

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 6P.M. ON TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE 2026 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL, CARRICKLAWN, WEXFORD.

Presiding: His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan

Councillors: - C. Walsh, R. Staples, L. Kelly, T. Forde, R. Shannon, V. Barron.

In Attendance: -

- Mr. E. Taaffe, Chief Executive
- Mr. A. Quirke, Director of Services.
- Mr. A. Bailey, District Manager
- Mr. L. Lett, District Engineer
- Ms. T. Farrell, Staff Officer
- Ms. C. Crowe, Assistant Staff Officer

At the outset of the meeting, the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan welcomed all present and thanked the Management of Wexford County Council, his Deputy Mayor, Cllr. R. Shannon, his fellow Councillors, Wexford Borough staff, his family, and supporters for their assistance during his term of office.

Cllr. G. Laffan then held a minute's silence for former Mayor of Wexford, the late Jim Allen.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF 23RD JUNE 2025

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23rd June, 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr T. Forde, seconded by Cllr. C. Walsh.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan then called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Cllr. V. Barron was proposed by Cllr. C. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. R. Shannon.

Cllr. R. Staples was proposed by Cllr. L. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. T. Forde.

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan then sought confirmation from both nominees that they wished to stand for Mayor.

Cllr. V. Barron confirmed that she wished to stand, and Cllr. R. Staples confirmed that he did not wish to stand at this time.

There being no further nominees, Cllr. V. Barron was duly elected as Mayor. The newly elected Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors for their nominations and expressed her gratitude for the immense honour of serving as Mayor of Wexford. Her Worship, the Mayor, Cllr. V. Barron, also outlined her key priorities and objectives for her year in office.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Her Worship The Mayor, Cllr. V. Barron, then called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. R. Staples was proposed by Cllr. R. Shannon, seconded by Cllr. G. Laffan.

As there was only one nomination, Cllr. R. Staples was duly elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor.

The elected members, together with Mr. E. Taaffe, Chief Executive, Mr. A. Quirke, Director of Services, and Mr. A. Bailey, District Manager, congratulated outgoing Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan, on his successful term in office and extended their congratulations to incoming Mayor, Cllr. V. Barron, on her election. They also pledged their support and cooperation for the year ahead.

The members and officials further expressed their appreciation to outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cllr. R. Shannon, for his service and congratulated incoming Deputy Mayor, Cllr. R. Staples, on his election.

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS

The attached scheduled of meetings, a copy of which has previously been circulated was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. C. Walsh seconded by Cllr. L. Kelly.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.