

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council
held on Monday 14th September 2020 – 9.30am.
in The Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. G Carthy, Cathaoirleach.

Councillors:

BARDEN	PAT	DONOHUE	ANTHONY	MCDONALD	LISA
BELL	MAURA	FARRELL	MARY	MOORE	JIM
BOLGER	ANDREW	FLEMING	JOHN	MURPHY	BARBARA- ANNE
BREEN	PIP	HEGARTY	JOHN	MURPHY	BRIDIN
BROWNE	AIDAN	HYNES	DAVID	O'ROURKE	JOHN
BYRNE	CATHAL	KAVANAGH	WILLIE	OWENS	JACKSER
CARTHY	GER	KELLY	LEONARD	SULLIVAN	JOE
CODD	JIM	KENNY	DONAL	SHEEHAN	MICHAEL
CODD- NOLAN	KATHLEEN	LAFFAN	GARRY	WALSH	OLIVER
CONNICK	ANTHONY	LAWLOR	GEORGE	WHELAN	MICHAEL
DEVEREUX	DIARMUID				

Oireachtas Members

Deputy Johnny Mythen, TD

Deputy Verona Murphy, TD

Officials:

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive

Mr. T. Larkin, Director of Services

Mr. E. Hore, Director of Services

Ms. A. Byrne, A/Director of Services

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, A/ Director of Services

Ms. A McLoughlin, A/County Secretary

Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Senior Planner

Ms. Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner

Ms. Pauline Doyle, Executive Planner

Ms. Yvonne Curtis- Doyle, Assistant Planner

Apologies: Councillors: Cllr Fionntain O'Suilleabhain
 Officials: Ms. A. O'Neill, Head of Finance

1. Draft Wexford County Development Plan 2021 - 2027

An Cathoirleach Cllr. Ger Carthy welcomed everyone to the meeting adding that he hoped that the draft plan could be adopted.

Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Services outlined to the meeting the development plan process timeline following the adoption of the draft plan. He noted the members would have a chance to make submissions again at the next stage of the process which is the public consultation stage.

At this point in the meeting it was agreed that the members would put forward their proposed amendments to the draft plan which they had been circulated.

These proposals were:

	Proposer	Secunder	Section / Chapter	Proposal	As Agreed
1	Cllr Jim Moore	Cllr Diarmuid Devereux	Climate Action	Applications for Industrial Buildings include provision for solar panels	Amend Volume 2 to include a policy for south facing buildings over 500m of floor space must include provision for solar panels.
2	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Climate Action	1/ objective, ca15 , I propose that this paragraph include solar panels where possible and practical. (Pg. 28)	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON advised must include South facing roofs)
3	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Michael Whelan	Chapter 3	I propose that in the interests of sustainable rural village development. Under chapter 3 core strategy , page 58 level 5 small villages category 2 Ballywilliam village to be changed to level 4 large villages 3.6.4 .page 55.	Agreed
4	Cllr	Cllr Oliver	Chapter 3	Propose Ballymoney	Agreed to bring

	Anthony Donohue	Walsh		raise to Level 3 and Level to Category 4 and Tara Hill to be classed as a village	Ballymoney to Level 5(Category 2) and Crannford to Level 4 and Tara Hill as rural node and remove duplication of Glenbrien.
5	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr John Fleming	Chapter 3	2/(p36) d utilize the proximity to the Waterford maps, I propose that we alter this to include Ballyhack, arthurstown and surrounding villages because of the ferry connection to Waterford, and also remove these villages from their category 5 villages.	Agreed DIARMUID HOUSTON advised that these villages can be added to D pg. 36 but should stay where they are in Settlement hierarchy unless capacity in WWTP is to become available during lifetime of plan, will review during plan preparation period.
6	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr John Fleming	Chapter 3	3/(p38) j / I propose that wexford county council would give a commitment to review and support rural villages that are already struggling and improving all listed in this paragraph, and in particular villages that have lost post offices/shops in recent years.	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON to add a section for villages that are less well performing)
7	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr John Fleming	Chapter 3	4/ in the interest of development of key towns I propose to develop new ross town as a gateway because of its location in the centre of the southeast to market the town for its proximity to Belleview port,	Agreed

				Waterford city and WIT and prepare for its location on the southeast greenway and its closeness to the soon to be developed Waterford airport.	
8	Cllr Aidan Browne	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Chapter 3	<p>On page 49 after the last sentence inserts the following lines under the heading Enniscorthy Town:</p> <p>“Enniscorthy as a Smart Town</p> <p>a.) Enniscorthy is designated a smart town by the Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). Wexford County Council will develop a detailed development strategy based on this designation with a particular focus on developing Enniscorthy as a national leader in digital technology, innovation and transformation with a view to making Enniscorthy well connected, sustainable, resilient and technologically literate.</p> <p>b.) The council will leverage information and communication technologies, the internet of things, geospatial technology (such as geographic information systems,</p>	Agreed

				<p>remote sensor technology and geofencing), artificial intelligence, blockchain applications, cloud based applications and wireless technologies, among others, to develop and future proof Enniscorthy. The council will prioritise Enniscorthy as an early adopter of smart technology. Wexford County Council will leverage technological solutions for Enniscorthy to improve public services, infrastructure, social, economic, tourist, employment and living experiences of Enniscorthy's residents.</p> <p>c.) In developing Enniscorthy as a smart town, Wexford County Council will seek, private, public, and governmental (International, European (including Interreg funding), national and local) investment. It will furthermore seek to develop strategic research and innovation partnerships with suitable European partner towns and cities.</p> <p>d.) As a subset of</p>	
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				<p>Enniscorthy as a smart town strategy and acknowledging Enniscorthy town's strategic importance as a UN centre of excellence in energy efficiency in High Performance Buildings, Wexford County Council will specifically pursue a focused Smart Town Smart Environment strategy which marries the smart town strategy with environmental sustainability aims. The council will look to Reykjavik and Amsterdam, among others, for precedent and inspiration.</p> <p>e.) Wexford County Council will develop Bunclody and Ferns as smart hubs under the umbrella of the Enniscorthy Smart Town strategy."</p>	
8	Cllr Aidan Browne	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Chapter 3	<p>On page 51 and after point 13, inserts the following: "14.) With the opening of the Enniscorthy bypass, Enniscorthy is at risk of suffering the same economic and social impact of commuting that towns of a similar distance from Dublin have suffered. The creation of new employment</p>	Agreed

				<p>opportunities in Enniscorthy is a priority for the council in order to reduce and prevent the development of unsustainable levels of commuting and to tackle existing levels of social deprivation. To this end the council will focus on increasing employment and economic development in the town. While the council will facilitate all types of economic development there will be a strong focus on life sciences, funds and other similar financial services sectors and environmental research and development sectors.</p> <p>15.) The council recognises Enniscorthy's role as a historical market town with a large natural catchment area. In particular, the council recognises the close historical and economic connections of the Level 3 service Settlements of Bunclody and Ferns with Enniscorthy town. The council will strengthen the economic, tourism and transport</p>	
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				<p>connectedness between these urban centres, including the development of strategic cycle routes and improvements to walking infrastructure and rural transport links.</p> <p>16.) The council acknowledges the environmental, tourism and economic importance of the River Slaney and will seek to develop these. The council will also focus on developing a Blueway between Bunclody and Enniscorthy to include adjacent cycleway and walking trail. The council will make a significant effort to abate and reverse the degradation of the river Slaney at Clohamon bridge and its environs.</p> <p>17.) The council recognises the need for increased water capacity for Enniscorthy town and will prioritise working with Irish Water to deliver this necessary increased capacity.</p> <p>18.) The Council recognised the importance and potential to County Wexford of the industrial and manufacturing area of the old Dublin</p>	
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				<p>road and will develop the area into a modern industrial centre. The council will develop the amenities, services, visuals and access to the centre. The council will particularly target FDI manufacturing companies to the area.</p>	
9	Cllr Aidan Browne	Cllr Jackser Owens	Chapter 3	<p>3. On page 80 and under Objective ET01 deletes the full paragraph and inserts the following: “To strengthen the role of Enniscorthy Town as a large town with a large economic hinterland and leveraging its strategic location and accessibility to Rosslare Europort and the Eastern Economic Corridor (port, rail and road) build on its inherent strengths including digital connectivity, innovation and enterprise, tourism, and culture.</p> <p>To facilitate economic and employment growth in the town, and in particular promote Enniscorthy Business and Technology Park and the NZEB Training Centre as Key</p>	Agreed

				<p>economic drivers for the town.</p> <p>To support the development and improvement of the business/industrial centre at Kilcannon and located on the R772 and Old Dublin Road into a modern Business park capable of attracting international companies as key economic driver for the County.”</p>	
10	Cllr Aidan Browne	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Chapter 3	<p>On page 81 and under ET07 delete the full paragraph and inserts the following: “To support the delivery of infrastructure requirements to allow Enniscorthy keep pace with the planned population growth including the delivery of natural gas, and improvements to road links such as the N30 and the N80 and the proposed N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Scheme and improvements to digital connectivity to support the achievement of Smart Town status, upgrading and development of water supply and amenity facilities including in the development of a public space with playground facilities in</p>	Agreed

				St Senan's parish of Enniscorthy town.	
11	Cllr Kathleen Codd-Nolan	Cllr Cathal Byrne	Chapter 3	Pg. 41 Level 6 – Rural Roads Caim to be put at level 5	Agreed (will add to Level 5 Category 1)
12	Cllr Lisa McDonald	Cllr Garry Laffan	Chapter 3	To undertake and include an audit of all brownfield sites during the lifetime of the plan	Agreed with amendment to limit it to the four main towns.
13	Cllr Lisa McDonald		Chapter 3	To review the Core Strategy of the Plan to make sure it is consistent with the housing strategy and to justify any differences between the two.	WITHDRAWN
14	Cllr Lisa McDonald	Cllr Garry Laffan	Chapter 3	Residential densities for Wexford and Gorey towns to be reduced from 35 to 25 per ha	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON advised that at 35 they were recommending the lowest level within government limits and DEIRDRE KEARNS advised national density guidance up to 50) Chief Executive – Regulator has strong views regarding higher density – needs to be balanced TONY LARKIN- advised it will be called in by regulator.
15	Cllr Lisa McDonald	Cllr Garry Laffan	Chapter 3	To facilitate lower density dwellings and serviced sites at less than 20 per HA in addition to or in lieu of one off housing in smaller towns and villages	Agreed DIARMUID HOUSTON noted lower density is already accommodated in smaller towns and villages
16	Cllr Michael	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Chapter 3	That this Council as part of the County	Agreed DIARMUID HOUSTON

	Sheehan			Development Plan will not accept, permit or grant planning applications for Duplex or Apartment Blocks in urban centres such as New Ross town.	suggested adding a policy like for e.g. Large apartment blocks developments over 50 units will have regard to existing development in areas and social facilities and seek to promote sustainable communities into the future – to be worked on further
17	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Lisa McDonald	Chapter 3	I propose that in the interests of sustainable development that Wexford county council connect mains gas to the other three main towns namely New Ross Gorey and Enniscorthy (noting that the mains gas pipeline is approximately 9 kilometres from New Ross town .) during the life time of this development plan	Agreed (Chief Executive advised that we cannot do it/connect it but can promote/support its provision)
18	Cllr Aidan Browne	Cllr M Sheehan	Chapter3	On Page 81 and under ET09 to insert the following words after “educational” “additional post primary school places to address existing and future demand”	Agreed
19	Cllr John Hegarty	Cllr Anthony Donohue	Chapter 3	Include Screen Village in small villages and the Rock in rural node and later requested change to wording on rural nodes.	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON was hesitant about The Rock but agreed to include as rural node)
20	Cllr Pip	Cllr Andrew	Chapter 3	Propose under	Agreed

	Breen	Bolger		Tourism for Courtown / Riverchapel to include Marine and Fisheries	
21	Cllr Kathleen Codd Nolan	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Chapter 3	That Ballindaggin be brought up a Level 4	Agreed
22	Cllr Andrew Bolger	Cllr M Sheehan	Chapter 4	<p>Pg 101 Student Shared Accommodation/ co living: This is a new format of residential accommodation which comprises professionally managed rental accommodation, where individual rooms are rented within an overall development that includes access to shared or communal facilities and amenities. Due to the distinct nature and features of shared accommodation type development, it is only appropriate where responding to an identified urban housing need at particular locations, e.g. to supply accommodation for students, rather than families, near a proposed Technological University for the South East [delete - short term employee accommodation</p>	Agreed (Tony Larkin advised that sometimes this type of accommodation is suitable for short-term professional accommodation and can re-word to say it's not suitable for families.

				needs.]	
23	Cllr Garry Laffan	Cllr John Fleming	Chapter 4/Volume 2 DM Manual	I propose that Wexford County Council keep the current, 'sight line' regulations and distances in place for the Wexford County Development Plan 2021-2027. By the nature of our country roads it is already effectively self-regulatory.	Agreed -Status Quo stays against advice of EAMONN HORE– For all (EAMONN HORE asked it be left as in draft to comply with TII Standards 2017 and for Health & Safety reasons)
24	Cllr Garry Laffan	Cllr John Fleming	Chapter 4/Volume 2 DM Manual	I propose that Wexford County Council keep the current, 'site size' regulations in place for any rural dwelling up to a maximum of 2000 Ft2. For any dwelling above this size the new proposed, 'site size' regulations are acceptable.	Agreed
25	Cllr Garry Laffan	Cllr John Fleming	Chapter 8	Pg 317 TS71 Remove point 2 on sight lines relating to consent of landowner / ownership	Agreed
26	Cllr George Lawlor	Cllr Maura Bell	Chapter 4	Add Wexford Co. Council in support of remote working ensures that all housing, public or private, constructed for the duration of the Development Plan must have infrastructure to facilitate the	Agreed

				installation of 'fibre to the home' broadband included in conditions of permission as standard	
27	Cllr Maura Bell	Cllr George Lawlor	Chapter 4/ Volume 2 DM Manual	– in relation to Nursing Homes delete “where possible” (This should be Volume 2 DM Manual pg. 35)	Agreed
28	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Michael Whelan	Chapter 4	I propose that in the interests of sustainable development we change the downsizing of a house from a maximum of 100m ² to 125m ² and also allow extensions under the normal regulations and conditions .Page 118 Paragraph D Under Table 4.6 criteria for one off housing	Agreed (subject to keep the need for extensions to require planning permission)
29	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Andrew Bolger	Chapter 4	I propose that in the interests of sustainable rural development we adopt the following conditions for one off rural housing in areas under strong urban influence Page 115 Table 4.6 criteria for one off rural housing category A and B . The applicant has lived fulltime for a minimum of 5 years and the site is within a 20 kilometre radius of where the applicant has lived	Agreed amended to 15km radius, increase minimum 10 years - delete born in wexford(vote 2 abstentions, 2 against - carried) DIARMUID HOUSTON strongly recommended against and advised that we would have to notify the Planning regulator of this change. Carrying capacity also to be removed (agreed in later motion). It was also agreed that previous ownership of a rural house would only be allowed in limited

				or is living. The applicant must have been Born in county Wexford and must be there permanent main residence. The applicant can work from home or commute to work daily and can have owned a rural house.	circumstances.
30	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Michael Sheehan	Chapter 4	I propose that in the interests of sustainable rural development we adopt the following for one off rural housing in stronger rural areas. Page 115 Table 4.6 Criteria for one off rural housing category A and B . The applicant has lived fulltime for a minimum of 5 years and the site is within a 25 kilometre radius of where the applicant has lived or is living . The applicant must have been Born in county Wexford and must be there permanent main residence. The applicant can work from home or commute to work daily and can have owned a rural house. Delete carrying capacity .	Agreed but reduced to 20km, increase minimum 10 years and delete wexford born (DIARMUID HOUSTON again advised against this change and that the Planning Regulator will be notified) Chief Executive – reiterated importance of these decisions on planning for next 5 years. (7 against, 2 abstentions – carried). Carrying capacity also to be removed (agreed in later motion). It was also agreed that previous ownership of a rural house would only be allowed in limited circumstances as before.
31	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Joe Sullivan	Chapter 4	I propose that in the interests of sustainable rural	Agreed (delete wexford born, increase minimum to 10 years and 25km)

				<p>development we adopt the following for one off rural housing in structurally weak areas . Page 115 Criteria for one off rural housing category A and B The applicant has lived fulltime for a minimum of 5 years and the site is within a 30 kilometre radius of where the applicant has lived or is living . The applicant must have been Born in county Wexford and must be there permanent main residence .The applicant can work from home or commute to work daily and can have owned a rural house</p>	<p>15 for 5 against – carried. Carrying capacity also to be removed (agreed in later motion). It was also agreed that previous ownership of a rural house would only be allowed in limited circumstances as before.</p>
32	Cllr John Fleming		Chapter 4	<p>I propose that in the interests of sustainable rural development we adopt the following for one off rural housing in a coastal zone . Page 116 table 4.6 criteria for one off rural housing Category A and B The applicant has lived fulltime for a minimum of 5 years and the site is within a 12 kilometre radius of where the applicant has lived or is living. The</p>	<p>WITHDRAWN and requested that only carrying capacity be removed and as before previous ownership of a rural house would only be allowed in limited circumstances - Agreed</p>

				applicant must have been Born in county Wexford and must be there permanent main residence .The applicant can work from home or commute to work daily and can have owned a rural house .Delete carrying capacity	
33	Cllr John Hegarty		Chapter 4	Asked if Blackwater could be looked at in this section in the same light as other similar villages along the Wexford Coast Line	Agreed (Blackwater village to be removed from coastal zone)
34	Cllr John Hegarty		Chapter 4	Requested a map or areas be defined on page 113.	TONY LARKIN advised Map not feasible and DIARMUID HOUSTON advised that as per previous motion carrying capacity has been effectively removed
35	Cllr John Hegarty		Chapter 4	Proposed Modifying Carrying Capacity pg. 115 within 1.5 km very restrictive	Agreed to drop it out of draft under general rural housing criteria as before
36	Cllr John Hegarty		Chapter 4	Pg 122 remove "generally" (be encouraged)	Agreed
37	Cllr John Hegarty			Pg 124 proposed extension – subservient and proportionate – restrictive	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON/DEIRDRE KEARNS will re-word to have regard for smaller houses)
38	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy		Chapter 4	In the interests of sustainable development I propose that Wexford County Council facilitates families with modest means to build	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON to review and allow for in appropriate setting)

				'prefabricated / log cabin' type houses to provide adequate housing for their families.	
39	Cllr Cathal Byrne	Cllr Garry Laffan	Chapter 4	Pg 116 Landscape & Heritage. Change the 3km radius to be increased to 5km specifically for Slaney River Valley	Agreed
40	Cllr Anthony Donohue		Chapter 4	If developer almost completed developing lands under residential they can then move into long term if land all used up.	To be dealt with under Local Area Plan
41	Cllr Lisa McDonald	Cllr Jim Codd	Volume 3 Settlement Plan	That Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane villages be given special status as a strategically important zone in recognition of its importance under the Irish response to Brexit and look for increase in population projections and look to department for status designation and ensure enough leeway for people and businesses to be accommodated during the lifetime of the plan	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON to review during public consultation period)
42	Cllr Jim Codd		Volume 3 Settlement Plan	Motion to protect local indigenous fishing communities in Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane Settlement plan	Agreed
43	Cllr	Cllr Michael	Tourism /	Pg 255 under	Agreed

	Michael Whelan	Sheehan	Development	objectives include specifically Marine Tourism (TM 28)	
44	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr Michael Sheehan	Tourism / Development	6/ (p264) hotel in rural areas I propose to change wording to support and encourage hotels in rural areas, as they are needed in the south of the county.	Agreed
45	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr Michael Sheehan	Tourism / Development	7(p253) greenways in preparation for the south wexford greenway I propose to increase focus on relevant villages along the route in preparation for its completion. develop links to other attractions from these villages i.e. tintern, hookhead, bannow island.	Agreed
46	Cllr Jim Moore		Tourism / Development	Pg 254 wording on Wexford Curracloe greenway route gives impression it's being given up on. Requesting wording be changes from alternate routes to final route being considered.	Agreed
47	Cllr Jim Moore	Cllr Oliver Walsh	Tourism / Development	Pg 264 Include supporting community groups to develop short term stay zones	Agree (subject to planning permission and TONY LARKIN requested to add Sporting Groups also)
48	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Cllr Aidan Browne	Tourism / Development	I propose that in the interests of sustainable tourism development that	Agreed

				Wexford County Council develops walking and hiking tracks (in association with Coillte or other landowners) along the Blackstairs Mountain range.	
49	Cllr Lisa McDonald		Transportation	That no motorway or dual carriage way be permitted through the heart or nucleus of any of our towns or villages .	WITHDRAWN – Will be put down as a council motion
50	Cllr John Fleming	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Transportation	Increase the number of bus routes on our roads	Agreed (TONY LARKIN noted we do not provide these ourselves)
51	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Cllr Jackser Owens	Transportation /	I propose that Wexford County Council through this development plan encourages the provision of public transport for Enniscorthy town to allow workers and pupils access to public transport to get to work and school within the town.	Agreed (Note already in plan)
52	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Cllr Leonard Kelly	Transportation Volume 3 Settlement Plan	In the interest of sustainable economic development I propose a cycle route be introduced from Bunclody to Clohamon on the N80.	Agreed – (Cllr Leonard Kelly asked that this be segregated where possible)
53	Cllr Aidan Browne	Cllr Jackser Owens	Transportation	On page 289 under walking and cycling insert the following:	Agreed - (Cllr Leonard Kelly asked that this be segregated where

				<p>The Council will develop strategic cycle between County Wicklow, Gorey, Camolin, Ferns and Enniscorthy with a view to extending it to Rosslare Europort and New Ross.</p> <p>The council will ensure as far as reasonably possible that future roundabouts will be 'dutch style' roundabouts with priority bike lanes and pedestrian ways.</p>	possible)
53	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr Fleming	Coastal	<p>8/ (p432) 12.2 climate action in coastal areas. I propose wexford county council do all possible to retain our coastal views. as in wexford our main features are our coastal landscape, beaches and all our attractions that are along our coast line. we invest millions in our tourism industry and it would be a shame to let our offshore coast line is spoiled.</p>	Agreed
54	Cllr Michael Whelan	Cllr John Fleming	Coastal	<p>9/12.6.3.3 offshore renewable energy. p(457) I propose wexford county council remove this paragraph we</p>	Defeated (2 for)

				should not be supporting something that is going to spoil our landscape and have a negative effect on our growing tourism industry and fishing industry.	
55	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Cllr Michael Sheehan	Heritage & Conservation	In the interests of protecting our uplands, I propose that Wexford County Council places the highest possible protection on our upland peat and bog areas to protect them from destruction by recreational users of quadbikes and scrambler bikes as is applied to sand dunes in our county's coastal areas.	Agreed
56	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Cllr Michael Sheehan	Heritage & Conservation	Objective NH19 & NH20 p 493 I propose we strengthen these objectives regarding invasive species – Wexford County Council shall inform landowners of any invasive species found or reported on their property and request action to have the invasive species dealt with or removed according to best practice.	Agreed
57	Cllr Jim	Cllr George	Heritage &	Consider 2 additions	Agreed (DIARMUID

	Moore	Lawlor	Conservation	to protected structures - Caste House and Gothic Tower at the folly, Parnell Street	HOUSTON – not sure about folly and suggested that would have to recommend against adding)
58	Cllr George Lawlor	Cllr Diarmuid Devereux	Recreation & Amenity	Wexford Co. Council will ensure that a sufficient amount of land is zoned in urban areas across Co. Wexford to facilitate Sports Clubs and or Community organisations in their future development. These zonings should be sufficient to ensure that clubs in urban settings and in all areas where land is subject to zoning can future proof any developments they would endeavour to achieve.	Agreed.
59	Cllr Michael Sheehan	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Recreation & Amenity	That this Council conducts an audit of underutilised lands that can be considered rezoned Sporting, Community and leisure usage and activity looks to increase the availability of the same.	Agreed
60	Cllr Joe Sullivan	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Recreation & Amenity	I wish to call on Wexford County Council to amend paragraph 2, page 540, chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space	Agreed

				<p>Strategy, 14.7, to read: <i>Commercial leisure facilities are ethos run on a profit basis and include cinemas, family entertainment centres such as bowling, indoor children's play centres, fitness centres, gyms, swimming pools, etc. These facilities should be located in the main towns and tourist centres in order to attract the critical mass to make them viable. Horse racing courses and equine sports facilities along with field sports such as GAA, Rugby, Soccer and other field sports are considered appropriate in rural locations subject to traffic safety and normal planning criteria.</i></p>	
61	Cllr Joe Sullivan	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Recreation & Amenity	<p>I wish to call on Wexford County Council to delete from the Wexford County Development Plan 2021-2027, paragraph 1, page 540, chapter 14, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 14.7 (The Development of Sports Facilities in Rural Areas will be</p>	Agreed

				discouraged for reasons including traffic generation and safety, compatibility with adjoining land, uses and impacts on residential amenities).	
62	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy	Cllr George Lawlor	Recreation & Amenity	P 533 Wexford Co. Council shall identify land for use as allotments and community gardens in our towns and larger villages	Agreed
63	Cllr Jim Moore		Recreation & Amenity	Pg 14.8 brings walking and cycling together – should they be separate strategies	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON look into provision of separate strategies at a later stage).
64	Cllr Jim Codd	Cllr Jackser Owens	Recreation & Amenity	Provide for standing handball alleys	Agreed (DIARMUID HOUSTON introduce a policy to retain existing sports facility where possible with a specific mention of ball alleys and not be replaced without provision elsewhere.
65	Cllr Cathal Byrne	Cllr Jackser Owens	Recreation & Amenity	Pg 567 Childcare service provision too urban focused , include support for rural services	Agreed to review appropriate re-wording
66	Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy		Settlement Plans	Land to the south of Our Lady of Lourdes NS, Hospital Hill, Bunclody to be changed from residential to community zoning, and leave access for a possible through / link road to Church Road. I propose that a corresponding	Agreed

				<p>area on the R746 road opposite Carrig Bán on the triangular field closest to Bunclody town is zoned Tier 1 residential.</p> <p>Ryland road I propose that the area on Ryland Road at Meadowlands Nightclub be zoned</p> <p>P 17 I propose that tis plan facilitates the possible development of future roads by protecting access to such routes and maintaining indicative routes as a line on the map. Objective B2 Developments for Older People should be generally located within the Town Centre to have easy access to services.</p> <p>Add objective to protect and promote linkages between streets and other area and the pedestrian use of existing archways, lanes, passages, and the development of new non-vehicular linkages between Main Street/The Mall and backland and/or infill development and</p>	<p>DEIRDRE KEARNS advised that Meadowlands is already zoned town centre so no change required</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed (DEIRDRE KEARNS suggested to add to B1)</p> <p>Agreed</p>
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			<p>parking areas will be promoted, particularly where passive overlooking, active frontages, adequate lighting and security can be reasonably achieved. (as per wording agreed with DEIRDRE KEARNS at MD meeting)</p> <p>Appropriate signage on the actual area naming the area and correct the present misinformation with street name signs on Main Street / The Mall, Bunclody P 30 1.4.9 B30 I propose an objective of this LAP should be to provide off street car and bus parking and allow space for a safe school bus drop off space to facilitate the two second level schools in the town. P 32 1.4.11 B 39 Provide for a community play area and adult gym in a bigger neighbourhood park area as an amenity for close to town centre.</p> <p>Encourage the replacement of the</p>	<p>Agreed to protect names and ensure appropriate signing on Main Street/The Mall</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed (will reword to include community play and adult gym close to Town Centre)</p> <p>Agreed (add 'removed' lime trees)</p>
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				<p>'mile of lime trees' along the N80 as and where possible as future road improvements take place along this area.</p> <p>Provide for area suitable as allotments within easy reach of the town and main residential areas.</p>	Agreed
67	Cllr Cathal Byrne		Volume 3 Settlement Plan	Identify potential provision of long-term car park in the town during lifetime of plan	Agreed
68	Cllr Kathleen Codd-Nolan		Settlement Plans	Ryland road to Kiltyealy road currently industrial change to commercial.	Agreed
69	Cllr Lisa McDonald	Cllr Ger Carthy	Settlement Plans	Propose that tiers of lands zoned residential are equal	DIARMUID HOUSTON advised that Tier 1 and Tier 2v and so on will still need to apply but will review during public consultation period
70	Cllr Jim Codd	Cllr Ger Carthy	Settlement Plans	Rosslare Settlement Plan will include support for Fishing Communities	Agreed
71	Cllr Michael Sheehan		Settlement Plans	As part of the County and subsequent Town Plans, this Council reviews the application and utility of the Sequential Approach to Town Centre planning in light of the decline and flight of retail premises.	DIARMUID HOUSTON – advise part of national policy and if there is a particular issue in New Ross it can be looked at. TONY LARKIN advised the Planning SPC will take a look at this.

72	Cllr Lisa McDonald		Settlement Plans	Propose look at retail plan and the challenges Covid has brought – Waterford has done one	DIARMUID HOUSTON need to take a flexible approach - agreed
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A number of issues were raised during the discussion on the above proposals and amendments to the plan including:

1. Cllr Donohue raised an issue regarding the lack of waste water infrastructure in villages mentioned in p36,37,38 Mr. Tony Larkin advised that this needs to be taken up with Irish Water as they are now the water provider.
2. Cllr L McDonald noted that Wexford should not be seen as an adjunct of Waterford.
3. Ms. Deirdre Kearns confirmed that the Core strategy and Housing strategy are aligned.
4. Mr. Diarmuid Houston advised that defining Zones for density levels in the town would be best done under the LAP's.
5. The Chief Executive advised the members that their decision on this draft plan would be hugely important over the next years for development in the county and needed to be considered carefully so they do not have an adverse impact.
6. Cllrs McDonald and Barden asked where there would be suitable housing to facilitate any further decentralization of government departments.
7. Cllr Owens raised a question on the status of the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr G Lawlor and seconded by Cllr M Sheehan the draft plan was adopted with the proposals / amendment agreed above.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

Daingithe ar an 12ú lá de Deireadh Fomhair, 2020.

Cathaoirleach

County Secretary