

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday, 3rd July, 2017 – 3.00 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Hegarty, Cathaoirleach.

Councillors:

P. Breen;	M. Byrne;	G. Carthy;	K. Codd Nolan
T. Dempsey;	M. Farrell;	J. Fleming	D. Hynes;
R. Ireton;	W. Kavanagh;	A. Kelly;	L. McDonald;
J. Moore;	BA Murphy,	M. Murphy;	L. O'Brien;
O. O'Connell;	J. O'Rourke	F. Ó Súilleabháin;	M. Roche;
M. Sheehan;	J. Sullivan;	D. Wadding;	M. Whelan.

Officials:

Mr. T. Larkin, D/ Chief Executive;
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services;
Mr. D. Houston, Senior Planner;
Ms. D. Kearns, Senior Executive Planner;
Ms. P. Doyle, Executive Planner;
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary;

Apologies:

Councillors G. Lawlor, F. Staples, P. Kavanagh, J. Mythen, A. Donohoe, K. Doyle.

It was agreed at the outset to take item No. 2 Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 as extended.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that documents regarding the variation had been circulated to the Members and the proposed variation relates to the acquisition of 16 hectares of land located to the South of the Plan area directly north of St. Senan's Hospital. The purpose of the proposed variation is to change the land use zoning to allow for a Business Park which would facilitate office, light industry, manufacturing and incubator type units. This project is a key element of the Council's economic strategy.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor J. O'Rourke, the proposed variation was agreed by the Council.

Item No. 1 – Chief Executive's Report on the Pre-draft Consultations on the Review of the Wexford County Development Plan, 2013 – 2019 and the Preparation of a New Plan for the County:

The Chief Executive's report which had been circulated to the Members was then considered by the Council, under a number of headings as follows:

Wind Energy
Solar Energy
Education
Tourism
Economic Development/Retail/Settlement Strategy
Transport
Infrastructure
Environmental Management
Landscape/Heritage
Social & Community
Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane
Bridgetown
Other issues.

A wide ranging discussion took place regarding each of the Headings above to which all of the Members of the Council contributed.

The Deputy Chief Executive noted that the Chief Executive's recommended policies were part of the document circulated. The Chief Executive had considered the submissions and issues raised by following the public consultation and had made recommendations for policies arising from those submissions.

The Cathaoirleach thanks the Planning Department for the huge amount of work that had gone in developing the report which was put before the Council. He also thanked the Councillors for their input into this stage of the process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

County Secretary

Daingithe ar an la de , 2017.

Cathaoirleach