town.

COMMUNITY.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

ENVIRONMENT.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

Concerns raised by members in relation to illegal camping and the large number of camping vans and the resulting risk of fire similar to the outbreak at Curracloe Beach in the summer were noted by Mr. Forde, Senior Engineer .

Mr. Forde agreed to come back to the Chamber in January, 2019 to outline proposals to reduce risks and possible solutions.

LIBRARIES /ARTS / ARCHIVES.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

FIRE SERVICE.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

The attached correspondence in relation to the Rosslare Europort, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MOTIONS

USE OF PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES AND SINGLE USE PLASTIC/PAPER CUPS

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. J. Moore, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"For Environmental reasons I call on this Council to follow through on the approach of Wexford County Council and to cease the provision of plastic water bottles and single use plastic or paper cups on its premises".

ERECTION OF PLAQUE TO FREDERICK DOUGLAS

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"I call on this Council to erect a plaque to commemorate the visit of the influential slave abolitionist Frederick Douglas to Wexford town in 1845".

PROVISION OF AGE FRIENDLY CAR PARKING SPACES

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. L. McDonald, and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That Wexford Borough Council assigns some age friendly car parking spaces in Wexford town for use by senior citizens".

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Dempsey.

Councillors:- G. Carthy, G. Lawlor, J. Moore, D. Hynes, M. Roche, T. Walsh, T. Forde.

Apologies from Cllr. F. Staples and Cllr. L. McDonald for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services.
- Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager.
- Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Laurence Lett, Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Mark Collins, Executive Engineer.
- Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment.
- Mr. James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner.
- Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer, Housing.
- Ms. Joan Murphy, Staff Officer.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th November, 2018 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. D. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Tony Walsh.

PROPOSED LEASE OF LANDS AT NEWTOWN LOWER, CROSSABEG TO KILLURIN ROWING CLUB

The attached report in relation to the proposed leasing of lands at Newtown Lower, Crossabeg to Killurin Rowing Club, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr. Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, Environment, and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. George Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Tony Walsh.

LEASE OF LANDS AT CASTLEBRIDGE TO CASTLEBRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

On the recommendation of Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Service, the attached report in relation to the leasing of lands at Castlebridge, Wexford to Castlebridge Community Development Co-Operative Society Limited, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. George Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Tony Walsh.

TAKING IN CHARGE – CASTLEMEADOWS, MURNTOWN

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. David Hynes, seconded by Cllr. George Lawlor.

TAKING IN CHARGE – STONE HAVEN, BELVEDERE ROAD

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Mick Roche, seconded by Cllr. Tom Forde.

Cllr. David Hynes requested an update for the next meeting in relation to the taking in charge of the Glenbrook Estate, Newtown Road, Wexford.

PROPOSED RELOCATION OF SAM MCCAULEYS HEAD OFFICE:

Cllr. George Lawlor raised the matter of Sam McCauley Chemists proposed relocation of its Head Office from Ardcavan to Dublin and criticised the treatment of staff and the 'untruths' that have been reported in the media in relation to the company's ability to hire suitably qualified staff in Wexford.

During lengthy discussion, all Members expressed dismay at the McCauley Pharmacy group's decision to relocate its support office from Ardcavan to Dublin.

EXAMINERSHIP:

Speaking on the recent announcement of the appointment of an Examiner to Real Bars Ltd., the Company behind the Centenary Stores and Riverbank House Hotel, Cllr. George Lawlor requested that His Worship the Mayor would write to Mr. Michael Tierney, the owner of the Riverbank House Hotel and the Centenary Stores, on behalf of the Members to express the support of all the Members of Wexford Borough District in his efforts to retain control of his Company following the recall of a legacy debt by a private equity fund.

Cllr. Lawlor stated that Mr. Michael Tierney, an excellent businessman and a major employer in Wexford Town, has shown ongoing dedication and loyalty to his employees and the people of Wexford and should remain an integral part of the businesses affected by this Examinership.

Following discussion, to which all Members contributed, the Mayor agreed to contact Mr. Tierney on behalf of the Council.

WITHDRAWAL OF IRISH FERRIES SAILINGS TO FRANCE:

Cllr. Ger Carthy requested that His Worship the Mayor contact Irish Ferries in relation to the proposed withdrawal of sailings of the Oscar Wilde ferry from Rosslare Harbour to France.

REPORTS:

Housing

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Ms. Michele Bridges-Carley, Senior Staff Officer, Housing, and noted.

Questions raised by Members in relation to housing maintenance and vacant properties were addressed by Ms. Bridges-Carley.

Planning

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by Mr James Lavin, Senior Executive Planner and noted. The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. Lavin.

- Position with regard to the proposed plans to extend and renovate Wexford Arts Centre.
Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services confirmed that the project, which falls under the Directorship of Mr. John Carley, Director of Services is moving ahead and that he would ask Mr Carley to provide an update for the next meeting .
- Cllr. G. Carthy queried if the Bell Tower in Our Lady's Island could be included in Wexford County Council's Protected Structures List.
Mr. Lavin confirmed that details of grants for Protected Structures is issued by the Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in January each year and that work on old churches is prioritized subject to funding.
- Cllr. D. Hynes raised concerns in relation to the state of repairs of Westgate Heritage Centre.
Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services acknowledged that the building is in need of a significant amount of work and confirmed that the tenancy of the building has been discontinued to allow a conditional survey to be carried out. He added that the building is ideally suited to a heritage/tourism/cultural space going forward.
- Cllr. M Roche sought an update on house near Bridgetown P.O.
Mr. Lavin agreed to revert to the January meeting with an update.
- In response to queries raised by Cllr. T. Forde in relation to the allocation of office space in Old County Hall when the Borough District Office relocates to The Bullring, Mr. Tony Larkin confirmed that existing tenants seeking additional accommodation space should be given first priority. Mr. Larkin said that the heating system had recently been upgraded from oil to gas and that consultants are carrying out a

condition survey of the whole complex following which the extent of works required will be prioritised.

Mr. Larkin further advised that the Old Gaol building does not meet modern day standards and will be redeveloped as a separate project.

- In response to a query raised by Cllr. T. Forde with regard to the inclusion of Kilmannon Castle on the Protected Structure List, Mr. Lavin confirmed that this is the next major project to be undertaken.
- Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services, updated Members in relation to the proposed new Link Road in Kilmore Quay which will bypass the village and significantly reduce the volume of large commercial vehicles passing through the village. Mr. Larkin advised that the necessary land has been acquired and detailed road design is being prepared following which the public consultation process can be commenced before going to construction.

In reply to Cllr. G. Carthy, Mr. Larkin also confirmed that a site adjacent to the new Link Road is being reserved to accommodate the construction of a new Coastguard Station by the Office of Public Works and that negotiations are proceeding between Wexford County Council and the OPW in this regard subject to the legalities in relation to the transfer of the site being finalised.

Engineering

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was then presented by Mr. Sean Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer.

Particular areas of concern raised by members included the following and were addressed by Mr. Kavanagh:

- Need for pedestrian crossings at new Loreto secondary school in Killeens.
- Need for pedestrian crossings at Liam Mellows Park near Lidl supermarket, and at William Street.
- Delay in concluding the public consultation process in relation to traffic issues at Whiterock View.
- Removal of road markings at the Corish Roundabout, Belvedere Road and Fr. Harry Sinnott Roundabout, Bishopswater.
- Delays with repairs to public lighting in Rosslare Harbour and Our Lady's Island.
- The ongoing problem of over-hanging trees on the road at McDonald's and in Killinick Village adjacent to Karoo restaurant.
- Traffic calming works carried out in Kilmore Village welcomed.
- Temporary closure of Kevin Barry Street for repair work on manhole covers and impact of same on traffic movements from The Faythe area.
- General Programme for replacing manhole covers throughout the town.
- Further request in relation to pruning of trees at Corry's Villas blocking public lights.

- Request for cleanup of waste ground at Grogan's Road which is a haven for vermin.
- Small area of ground in Pinewood estate which is not being maintained.
- Bottleneck at Supervalu Car Park and Key West area arising from the new one-way system at Common Quay Street/The Bullring which has impacted on the volume of traffic using Rowe Street as an alternative access to the Quays.
- In response to query raised by Cllr. Jim Moore in relation to the commitment given by Wexford Co. Council to carry out a survey on the performance of the restructured layout of the junction at Kyle Cross, Cllr. G. Carthy requested that an official from the Roads Department attend the next meeting of Wexford Borough District to update Members on same and to answer other queries relevant to the Roads Department.

COMMUNITY

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. Cllr. G. Lawlor expressed concern over the significant increase in admission prices to Johnstown Castle Gardens. He asked that the Mayor would write to the Irish Heritage Trust requesting that they review the recent decision to dramatically increase admission prices for visitors to Johnstown Castle.

ENVIRONMENT

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

LIBRARIES /ARTS / ARCHIVES

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted. Cllr. J. Moore queried if there is any policy or facility to digitise historic and community publications which would be of benefit to researchers etc. Ms. Angela Laffan, District Manager agreed to raise this issue with the Co Librarian.

FIRE SERVICE

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

MEMBERS SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was noted.

A.O.B.

Mayor and Members thanked Mr. Laurence Lett, Executive Engineer, for his work with the Borough District of Wexford over the past number of years and wished him well in his new position within the Housing Section of the Council.

In conclusion, His Worship the Mayor thanked the Director, the District Manager and staff for their work throughout the year and wished all staff, members and press reporters a Happy Christmas.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS _____.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.