

MD/ZP

5ú Deireadh Fomhair, 2022

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 10th October, 2022 - 2.30 p.m.
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,



Micheál O Draoi
Rúnai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams

If you intend to attend remotely please let the County Secretary know by 1pm Friday 7th October, 2022 and the necessary TEAMS link will be forwarded to you.



County Council Meeting – 10th October, 2022 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 1.1 County Council Meeting 12th September, 2022
- 1.2 Corporate Policy Group / Budget Working Group 26th September, 2022

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

- 2.1 LAC2209 – Erection of 18 social housing units at Grahormack, Tagoat, Co. Wexford
- 2.2 LAC2208 - Proposed development to provide 22 no. social housing units at Creagh Demesne, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
- 2.3 LAC2207 - Installation of an all-weather playing pitch at Ross Road, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford
- 2.4 LAC2206 - Alterations to previously granted under Planning LAC2005 to include the following: Previously granted single storey gymnasium to be altered to include a partial second storey at Ferndale Park, Wexford Town

3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:

- 3.1 Intention to lease the former Bank of Ireland premises at St. Martin's Road, Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Village Development Team
- 3.2 Intention to transfer an area of land at the rear of 7 Hantoon Road, Wexford.

4. Approval in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)

- 4.1 Borrowing – Overdraft 2023

5. Local Property Tax 2023 – Local Adjustment Factor (LAF) Decision

6. Wexford County Council / WWETB Member nominee to the High Performance Building Alliance Board

7. Invitation to the London Wexford Association Wexford Towns Reunion Buffet Dance 22nd October, 2022 for approval.

8. Chief Executive's Report

9. Minutes of CPG

9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 3rd October, 2022

10. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 10.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 13th July, 2022
- 10.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 20th July, 2022
- 10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting– 18th July, 2022
- 10.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 27th July, 2022
- 10.5 Special Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 27th July, 2022
- 10.6 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting 19th July, 2022
- 10.7 Planning & Building Control SPC Meeting 1st June, 2022
- 10.8 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 19th May, 2022

11. Correspondence and Communications

- 11.1 Letter from Tipperary County Council re motion additional funding dated 16.09.2022
- 11.2 Letter from Joint Committee on Health dated 16.09.2022
- 11.3 Letter from Sligo County Council re motion windfall tax on energy companies dated 19.09.2022
- 11.4 Letter from Sligo County Council re motion disabled parking places dated 19.09.2022
- 11.5 Letter from Mayo County Council re motion Croí Cónaithe dated 16.09.2022
- 11.6 Letter from Limerick City & County Council re: motion global grain shortage dated 22.09.2022

12. Councillor's Conference Report

12.1 Councillor Conference Report

- Danville Delegation Report - September, 2022

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 Cllr. L. Kelly

“The Cycle to Work scheme is only applicable where the bicycle and safety equipment is provided by an employer to either a director or someone in its employment. Thus, where an employer-employee relationship does not exist, for example, in the case of self-employed individuals, students, retired individuals, job seekers or those in unpaid work, such individuals can't qualify for the scheme. We ask the Minister of Finance to amend the current Cycle to Work scheme or create a new scheme which will include the above excluded individual/groups”

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Finance for consideration.

13.2 Cllr. T. Forde

"This council asks that Minister Darragh O'Brien take stock of the current housing crisis in County Wexford and immediately declare the districts of the county a rent pressure zone."

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

13.3 Cllr. J. Sullivan

"This council namely Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage to extend the Defective Concrete Blocks Redress Scheme nationwide with immediate effect to automatically include all Counties in Ireland as the 10% levy on concrete blocks, pouring concrete and other concrete products will apply nationwide and furthermore to include redress for houses whether complete or under the course of construction for concrete affected by Mica, Pyrite, Pyrrhotite, Alkali Silica Reaction or any other inappropriate aggregates or materials."

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

13.4 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"We ask that Wexford County Council explore purchasing properties for sale that are currently occupied with HAP tenancies."

Response of the Executive:

The Council's homeless unit reviews household circumstances when any homeless presentation is made. In situations where the property is being placed for sale on the open market, the Council can seek approval from the Department to purchase the property where the housing needs of the household can be adequately met, the property is in good condition and the price is within purchase bands.

13.5 Cllr. D. Hynes

“This council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address the issue that has arising in many instances since the ‘Vision for Change’ 2006 was enacted, where people suffering from addiction are not admitted into psychiatric care and this has led to tragedy on a number of occasions .”

For Information:

A Vision For Change is a Department of Health policy which detailed a model of mental health service provision for Ireland.

Response of the Executive

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration.

13.6 Cllr. T. Forde

"We ask that Wexford County Council implement a 60 day homeless prevention plan for all those at risk of losing their homes or tenancies and also ask that Minister Darragh O'Brien provide any necessary resources to assist with the implementation of such a plan."

Response of the Executive:

The South East Regional Strategic Management Group has adopted a Regional Homeless Prevention & Support Project (RHPSP) which is being operated in all 5 LA's in the region. The RHPSP prioritises homeless preventions by way of applying early interventions, mediation and prevention measures to those seeking homeless services/emergency accommodation. To ensure consistency in how the service is being provided across the region, the following steps are used by all staff that carry out homeless assessments and provide homeless supports.

Conduct a homeless assessment and identify client's immediate needs – “At Risk” following issue of NTQ - Provide support/advice to client re: validity of the notice and ensuring current social housing application information is up to date. Clients that are “At risk” of homelessness do not have an immediate need for alternative accommodation and all relevant supports are offered to them i.e. early intervention, mediation with other relevant third parties e.g. family, landlords other agencies.

Clients who present who are not social housing applicants receive immediate support with completing a social housing application. These applications are processed by the HSSU/Placefinder and are prioritised over all other social housing applications.

Clients will always be encouraged to try and source alternative private rented accommodation and are issued with up to date HAP forms. This does not mean that the HSSU are not also working to find a solution to meet the applicant's needs. The HSSU, utilise social housing allocations, Housing First tenancies, licenced properties and main stream HAP tenancies to provide social housing supports.

13.7 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"This council asks that Minister Darragh O'Brien reintroduce a temporary ban on evictions in the private market to protect vulnerable renters who abide by their tenancy agreements and to ensure they keep a roof over their head and to review this policy on a yearly basis."

Response of the Executive

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

13.8 Cllr. D. Hynes

"I ask the minister for local government to bring in. Legislation to rectify the situation where a whole section of society is excluded from running in council elections due to the fact that working class people who work in Factories, shops etc are unable to run for this council because employers won't allow. Employees the time off to. Attend. Meetings etc , "

Response of the Executive

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration.

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14. Any Other Business