

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 3.30 P.M. MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2026 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL, COUNTY HALL, CARRICKLAWN. WEXFORD.**

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

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

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Alan Quirke, Director of Services  
Mr. Anthony Bailey, District Manager  
Mr. Laurence Lett, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner  
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment  
Ms. Edel Nolan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing  
Ms. Siobhán Kehoe, Staff Officer  
Ms. Tara Farrell, Staff Officer  
Ms. Caroline Crowe, Assistant Staff Officer

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr R. Shannon, seconded by Cllr. C. Walsh.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Members raised the issue of removal of benches and capping of daily burials at two per day in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown. District Manager, Mr. A. Bailey confirmed that special circumstances may be considered however accessibility to pathways must be maintained. Preliminary works are underway on the adjacent land extension, new seating will be installed shortly. Mr. Bailey explained that the capping of interments is in place to give due respect to families but would review the process following consultation with Funeral Directors.

**FESTIVALS & EVENTS PROGRAMME 2026**

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by the District Manager, Mr. Anthony Bailey.

Members requested a breakdown of 2024/2025 expenditure plus Christmas plans for 2026, further details regarding the upgrade of lights allocation and possible provision of a Christmas Market. Mr. Bailey confirmed he would be meeting with Wexford Chamber of Commerce to review results of their recent survey and reminded Members that we need to be conscious of possible negative impact on existing businesses within the town. The erection of festoon lighting is planned to run the whole of the Main Street but stipulated increased interactions with retailers is

required. Natural Christmas trees will be located in the Bullring and Redmond Square Christmas 2026. The District Manager maintains ongoing communications with the retail committee, and they are looking at possible improvements to the towns streetscape.

Members congratulated organisers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

### **SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2026**

The attached report, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was presented by the District Manager, Mr. Anthony Bailey.

Proposed: Cllr. R. Staples                      Seconded: Cllr. V. Barron

### **RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANT SCHEME 2026**

The attached grant listing of funding allocated to applicants under the Residents Association Grant Scheme 2026, a copy of which had previously been circulated was noted.

Proposed: Cllr. R. Shannon                      Seconded: Cllr. R. Staples

### **REPORTS**

#### **Planning**

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was discussed.

The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. G. Hunt, Executive Planner.

- CPO land for development
- Derelict/Vacant Sites Register - Cluain Dara Properties, Mooney's on the Quay
- Lack of parking at Whites Hotel Apartments, George's St.
- Scope of County Development Plan regarding specific businesses
- Designation of Wexford as a Heritage Town

#### **Housing**

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was discussed.

The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Ms. E. Nolan, S.S.O., Housing:-

- Wording on HDM1 forms
- Request confirmation from HSE regarding plans for empty apartments at Cluain Beag, Clonard

- Property in ownership of Windmill Therapeutic, antisocial behaviour complaints
- Duty of care to residents of John Street area
- Homelessness and ultimate duty of care
- Lack of provision of wrap around services
- Redaction of Inspection Report

### **Environment**

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was discussed.

The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. H. Maguire, A.O., Environment:-

- Beach entrance at The Raven
- Accessibility works at White Gap
- Traffic Management Plan for beach season prior to deployment
- Walkway at Ferrybank
- Breakwater area

### **District Engineer**

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was discussed.

The following matters raised by Members were addressed by Mr. L. Lett, Senior Executive Engineer:-

- Funding capitalised at St. Aidan's Road/Kennedy Park
- Progression of drawings for junction at Sinnottstown Lane/Coolballow
- Safety works at Ballinesker
- Millhaven
- Timeframe for report on Wexford Bridge
- Riverbank car park resurfacing
- Flooding on Drinagh Road
- Bus Shelter funding
- New crossings
- Driver behaviour at Peter's Square crossing
- St. John's Road
- Bollards at John Street
- Letters to landowners regarding ash trees lying on fences/wires

### **TO CONSIDER MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR. TOM FORDE**

As. Cllr. T. Forde had to leave the meeting early, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan deferred this motion to the next meeting.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- John Hegarty on the recent win in Wexford Park
- Siobhan Kehoe on her recent promotion
- Tara Farrell on taking up position with Wexford Borough Council

## **THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**SIGNED THIS DAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026**

**MAYOR OF WEXFORD.**