

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held Monday 11 October 2021 at 2.30pm**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. B. A. Murphy Cathaoirleach.

Councillors:

BARDEN	PAT	DONOHUE	ANTHONY	MCDONALD	LISA
BELL	MAURA	FARRELL	MARY	MOORE	JIM
BOLGER	ANDREW	FLEMING	JOHN		
		FORDE	TOM	O'ROURKE	JOHN
BROWNE	AIDAN	HEGARTY	JOHN	O'SUILLEABHAIN	FIONNTAIN
BYRNE	CATHAL	HYNES	DAVID		
CARTHY	GER	KAVANAGH	WILLIE	SHEEHAN	MICHAEL
CODD	JIM	KELLY	LEONARD		
CODD-NOLAN	KATHLEEN	KENNY	DONAL	SULLIVAN	JOE
CONNCIK	ANTHONY	LAFFAN	GARY	WALSH	OLIVER
		LAWLOR	GEORGE	WHELAN	MICHAEL

Officials:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive
 Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services
 Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services
 Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance
 Ms. C. Godkin, A/Director of Services
 Ms. A. Byrne, A/Director of Services
 Mr. D. Minogue, County Secretary

Oireachtas: Ms. V. Murphy, T.D.

Apologies: Cllrs: P. Breen, D. Devereux, B. Murphy, J. Owens, F. Staples.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Council expressed sympathy to the families of the following recently deceased:

- The family of Mr. Richard (Cruise) O'Brien, husband of Margaret O'Brien, Planning Department
- The family of Mr. James V Whelan, father of James Whelan, Water Services
- The family of Mrs. Helen Wickham, mother of Jimmy Wickham, Community Warden
- The family of Ms. Tish Codd, Rathfardon Clonroche
- The family of Mick Delahunty, Killegney Clonroche

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Special Planning Meeting – 6th September, 2021 – 2.30 pm

Proposed by Cllr. J. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. M. Bell and agreed by all

Cllr. J. Hegarty asked that the Minutes be amended to reflect that he proposed Motion 2.14

1.2 Special Planning Meeting – 6th September, 2021 – 5.15 pm

Proposed by Cllr. G. Laffan, seconded by Cllr. G. Lawlor.

Mr. T. Larkin DoS sought clarification of the resolution adopted by the Members in respect of 2.11 (Hegarty) 2.17 (Bolger) and 3.2 (Barden).

It was agreed that the following resolution appropriately reflected the decision of the Members and that the Minutes be amended accordingly:

Provision for Lower Densities in limited cases:

To facilitate a choice of housing types within areas, limited provision may be made for lower density schemes of a minimum of 20 units per hectare, provided that within a neighbourhood or district as a whole average, densities achieve the densities mentioned above.

1.3 County Council Meeting – 13th September, 2021

Proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. W. Kavanagh and agreed by all

**2. Approval in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended):
Borrowing – Overdraft 2022**

The Members considered the Report of the Head of Finance, and in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd Nolan, unanimously approved borrowing by way of temporary overdraft of €20 Million to 31 December 2022.

**3. Appointments to the Local Community Development Committee in accordance with Section 128 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)
- Replacement of persons representing public authorities (Health Service Executive and Department of Social Protection)**

The Members noted the Report of Ms. Carolyne Godkin, A/DoS which recommended the Members approval to the appointment of Ms. Derval Howley (representing the HSE) and Mr. Brendan Lawton (representing the Dept. of Social Protection) to the Local Community Development Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. M. Bell and agreed by all the Council approved the nominations as recommended

4. CCTV – Approval of Wexford County Council in accordance with Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 in respect of the following Community CCTV schemes:

- **Bunclody – following transfer of ownership of existing community CCTV scheme to Wexford County Council**
- **Wexford – additional cameras**

The Cathaoirleach declared a beneficial interest in this agenda item in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and temporarily withdrew from the meeting at this point and took no part in the subsequent discussion.

Cllr. A. Connick, Leas Cathaoirleach, took the Chair.

It was agreed to defer consideration of CCTV proposals in respect of Bunclody to allow these proposals to be brought before the Members of the Enniscorthy Municipal District for further consideration.

The Members noted the Report of the County Secretary in respect of Wexford Community CCTV Scheme. On the proposal of Cllr. M. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Members approved the proposal to expand Wexford Community CCTV Scheme and approved the making of the associated application to An Garda Síochána for approval in accordance with Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Following the conclusion of the discussion on this agenda item, the Cathaoirleach returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

5. Chief Executive's Report

The Deputy Chief Executive and Members of the Management Team responded to a range of queries from the elected members, including the following:

- South East Technological University – securing of site
- IW connections to new housing estates - delays
- Outdoor Dining Scheme – possibility of extending into 2022
- Wexford to Rosslare Greenway - timelines
- Vacant Homes Initiative – staff resources
- Rosslare Port – Planned developments
- Choice-based letting – when to be introduced
- Traveller accommodation – update re facilities at Park, Wexford
- Energy retrofitting of local authority houses
- Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Road Scheme
- Members Portal
- Enniscorthy Sports Hub – need to progress Pavilion
- R730 – gritting requirement
- St Waleran's Gorey – progression of Part 8
- Wastewater capacity at Adamstown village
- Water Contamination incident in Gorey:

Mr. Eamonn Hore provided a detailed report on this incident to the Council which outlined the nature of the incident, including dates, contamination details, status of the Council's investigation into the matter, contact with Irish Water and EPA etc.

- Electricity outages in Rathangan area
- Alleged noise nuisance in Kilrane
- Streetscape Enhancement Scheme – possibility to extend deadline for works completion

The Council having sat for 1hr 55 minutes, and in view of Covid Standard Operating Guidance which recommends meetings of the local authority are limited to 1hr and 55 minutes, the Cathaoirleach declared her intention to close the meeting and to defer remaining agenda items to the next meeting of the Council

6. Any Other Business

Cllr. W. Kavanagh drew the attention of the Members to an article published on the website of South East Radio. Cllr. Kavanagh questioned the appropriateness of the publication by South East Radio, as it appeared to favour one local politician above any other.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Council would refer the matter to the Broadcasting Association of Ireland for consideration, and to revisit the matter on receipt of a response.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Daingithe ar an **lá de Samhain, 2021.**

Cllr Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cathaoirleach

David Minogue,
County Secretary