

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH DISTRICT HELD AT 2.30 P.M. MONDAY 18th MAY, 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, V. Barron, L. Kelly, R. Staples

In Attendance:

Mr. Alan Quirke, Director of Services
Mr. Anthony Bailey, District Manager, Wexford Borough District
Mr. Laurence Lett, Senior Executive Engineer, Wexford Borough District
Mr. Shay Howell, Senior Architect, Housing Construction
Mr. Claude Clancy, Administrative Officer, Housing
Ms. Lisa McAuley, Assistant Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. Graeme Hunt, Executive Planner
Mr. Hugh Maguire, Administrative Officer, Environment
Ms. Edel Nolan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Ms. Tara Farrell, Staff Officer, Wexford Borough District
Ms. Caroline Crowe, Assistant Staff Officer, Wexford Borough District

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 20th April, 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

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan informed the members that it was agreed at the Protocol meeting, that it was agreed that in his capacity as the current Mayor, he would travel to Normandy in connection with the 2027 Year of the Normans.

DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Laffan, Members unanimously agreed that the Annual Meeting be held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026

SECTION 180 – TAKING IN CHARGE 1-25 CÚIL NA DARA, CLONARD

The attached report regarding the Taking in Charge of 1-25 Cuil na Dara, Clonard, a copy of which had previously been circulated, was following discussion, adopted on the proposal of Cllr. L. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. R. Shannon.

LOCAL AUTHORITY AFFORDABLE PURCHASE SCHEME – PROGRAMME OVERVIEW/UPDATE 2026

Mr. Claude Clancy, A.O., Housing, presented an update on the programme, in particular two upcoming schemes within the Wexford Borough District. Mr. Clancy answered the following queries:-

- Price range;
- Scoring mechanism;
- Subscription

Members unanimously gave their support to the scheme.

BELVEDERE ROAD PROJECT

The attached report regarding the proposed development at Belvedere Road, a copy of which had previously been circulated to Members was discussed at length.

Mr. Shay Howell, Senior Architect answered the following queries:-

- Parking provision;
- Traffic management;
- Proposed name;
- Pedestrian crossing;
- Ownership of accessible lift;
- Lighting;
- Communications with local residents.

All Members were happy for the application to be progressed to Part 8

AMENITY & ARTS GRANT SCHEME 2026

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

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:-

- Tenant transfers;
- Mutual swaps;
- House fire costs.

Planning

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

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:-

- Abandoned vehicle in housing estates;
- Build-up of recyclables and rubbish in housing estates;
- Cars blocking footpaths.

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:-

- Grass cutting in housing estates;
- Wexford Albion to Killeens main drainage works;
- Cross at Kerlogue – timeframe;
- Fence at Cluain Beag;
- List of locations re: bus stops and pedestrian crosses;
- Issues at Clonard Village;
- Lack of funding;
- Drinagh works;
- Clonard works;
- Works at Coolcotts Lane;
- Wexford Bridge timeframe;
- Traffic lights at Castlebridge;
- Funding for storm damaged roads;
- Drainage works at Castlebridge;
- Safety measures at Skeffington Street;
- One way system – Mannix Place;
- Cycle lane – Barntown;
- Hedge cutting for safety reasons;
- Public Realm works;
- Bollards at Hill Street;
- Dun Mhuire site – future use
- Main St – shops closing, dereliction, ASB.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS DAY 15th JUNE, 2026

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.