

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council**

This hybrid meeting held in the Council Chamber with some attendance via Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Barden	Pat	Donohoe	Anthony	McDonald	Lisa
Bell	Maura	Farrell	Mary	Moore	Jim
Bolger	Andrew	Fleming	John	Murphy	Brídín
Breen	Pip	Forde	Tom	O'Rourke	John
Browne	Aidan	Hegarty	John	O'Súilleabháin	Fionntáin
Byrne	Cathal	Hynes	David	Owens	Jackser
Carthy	Ger	Kavanagh	Willie	Sheehan	Michael
Codd	Jim	Kelly	Leonard	Staples	Frank
Codd-Nolan	Kathleen	Kenny	Donal	Sullivan	Joe
Connick	Anthony	Laffan	Garry	Walsh	Oliver
Devereux	Diarmuid	Lawlor	George	Whelan	Michael

Officials:

- Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Service
- Mr. E. Hore, Director of Service
- Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance (Online)
- Ms. C. Godkin, Director of Service
- Ms. L. Hore, Director of Service
- Mr. D. Minogue, County Secretary
- Ms. C. Kavanagh, Head of Information Systems
- Ms. E Kennedy, Staff Officer

Invited Guests:

- Sean Dobbs, Project Manager, Tramore House Regional Design Office
- Joe Shinkwin, Commission Manager, Mott MacDonald Ireland
- Bairbre Moynihan, Project Team Leader, Mott MacDonald Ireland
- Bratislav Dimitrijevic, Deputy Project Manager, Tramore House Regional Design Office

Apologies;

- Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive

It was noted that this is the first fully hybrid meeting of Wexford County Council. The Cathaoirleach then invited Ms. C. Kavanagh, Head of Information Systems, to provide a short demonstration to the Elected Members on the functionality of the new meetings administration system.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 Special County Council Meeting 05.01.2022

On the Proposal of Cllr. P. Breen, seconded by Cllr. M. Sheehan, the Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting of 05.01.2022 were adopted by the Council

1.2 County Council Meeting 10.01.2022

On the Proposal of Cllr. G. Carthy, seconded by Cllr. K. Codd-Nolan, the Minutes of the County Council Meeting of 10.01.2022 were adopted by the Council.

1.3 Special County Council Meeting 14.01.2022

On the Proposal of Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Forde, the Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting of 14.01.2022 were adopted by the Council.

Matters Arising[EK1]:

Cllr. Forde requested that the Executive investigate correspondence from a Member of the Oireachtas sent in advance of the meeting of 14.01.2022 attempting to influence a decision of the councillor to be taken at that meeting.

Cllr Sheehan requested the firm who provided the legal advice to the member of the Oireachtas also be identified. The County Secretary advised that he would investigate these matters.

Cllr. Forde requested a copy of the sketch / design of the inner relief road. Mr. Hore advised that he would make these designs available to the Members.

Cllr. Forde asked when Choice Based Letting will be available in Wexford. Ms. Godkin advised that this will be available from April 2022.

2. Presentation - Update on N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Scheme

Mr S Dobbs and Mr J Shinkwin presented a detailed update on the N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Road Scheme and responded to the Member's questions.

3. Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan and Local Authority Home Loan Borrowing Requirement

Having considered the report of the Head of Finance as circulated, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. P. Barden, the Council resolved to approve the borrowing of €8,210,000 to fund the 2022 allocation and to the borrowing of €1,642,000 towards the 2023 allocation as outlined in the Report.

4. Housing for All Delivery Action Plan - Summary Report

Ms. C. Godkin, Director of Services, summarised the Report as circulated and previously presented at Municipal District meetings. There followed a detailed discussion of the matter. Ms. Godkin responded to the Members' questions.

Cllr. Forde asked that the Minister for Housing be reminded of the Council's invitation to the Minister to attend a Wexford County Council meeting.

5. Foreign Travel March 2022

The County Secretary presented a proposal of suggested delegates to travel abroad in March 2022..

Two delegations are currently proposed:

- Savannah, Georgia, USA.

The current Cathaoirleach and Mayor to attend in addition to the two previous Cathaoirligh and Mayors, with up to two officials.

- New York, USA.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach of the day in addition to the two previous Leas-Cathaoirligh plus 1 Official.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was proposed that the proposed delegations proceed as set out above.

Cllr Forde proposed an amendment, namely a reduction (from 6 to 2) in the number of Councillors travelling to Savannah.

The Cathaoirleach requested the suspension of Standing Orders as the meeting had run over time. This was proposed by Cllr. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. McDonald and agreed

There followed a roll call vote on the amendment above with the results of that vote as follows:

Motion: To reduce the number of delegates proposed to travel in March 2022.

Barden	Pat	A	Donohoe	Anthony	A	McDonald	Lisa	A
Bell	Maura	A	Farrell	Mary	A	Moore	Jim	A
						Murphy	BA	A
Bolger	Andrew	A	Fleming	John	A	Murphy	Brídín	A
Breen	Pip	A	Forde	Tom	F	O'Rourke	John	AS
Browne	Aidan	A	Hegarty	John	A	O'Suilleabháin	Fionntáin	F
Byrne	Cathal	F	Hynes	David	F	Owens	Jackser	AS
Carthy	Ger	A	Kavanagh	Willie	A	Sheehan	Michael	A
Codd	Jim	F	Kelly	Leonard	AB	Staples	Frank	A
Codd-Nolan	Kathleen	A	Kenny	Donal	A	Sullivan	Joe	A
Connick	Anthony	A	Laffan	Garry	A	Walsh	Oliver	A
Devereux	Diarmuid	A	Lawlor	George	A	Whelan	Michael	A
F= For; A= Against; AB = Abstain, AS = Absent								

The motion was deemed defeated with 5 votes in favour, 26 votes against, and 1 abstention. The original proposal was declared carried.

The County Secretary advised of a possible invitation to the Rosslare Municipal District to send a delegation to Dunkerque as part of the St Patrick's Day festivities there. This proposed delegation to comprise the Cathaoirleach of the Rosslare District and one official.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy and seconded by Cllr Sheehan, the Members approved the representation of the Rosslare District at Dunkerque as above.

6. Appointment to L.C.D.C. - Replacement of Dept. of Social Protection & WWETB Reps:

On the proposal of Cllr. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr Connick, the following persons were appointed to the LCDC:

- Ms. Patricia Delaney - to represent the Dept. Social Protection
- Mr Michael O'Brien - to represent the WWETB.

7. Appointment to L.C.D.C. - Replacement of Social Inclusion/ Environment/ Community Voluntary Reps

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Kelly, seconded by Cllr M. Farrell, the following persons were appointed to the LCDC:

Social Inclusion Pillar
Environment Pillar
Community and Voluntary Pillar

Jonathan King
Karin Dubsy
John Carr, Aislinn Dunne, Brian Toomey

8. Filling of vacancy on the South East Health Forum

On the proposal of Cllr Hegarty and seconded by Cllr A. Donoghue, the Council resolved to appoint Cllr. C. Byrne to the South-East Health Forum, following the resignation of Cllr. Staples from the Forum.

9. Votes of Sympathy.

The Cathaoirleach offered the sympathy of the Council to the families of the following recently deceased.

- Mr. Laurence (Lar) Brown, Brother of Mary Moran, Water Charges.
- Mrs Bridget (Biddy) Power (nee Phelan) Mother of Georgina Fleming, Environment Section
- Mr. Frank Burke, Father of Frank Burke, IT Department.
- Mrs Emma Bell (nee Nolan), Mother of Cllr. Maura Bell and Clair Bell (former employee)
- Mrs. Breda Murphy, mother of Verona Murphy T.D.
- Mr. Seamus Barron, Rathnure, Former Wexford GAA player

10 AOB

Cllr Sheehan asked if Wexford County Council will make a bid to purchase the Augustinian building in New Ross. Mr. Larkin advised that the Council is committed to other property purchases in New Ross and has no plans to purchase this premises.

Cllr Bell advised the Members that they will shortly receive an invitation to the celebration of International Women's Day in Johnstown Castle on Tuesday 8th March and to the official launch of the Women's Coalition in the Riverside Park Hotel on 9th March.

Cllr. O'Súilleabháin recommended that each Member consider allocating €100.00 from the Amenity Grant Fund to the London-Wexford Association.

The hour being past 6pm, the Cathaoirleach thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed, with the remaining Agenda items deferred to the March meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Daingithe ar an

lá de Márta, 2022.

Cllr Barbara-Anne Murphy

Cathaoirleach

David Minogue,

County Secretary