## **WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

# Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council Held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the Council Chamber at 2.30pm (with some remote attendance)

## **Attendance:**

In the Chair: Cllr. Ger Carthy, Leas Cathaoirleach.

## **Councillors:**

Barden	Pat	Forde	Tom	O'Brien	Aoife Rose
Barron	Vicky	Kavanagh	Paddy	O'Rourke	John (online)
Boland	Nicky	Kehoe	Pat	Owens	Jackser
Breen	Pip (online)	Kelly	Leonard	Shannon	Raymond (online)
Browne	Aidan (online)	Kenny	Donal	Sheehan	Michael
Codd	Jim	Laffan	Garry	Staples	Frank
Donohoe	Anthony	McDonald	Darragh	Staples	Robbie
Doyle	Craig	McDonald	Lisa	Sullivan	Joe
Dwyer	John (online)	Murphy	Barbara- Anne	Walsh	Catherine
Farrell	Mary	Murphy	Bridín	Walsh	Oliver
Fleming	John	Murphy	Marty		

### Officials:

Ms. A. Byrne, A/Director of Services

Mr. M. Drea, County Secretary

Ms. C. Godkin, Director of Services

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services

Ms. L. Hore, Director of Services

Mr. S. Howell, A/Director of Services

Ms. L. Lacey, Director of Finance

Mr. E. Taaffe, Chief Executive

**Apologies**: There were no apologies recorded.

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Carthy welcomed the media, staff, and Councillors online. Cllr. Carthy welcomed the students and staff of St. Aidan's National School who were present in the Chamber. Cllr. B.A. Murphy welcomed the seven students from St. Aidan's National School who were elected in their school using proportional representation.

## Votes of sympathy:

The Leas Cathaoirleach offered the sympathy of the Council to:

- The family of Clem Daly, former employee.
- The family of Patrick Nacey, former employee.
- The family of Eileen O'Sullivan, (née Gibbons) mother of Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin, TD.
- The family of Michael Daly, former employee (Housing Drawing Office) and uncle of Michael Lonergan, Motor Tax Dept.
- The family of Sean Walsh, Horndon-on-the- Hill, Essex and formerly, Enniscorthy, Wexford.
- The family of Marguerite Bierney (née Roche), Beechwood, Assagart, Foulksmills, Wexford.

## **Congratulations:**

Cllr.'s M. Sheehan and P. Barden congratulated Aidan O'Brien on his recent retirement from Good Counsel College.

Cllr.'s M. Sheehan and J. Fleming congratulated Nicky Haberlin who was named as the national recipient of the Volunteers in Sport Award for County Wexford.

Cllr. M. Sheehan congratulated Cumas Integrate Dance Group for their success in the Aontas star awards.

Cllr. M. Sheehan congratulated all Wexford restaurants who were successful at the recent Restaurant Association of Ireland awards.

Cllr.'s J. Fleming and P. Barden congratulated the Wexford footballers on their promotion to Division 3 of the Allianz League.

Cllr. J. Codd congratulated Conor and Nathan Doyle on winning the U17 doubles All Ireland handball championship.

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 County Council Meeting 10th February, 2025

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. J. Sullivan the Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the County Council Meeting on 10th February, 2025.

Matters Arising:

Cllr. T. Forde sought a commitment that more senior officials will attend Municipal District meetings.

Cllr. T. Forde requested that information be provided to all Councillors outlining the process involved in relation to the provision of IPAS centres and Wexford County Council's involvement in the process.

Cllr. J. Owens requested that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage be invited to a meeting of Wexford County Council.

Cllr. M. Sheehan requested that the CEO of the HSE Bernard Gloster and David McRedmond, CEO of An Post be invited to a meeting of Wexford County Council. Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Carthy asked that Cllr. Sheehan keep the members of the Regional Health Forum briefed in relation to any issues he has with the HSE as they are best placed to raise these concerns at the Regional Health Forum.

Cllr. L. Kelly enquired if Wexford County Council has reached out to ESB Networks in relation to a vulnerability assessment of the network. Cllr. J. Codd raised concerns in relation to the ESB network in Bannow and the number of outages.

## 2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:

2.1 Intention to lease property at Caislean an Dinigh, Carrig on Bannow, Co. Wexford On the proposal of Cllr. J. Codd, seconded by Cllr. A.R. O'Brien the Council resolved to lease property at Caislean an Dinigh, Carrig on Bannow, Co. Wexford, in accordance with the terms set out in the S.183 Notice as circulated.

## 3. Wexford County Council Climate Action Plan (2024 – 2029) – Implementation Report 2024

Mr. E. Hore outlined that this is the first progress report on the Wexford County Council Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The plan was adopted by the elected members in February 2024 and published in March 2024. This progress report reflects the plan implementation period from February 2024 to December 2024. The Members noted the Wexford County Council Climate Action Plan (2024 – 2029) – Implementation Report 2024

Mr. E. Hore responded to a wide range of queries from the Elected Members regarding the following:

- Wexford County Council's reliance on OPW funding for coastal erosion works and if there is a commitment to provide the funding?
- The need to adapt to projected increases in rainfall of 9% in the east of the country.
- Some examples of the thirty-seven measures not yet implemented.
- Dissatisfaction expressed at a cut in storm related damage funding for roads.
- View expressed that Ireland should not pay any fines in relation to not reaching our climate targets.
- Request that the flood relief scheme for Enniscorthy be progressed.

## 4. Nomination to County Heritage Forum

Ms. L. Hore informed the Councillors that a new County Heritage Forum is to be established in line with national Heritage Council policy. Ms. Hore advised that she is seeking one nomination from the Planning and Building Control SPC Councillor membership and two further nominations from the full Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh the Council resolved to appoint Cllr. J. Fleming as the Planning and Building Control SPC representative on the County Heritage Forum.

The following Councillors were nominated for the remaining two appointments:

- Cllr. J. Sullivan on the proposal of Cllr. J. Fleming, seconded by Cllr. G. Laffan.
- Cllr. L. Kelly on the proposal of Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. J. Owens.
- Cllr. P. Kehoe on the proposal of Cllr. O. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe.
- Cllr. J. Dwyer on the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. J. Codd.

On a show of hands, Cllr. J. Sullivan and Cllr. P. Kehoe were appointed to the County Heritage Forum.

## 5. Invitation to London Wexford Association 71st Annual Dinner Dance on 12th April, 2025

Mr. M. Drea circulated an invitation for the chairs of the Municipal Districts and the Cathaoirleach to attend the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Dance of the London Wexford Association on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. J. Owens, the Council resolved to approve a delegation to travel to the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Dance of the London Wexford Association.

## 6. Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders

Mr. M. Drea circulated a memo outlining proposed changes to Standing Order No.'s 29, 55, 56, 61, and 83.

Cllr.'s A.R. O'Brien, T. Forde, and J. Codd expressed their opposition to the amendment of Standing Order no. 29 which proposed to reduce the amount of time any Councillor can speak on an agenda item to three minutes. Cllr.'s B.A. Murphy, M. Farrell, and M. Sheehan expressed their support for the amendment.

Cllr. P. Kavanagh felt the proposed amendment to Standing Order no. 83 dealing with a non-party casual vacancy was excessive and custom and practice can be relied upon. Cllr.'s J. Owens, B.A. Murphy, and M. Sheehan spoke in favour of the proposed amendment.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Donohoe, seconded by Cllr. O. Walsh, and after a show of hands, the Council resolved to adopt the proposed changes to Standing Order No.'s 29, 55, 56, 61, and 83, as circulated. The approved wording of Standing Order No.'s 29, 55, 56, 61, and 83 is as follows:

**29**. Except with the permission of the Chair no member shall address the Council for more than 3 minutes. A member may speak once upon any item on the Agenda or on any motion except a motion which is to be put without debate. The proposer of a motion has

the right to reply whilst the motion remains before the Chair and when the proposer replies the debate on the motion is closed.

**55.** The Strategic Policy Committees of the Council shall be:

• SPC 1: Economic Development & Enterprise

• SPC 2: Transportation & Water Services

• SPC 3: Housing

• SPC 4: Community & Rural Affairs

• SPC 5: Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity

• SPC 6: Planning & Building Control

**56.** The Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) shall consist of 17 members, 9 of whom shall be members of the Council, and 8 to be nominated by sectoral, community and other interest groups throughout the County of Wexford, such sectoral, community and other interest groups having first been selected by the Council in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

6 members shall constitute a quorum.

The Transportation and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) shall consist of 13 members, 7 of whom shall be members of the Council, and 6 to be nominated by sectoral, community and other interest groups throughout the County of Wexford, such sectoral, community and other interest groups having first been selected by the Council in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

5 members shall constitute a quorum.

The Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) shall consist of 13 members, 8 of whom shall be members of the Council, and 5 to be nominated by sectoral, community and other interest groups throughout the County of Wexford, such sectoral, community and other interest groups having first been selected by the Council in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

5 members shall constitute a quorum.

The Community & Rural Affairs Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) shall consist of 11 members, 6 of whom shall be members of the Council, and 5 to be nominated by sectoral, community and other interest groups throughout the County of Wexford, such sectoral, community and other interest groups having first been selected by the Council in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

4 members shall constitute a quorum.

The Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) shall consist of 17 members, 9 of whom shall be members of the Council, and 8 to be nominated by sectoral, community and other interest groups throughout the County of Wexford, such sectoral, community and other interest groups having first been selected by the Council in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

6 members shall constitute a quorum.

The Planning and Building Control Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) shall consist of 14 members, 7 of whom shall be members of the Council, and 7 to be nominated by sectoral, community and other interest groups throughout the County of Wexford, such sectoral, community and other interest groups having first been selected by the Council in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

5 members shall constitute a quorum.

The Strategic Policy Committees shall be appointed as soon as possible after a local election and the members shall hold office for the period of the life of the Council appointing them.

- **61.** Each Strategic Policy Committee shall meet as often as required, and at least 4 times a year, to deal with the business assigned to it.
- **83.** A casual vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

The following procedures shall apply when a casual vacancy arises in the membership of the Council in respect of a non-party Councillor:

- a) Following an election at any time during the life of that Council, each Councillor elected as a non-party Councillor shall lodge with the Meetings' Administrator a sealed envelope (signed and dated by the Councillor concerned) containing a list of up to six names who shall be entitled to be co-opted to the Council in the event of a casual vacancy caused by that Councillor. The list of names shall show a clear preference for the order of nomination, i.e., 1, 2, 3 etc. The envelope shall also contain a signed form of consent to the nomination from each person so nominated and a declaration from each person so nominated that they were not, at the time of the election, and are not at the time of nomination a member of any registered political party. The nomination date shall be the date on which the sealed envelope is received by the Meetings' Administrator and said date will be marked on the sealed envelope by the Meetings' Administrator. A person shall not be a valid nominee if their consent and declaration is not provided in the sealed envelope at the date of nomination.
- b) Each elected non-party Councillor shall be entitled, having made an initial nomination as referred to in (a) above, to submit revised nominations at any time during the life of the Council and any such revisions must be notified in writing to the Meetings' Administrator and a fresh sealed envelope, signed by the Councillor concerned (to include the signed form of consent and declaration of the nominees) and clearly dated shall be lodged with the Meetings' Administrator. The envelope containing the previous nomination(s) shall be returned to the Councillor concerned by the Meetings' Administrator. Once revised nominations are received by the Meetings' Administrator any earlier nominations become invalid.
- c) To be eligible for consideration to fill a casual vacancy the person nominated shall not have been a member of any registered political party at the date of the election, at the date of nomination, at the date the casual vacancy arises or at the date the casual vacancy is being filled. In the event of a nominated person becoming a member of a registered political party after the election date or after the nomination date but prior to the casual vacancy arising or being filled, he/she shall not be eligible to fill the said casual vacancy. A nominated person shall not be eligible for consideration to fill a casual vacancy unless (on or after the date of the casual vacancy arising) he/she has submitted his/her consent in writing to being co-opted to fill the casual vacancy and submitted a declaration that he/she has not been at the election date and nomination date a member of a registered political party and that he/she meets the above eligibility requirements.
- d) The person proposed for co-option to fill the casual vacancy shall be the first valid nominee so nominated in the order of preference appearing on the list of nominees(s) contained in the sealed envelope submitted by the elected non-party Councillor, who has furnished the consent and statutory declaration referred to in (c) above.

- e) In the event of a casual vacancy arising in respect of a person co-opted in accordance with the above procedure the vacancy shall be filled by selecting the next valid nominee in the order of preference appearing on the list of nominees(s) contained in the most recent sealed envelope provided to the Meetings' Administrator by the elected non-party Councillor prior to the casual vacancy arising.
- f) In the event of an elected non-party Councillor failing or refusing to submit nomination(s) in accordance with this Standing Order or where there are no remaining valid nominees of said elected non-party Councillor, as referred to at (c) above, a casual vacancy arising shall be filled by resolution of the Council from amongst persons meeting the requirements to be a valid nominee as set out at (c) above. In the event of two or more valid nominees being proposed and seconded the selection of the person to be co-opted shall be in the same manner as the method used for the election of Cathaoirleach as set out in Section 37 Local Government Act 2001. The provisions in paragraphs (a) to (f) above shall apply regardless of whether or not a Councillor elected as a non-party Councillor has affiliated to a registered political party since the date of his/her election.

On the proposal of Cllr. B.A. Murphy, seconded by. Cllr. L. McDonald the following addition was proposed to Standing Orders:

"In the wording of any Notice of Motion, the name of any Minister shall not be included. Instead, the appropriate title of the Minister shall be used. This applies to all references within the motion, and where applicable, the full title, such as The Minister for [Department], or The Minister of State for [Department] must be used, ensuring consistency and formality in the motion's language."

Cllr. A. Donohoe proposed that this addition to Standing Orders be referred to the Protocol Committee which was agreed by Cllr. B.A. Murphy.

## 7. Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024- Final Progress Report

Ms. A. Byrne gave an outline of the content of the final progress report of the 2024 Annual Service Delivery Plan. The Council noted the report, as circulated.

## 8. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive and members of the Management Team responded to a wide range of queries from the Elected Members regarding the following:

- Paul Kelly was commended for his work with Fáilte Ireland as he steps down as CEO.
- Query if Fáilte Ireland will provide funding for full time tourist office in Wexford town with the Mechanic's Institute suggested as an ideal location.
- Does Wexford County Council have an integration policy in place?
- Suggestion that a pilot project to get people back living in the centre of our towns should be pitched to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Clarity sought in relation to what a "ready to build scheme" is.
- Update sought on the use of CCTV for the enforcement of dumping.
- Update sought on Clohamon junction.
- Query if waste bin usage compliance is being monitored.

- View expressed that the number of road crews isn't sufficient to carry out the work required, and the need for increased roads funding from Government.
- Query if there is any knowledge of possible changes to the operating times of Rescue 117?

## Cllr. J. Owens left the meeting at this point

- Clarity sought in relation to planning exemption figures quoted in the Chief Executive's report.
- Unhappiness expressed in relation to the change to the tenant in situ criteria.
- Query why 2024 housing figures for Rosslare Municipal District are included in the March 2025 Chief Executive's report.
- Query if there has been a comparison carried out between Wexford County Council's level of road funding relative to other counties.
- Update sought on possible plans to bring Castlebridge House back into use as a community facility.
- Update sought on the SETU campus.
- Update sought on the road safety works at Larkin's Cross.
- How many units will be sanctioned for Wexford under the tenant in situ scheme?
- Request for more information in relation to anti-social behaviour cases i.e. totals for year, how many resolved, legal action taken, evictions granted etc.
- When will affordable housing schemes such as the one in Ramsfort be rolled out around the county?
- What can be done to deal with vacant commercial properties? View expressed that owners of vacant commercial property shouldn't get rates rebate.

Cllr. O. Walsh assumed the Chair as Cllr. G. Carthy excused himself from the meeting momentarily.

- Request for funding for a nighttime economy officer.
- Query if Wexford County Council has had any discussions with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the proposed exemption for log cabins in gardens.

Cllr. G. Carthy resumed his position as Chair.

- Housing commended for delivery of units in Gorey.
- Query as to whether Housing allocate four/five-bedroom properties.
- Request for information in relation to litter fines and if fines are actually paid.
- Query if proposed serviced sites to be offered for sale by Wexford County Council will be connected to the mains or have their own treatment system.
- Who does the Oylegate Tidy Town group speak to regarding what work they can do along the N11?
- The view was expressed that preservation orders are stymying building development and the representatives on the Heritage Forum were asked to carefully consider what is being preserved. There was also a call for Enniscorthy Municipal District to delist some preserved buildings.

- Solution sought to the sewerage issue in Hillview, Ballinaboola which is hindering the taking in charge of the estate.
- Request for no dumping signage.
- Query what happens if existing applicants for the Tenant in Situ scheme don't meet the revised criteria.
- The appointment of a Heritage Officer was welcomed.
- Query if Wexford County Council will meet affordable housing and ready to build targets.
- Request that affordable housing be provided in Rosslare.
- Request for report from Uisce Éireann in relation to the projects outlined in the Chief Executive report.
- Update sought on the Esmonde Street regeneration works and timeline.
- Query if the terms of Wexford County Council's public lighting service level agreement are being complied with by the contractor. Request that the terms of the service level agreement be circulated.
- Query if there is a report available outlining the list of planning applications which can't proceed due to a lack of water and wastewater services.
- Housing staff commended for their work on a case over the weekend.
- Update sought on Duncannon and Slade Harbours.
- Update sought on the proposed Ramsgrange WWTP project.

## 9. Minutes of CPG

9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 3rd March, 2025

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. A. Donohoe the Council resolved to adopt the minutes of the CPG Meeting on 3rd March, 2025.

## 10. Minutes of Meetings (for Noting):

- 10.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting 21st January, 2025
- 10.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting 8th January, 2025
- 10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting 20th January, 2025
- 10.4 Special Meeting of Borough District of Wexford 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2025
- 10.5 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting 21st January, 2025
- 10.6 Rosslare Municipal District 15th January, 2025
- 10.7 Protocol Committee Meeting 8th July, 2024

The Members noted the minutes, as circulated.

## 11. Correspondence and Communications

- 11.1 Letters from Roscommon County Council re: motions dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025
- 11.2 Letters from Limerick City & County Council re: motions dated 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2025
- 11.3 Letter from Donegal County Council re: motion dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2025
- 11.4 Letters from Sligo County Council re: motions dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

The Members noted the correspondence, as circulated.

## 12. Notices of Motion

## 12.1 Cllr. Lisa McDonald, Cllr. Ger Carthy and Cllr. Garry Laffan

"This Council proposes that in order to advance the N11 / N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour project and to improve road safety, certainty of travel times to Rosslare Europort, the existing chronic traffic congestion all along the Wexford ring road, the long traffic tail-backs through the small village of Oilgate, and the environmental problems associated with these and other issues on the current sub-standard national roads and to give certainty to those who live in the development corridor; that the active travel component of this scheme be developed offline along the existing N11 and N25 roadways, which will be reclassified as rural routes on completion of the N11 /N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour scheme.

This will reduce project costs, reduce land take from landowners and propertyowners, speed up the design phase of the already protracted delivery of the scheme, avoid the necessity of a further CPO and lead to a better outcome for all interested parties in this nationally important project.

If passed this motion is to be circulated to all 8 Oireachtas members, The Minister for Transport and to the office of An Taoiseach. "

The motion was proposed by Cllr. L. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. G. Carthy and carried on a show of hands.

#### 12.2 Cllr. Tom Forde

"Déanfaidh Comhairle Contae Loch Garman gach iarracht chun tionscnamh a thosú cosúil le "Gaeilge365" agus "BÁC le Gaeilge". Scríobhaimid chuig an Aire chun maoiniú a iarraidh do thionscadail mar seo."

"Wexford County Council will make every effort to establish projects like "Gaeilge365" and "BÁC le Gaeilge". We will write to the Minister to request funding for such projects."

The motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. D. McDonald and agreed by all.

## 12.3 Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"I call on Wexford County Council to write to the Minister for Housing, James Browne, to request a complete review of the HAP rates for Co. Wexford; with a view to increase the allowance percentage"

The motion was proposed by Cllr. A.R. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde and agreed by all.

## 12.4 Cllr. Craig Doyle

"To ask that this council writes to the minister for health and asks them to look into the creation of an easily accessible database and/or application similar to the "dead sure" app used for street lighting that will allow the public and emergency services to find their nearest defibrillator quickly and efficiently. Also, it will allow people to easily report a used /vandalised unit and notify whoever is in charge of the defibrillator that it is in need of service."

The motion was proposed by Cllr. C. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. A.R. O'Brien and agreed by all.

## 12.5 Cllr. Michael Sheehan

"Recognising the important role that local government and local democracy plays in our nation, and given the need to rejuvenate and reinvigorate town centres, this Council calls on the Minister for Housing and Local Government to initiate the commitment in the Programme of Government and begin the process of consultation, roles, responsibilities and functions to reestablish Town Councils, in all of the areas (Wexford, New Ross, Gorey and Enniscorthy) that had them before their abolition in time for the next local elections in 2029. "

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. L. Kelly and agreed by all.

#### 12.6 Cllr. Tom Forde

"This council welcomes initiatives like the URDF programme to tackle long term vacant and derelict properties across our county. We ask that Minister James Browne alter this scheme and future schemes to ensure that properties purchased by the council can be retained by local authorities for use as their own housing stock instead of selling them on the open private market where they may be obtained by investors."

The motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. C. Doyle and defeated on a show of hands.

Cllr. J. Dwyer left the meeting at this point.

## 12.7 Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"I call on Wexford County Council to write to the Minister for Housing, James Browne, to request that the provision of 52 weeks income receipts for social housing applicants is removed; acknowledging that a person's income can change dramatically for a variety of reasons, in a short space of time; acknowledging that the current criteria prevents people in need from benefitting from the services provided by the local authority".

The motion was proposed by Cllr. A.R. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde and agreed by all.

## 13. Any Other Business

- Cllr. T. Forde commended Cllr. G. Carthy on his chairing of the meeting.
- Cllr. M. Farrell thanked the Environment and LEO departments for their support of International Women's Day.
- Cllr. M. Sheehan wished those areas taking part in Pride of Place all the best.
- Cllr. M. Sheehan wished the delegations travelling abroad for St. Patrick's Day all the best in representing Wexford.
- Cllr. V. Barron congratulated Ursula Jacob on being awarded Wexford Women's Refuge Woman of the Year.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Daingithe ar an	lá de Aibreán, 2025.		
Cllr. Pip Breen	Michael Drea,	-	
Cathaoirleach	County Secretary		