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3ú Eanáir, 2024

**FÓGRA CRUINNITHE**

**Meeting of Wexford County Council  
On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 - 2.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,



**Micheál O Draoi**  
Runaí

***Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams***



**County Council Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 – Agenda**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

1.1 County Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**

2.1 Intention to dispose of land at Rathnure, Co Wexford.

2.2 Intention to lease land at Rathnure, Co. Wexford.

2.3 Intention to dispose of property at Ballinclare, Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

**3. Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended):**

3.1 LAC2311 - Construction of 5 no. dwellings, consisting of 3 no. 3 bed 2 storey terrace houses & 2 no. 2 bed bungalows and associated site works. This is an amended proposal from PLAC 2124 which consisted of 3 no. 3 bed 2 storey houses, 1 no 3 bed bungalow and 1 no .2 bed bungalow at Doire Moling, Ballyedmond, Monamolin, Co. Wexford.

**4. Pre-Draft Consultation Report on Wexford Town Local Area Plan 2024**

**5. Approval for Delegation to travel to China in 2024**

**6. Chief Executive's Report**

**7. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**

7.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

7.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

7.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

7.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

7.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2023

7.6 Climate Change, Biodiversity & Environment SPC - 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

7.7 Special Economic Development & Enterprise SPC - 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

7.8 Transportation & Water Services SPC - 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**8. Correspondence and Communications**

8.1 Letters from Clare County Council re motions dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

## **9. Councillor's Conferences and Training**

9.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

9.2 Councillor's Conference Reports:

- Cllr. P. Barden – Irish Social Welfare Scheme, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

## **10. Notices of Motion**

### **10.1 Cllr. T. Forde**

"In light of the current cost of living and energy crises, when reviewing rents in the year of 2024, this council will not assess any income increases in the basic social welfare rates that were granted through Budget 2024, recognising that these increases are needed to contribute towards food and energy costs."

### **10.2 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin**

This council notes that both the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste have suggested that Israel is committing war crimes in Gaza. Over 10,000 children have been killed in what Minister Simon Harris, has described as "a war on children."

Leo Varadkar has stated that the failure of Israel to observe humanitarian law 'can't be inconsequential'

War crimes also continue in the Occupied West Bank associated with settlements that are illegal under International Law. We note that hundreds of civilians have also been killed there (where Hamas doesn't exist), and a school funded by Irish money was demolished recently.

As an Irish local authority we acknowledge that we can no longer stand by as complacent witnesses to ongoing war crimes and constant breaches of International law.

There must be consequences and Ireland is best placed to lead the way, just as we did with Apartheid South Africa.

This council is requesting that Ireland should also exercise our right as a state party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to refer the actions in Palestine and Israel to the Prosecutor of the court for the purpose of requesting an investigation into any acts of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide that have occurred in Gaza over recent months.

We further support the growing call to invoke the Genocide Convention.

That Wexford County Council re-echoes the call of Dublin Local Authorities in formally supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDS) against apartheid Israel, as a peaceful campaign for change.

We therefore call for the enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 and the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023 as a matter of urgency.

We request that this motion be circulated to all local authorities.

### **10.3 Cllr. T. Forde**

"This council will adapt policy and use a sensible approach to seek to award time back to vulnerable housing applicants, who have been intermittently on/off the housing list, for a period of time if they have been removed as they struggled to manage the submission of some minor paperwork due to mental and health difficulties in their lives or if their removal was due to a loss of paperwork by the council."

## **11. Any Other Business**