

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD
AT 2.30 P.M. MONDAY 20TH APRIL, 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
Ms. Siobhan Lynn, Administrative Officer, Roads
Mr. Michael Sweeney, Administrative Officer, Property Management
Ms. Emma Hickey, Senior Executive Architect, Special Projects
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment
Ms. Edel Nolan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Ms. Tara Farrell, Staff Officer
Ms. Caroline Crowe, Assistant Staff Officer

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 23rd March, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr L. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. R. Shannon.

SECTION 183 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 1A SOUTH MAIN STREET (SHOE ZONE)

The attached report regarding the proposed disposal of property at 1A South Main St., a copy of which had previously been circulated to Members was discussed at length.

Mr. Sweeney, A.O., Property Management, addressed the following queries:-

- Proposed long term use of premises
- Concerns that property will be left vacant

Members thanked Mr Sweeney for the information provided; Mr Sweeney was requested to present to the Members a report on properties identified for CPO using the RDF funding, date of confirmation of CPO on properties and status of those properties including those to be placed on market, those currently on sale with Auctioneers, Sale Agreed, Sold.

The sale was approved, on the proposal of Cllr V. Barron, seconded by Cllr R. Staples

Members welcomed the sale of this property, to be brought back into use, and suggested they look at all vacant commercial premises, to prevent dereliction on the Main St. Members sought a meeting with Chamber of Commerce with invitation to traders to attend.

DRAFT PARKING BYE-LAWS 2026

S. Lynn, A.O., Roads gave an overview of the draft parking bye-laws 2026, which followed a full review that began in 2025. These draft parking bye-laws seek to future proof and modernise the bye-laws. Ms. Lynn addressed the following queries:-

- Digital payments
- Specific charging time and fee for EV chargers
- Parking permits
- Road markings & signage
- Updating of E-parking machines to accept card payments
- Loading bays
- Permits for families with additional needs
- Dynamic parking spaces

Following a request from Members, Ms. Lynn agreed to supply information regarding location and times of use of loading bays within the town.

The draft bye-laws were approved in principal on the proposal of Cllr. R. Staples, seconded by Cllr. V. Barron.

TOWNS & CITIES INVESTMENT FUND : 1A APPLICATION FOR WEXFORD TOWN FROM CORNMARKE T TO QUAYS

A short presentation was delivered by Ms. E. Hickey, Senior Executive Architect, who is seeking funding of €150,000 to develop the scope for urban realm improvement works. Upon completion, Wexford County Council would then be in a position to apply for Capital funding, to progress and carry out works. Ms. Hickey addressed the following queries from Members:-

- Underutilisation of Quay Front
- Trinity Wharf
- Traffic flow
- Accessibility
- Timeline

REPORTS

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:-

- Accessible properties
- Shortage of 4-bed properties
- Site at Grogan's Road

Ms. Nolan agreed to furnish Members with an update regarding development plans for the site at Grogan's Road.

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.

- To Let & Vacant signs outside commercial properties
- Clonard Road

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:-

- Works at The Raven
- Traffic Management Plan for beach season prior to deployment
- Remedial works at Ferrybank

Members commended the department on the number of dogs rehomed.

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:-

- Seat in St. John's Road
- Bollards at John St.

- Parking issues at entrance to Coolcotts Lane
- Accessible parking bay in John St
- Heritage aspect of town given consideration when extending footpaths
- Tree cutting in Clonard
- Drainage works in Ardcavan
- Update on lights/pedestrian crossing on Wexford Bridge
- Potholes at Ferrybank – resurfacing of carpark
- Drinagh Road remedial works
- Pedestrian Crossing Lights – Curracloe and Wexford Quay
- Glenville Road/Coolcotts Lane
- Crossing at Lidl, Roxborough
- Crossing at Pinewood/McClure Meadows
- Speed issues from Whitemill to Joyces
- Car Park at St. Aidan's Crescent
- Car Park at Kennedy Park
- New road at Whitemill Industrial Estate

CONGRATULATIONS

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- AD Callers & Ability Got Talent
- Darkness into Light Team
- Jessie Sludds on his great achievement
- Organisers and participants of the Half Marathon

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It being 4.30pm, on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan, Members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders to allow for the remaining business on the agenda to be concluded.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan, a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the following:

Ms. Christine Ryan, 2 Mount George, Wexford

TO CONSIDER MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T Forde, seconded by Cllr. L. Kelly and following discussion was unanimously adopted by Members.

“I ask that this Council utilise the space available at the old Tesco and Dun Mhuire sites and that a report be brought to the next meeting of this council, on these sites. I ask that such a report includes the money invested to date, and to outline what

option for use of the leased and council owned sites are actively being considered/planned for in the short and long term”

Mr. A. Quirke, DOS, indicated to the Cllrs, that he would consult with the owner, and revert

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS DAY 18TH MAY, 2026

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.