

## WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the May Meeting of Wexford County Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 2.30pm.  
This hybrid meeting was held in the Council Chamber with some attendance via Microsoft Teams.**

### Attendance

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

### Councillors

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

### Officials:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive  
Mr. E. Hore, Director of Service  
Ms. L. Hore, Director of Service  
Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance  
Mr. B Galvin, A/Director of Services  
Mr. G Forde, A/ Director of Service  
Mr. G. Mackey, SEO Community  
Mr. D. Minogue, County Secretary  
Ms. A. McLoughlin, Administrative Officer  
Ms. A Marie Laffan, Community Section  
Ms. Y Byrne, Rural Development Consultant

### Apologies:

Cllr J Owens  
Cllr B Murphy  
Cllr J O'Rourke  
Cllr M Sheehan

The Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Hungarian Ambassador's wife had been in attendance at the County Hall to celebrate Europe Day, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 which was a particular important celebration this year, a difficult time for peace in Europe.

The Cathaoirleach also acknowledged the designation of the SETU on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 which was a significant achievement for the people of the South East. Cllr Jim Moore former Chair of WIT Governing Board thanked the Cathaoirleach, Mayor and Chief Executive for their support in getting to this momentous point. He also acknowledged the support of the other Chief Executives in the region.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

### **1.1 County Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

On the Proposal of Cllr O Walsh seconded by Cllr G Carthy the Minutes of the County Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were adopted by the Council.

### **1.2 Matters Arising**

Cllr G Carthy asked for the timelines and the funding stream for the Rosslare Harbour to Drinagh Cycle Lane. The Chief Executive agreed that these issues would be dealt with in a letter to the Rosslare Municipal District members.

Cllr Forde noted that he had not received a response to a request he had made at the last two meetings for a report on the properties bought under the Buy and Renew Scheme that were subject to a recent RTE Investigates Programme. Both the Cathaoirleach and the Chief Executive apologised for the delay in the response. Mr. G Forde, A/ DOS confirmed that a response would issue to Cllr Forde on this matter before the end of the week.

## **2. Chief Executives Report on the Extension of Duration of the Gorey Local Area Plan**

Having considered the Chief Executives Report on the extension of duration of the Gorey Local Area Plan as circulated and on the proposal of Cllr. P Breen seconded by Cllr J Sullivan the Council unanimously resolved that in accordance with Section 19(1)(d) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), that Wexford County Council, defer the sending of a notice under Section 20(3)(a)(i) and the publishing a notice under Section 20(3)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for a further period of up to three years.

## **3. Update on County Development Plan**

On the proposal of Cllr G Carthy, seconded by Cllr P Breen it was agreed by the members to hold a special meeting of the County Council on the Proposed Material Alterations of the County Development Plan on the 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 am.

## **4. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**

### **4.1 Proposed intention to Dispose of Property at Ballymore, Camolin (Statutory Notice Served 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022)**

Having considered the statutory S.183 Notice in respect of the proposed disposal of property at

Ballymore, Camolin as circulated and on the proposal of Cllr. A Donohue, seconded by Cllr. J Fleming the Council unanimously resolved that disposal of property proceed in accordance with the terms of the Notice.

## **5. Draft Age Friendly Strategy**

The Draft Age Friendly Strategy was presented to the members by Mr. G Mackey, A/ SEO Community Development for approval, he advised the members that it was a living document and changes would be made to it over its lifetime.

Mr. Mackey responded to a number of queries on this strategy and extended his thanks in particular to Ms. A M Laffan and Dr. Y. Byrne, Rural Development Consultant for their assistance in preparing the strategy. A number of members congratulated Mr. Mackey and his team on the strategy. On the proposal of Cllr D Hynes, seconded by Cllr G Lawlor it was unanimously agreed that Wexford County Council adopt this strategy.

## **6. Audit Committee Charter**

Having considered the Audit Committee Charter which is a requirement under Section 8 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014 and on the proposal of Cllr. K Codd- Nolan, seconded by Cllr. O Walsh the Council adopted the Charter as circulated.

## **7. Invitation to Lugo 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May**

The County Secretary advised the meeting that an invitation had been extended to the Mayor and two representatives from Wexford Borough District from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for the opening of the Rossini Theatre in Lugo, Italy.

On the proposal of Cllr F O'Suilleabhain and seconded by Cllr D Hynes it was members agreed that the Mayor Cllr. G Laffan and Cllr's L Kelly and M Bell would accept this invitation and travel to Lugo on behalf of the Borough District.

## **8. County Heritage Forum Elected Member Nominees**

Ms. E Hore, DoS advised the meeting that she was seeking 3 nominees from the council to sit on the County Heritage Forum which would report to the SPC's. On the proposal of Cllr J Moore, seconded by Cllr F O Súilleabháin it was agreed to have a rep from the 2 relevant SPCs and a general rep from the full council nominated to this Forum. Ms. L Hore agreed to write out to the members to seek nominations in line with the proposal.

## **9. Vacancy – Rural Water Monitoring Committee**

Cllr M Farrell advised the meeting that she was resigning from this group due to other commitments. On the proposal of Cllr O Walsh and seconded by Cllr C. Byrne it was agreed that Cllr F. Staples would fill this vacancy.

## **10. Social Media Charter**

The County Secretary advised the meeting that the Social Media Charter had been developed and brought from the Protocol Committee. The Cathaoirleach advised the meeting that the

proposal was that each member to sign off on the charter individually. A long discussion took place on a number of elements in this charter which was circulated by the County Secretary.

It was agreed that when the Online Media Safety and Media Regulation Bill is enacted which is the proposed legislation to tackle online and social media abuse, harassment and bullying that this charter would be revisited in the context of centralised guidance.

### **11. Proposed Date for the Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council**

On the proposal of Cllr G Carthy, seconded by Cllr G Laffan the members agreed that the Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council would take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm.

### **12. Chief Executives Report**

The Chief Executive and members of the Management team responded to queries of the Members on the following matters:

- TII – Review of Projects – Rosslare Port and Oylegate Projects
- Water Infrastructure Investment Update
- Housing National Retrofit Scheme
- Beach Wheelchair Access outside of summer hours
- Affordable Housing proposals – Wexford County Council not included
- Pyrite / Mica Houses affected in County Wexford
- Low level of Housing Allocations in Gorey Area
- Allocations at Airhill, Belvedere
- Motion passed – Rainbow Roads Crossing – Progress
- Invitation to Housing Minister opening of new Housing Schemes
- Bayview Site Courtyard
- Signs at Scarawalsh speed limit are very small
- Funding for N80 at Tomahurra – Does it include Fencing and Sink Hole repairs
- Public Lighting Ferns Village to GAA Pitch
- Further Public consultation for Town Centre Enniscorthy
- Signage Vinegar Hill
- Planning Application Status – Murphy Floods Site
- Grants for the Removal of Asbestos in Roof
- Bridge Repairs Little Cullenstown
- AHB Allocation of Social Houses
- Ramsfort Affordable Housing Site
- Lot 4 South East Greenway progress
- Expression of Interest Town and Village – Irish Water Issues
- Invitation to head of ESB to a Council Meeting to discuss issues with delays in connecting new houses
- Wexford Town Transport Strategy – Status
- Active Travel Team- status
- Tourism Office Proposed opening June 2022
- Trinity Wharf – Current position
- Facility for Lorry's that stop in Oylegate on way to Rosslare.
- Planning Enforcement progress
- Irish Water Asset Delivery – Campile / Adamstown
- Piers and Harbours

- Homeless figures
- House at Mullinour
- Vacant Position Planner in Rosslare MD
- Flooding Growtown Update from OPW
- Pre- Planning Meeting Delays

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr J Codd and seconded by Cllr J Moore at this point in the meeting that standing orders would be suspended for 10 minutes in order to complete the discussion on the above items.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**Daingithe ar an**

**lá de Meitheamh, 2022.**

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***Cllr Barbara-Anne Murphy***  
***Cathaoirleach***

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***David Minogue,***  
***County Secretary***