

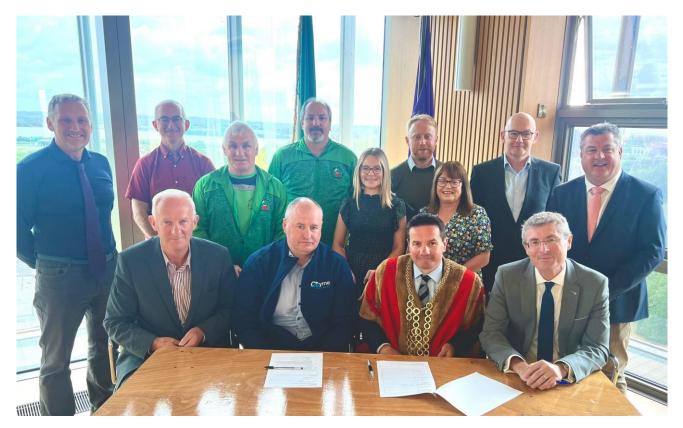
## PRESS RELEASE

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## Wexford County Council awards contract for the construction of Ferndale Boxing Gymnasium

Wexford County Council have awarded the contract for the construction of the new Boxing Gymnasium to Colm Byrne Civil and Building Contractors Ltd., Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. The contract signing took place in the Council Chamber of Wexford County Council on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The project is being funded under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme, Wexford County Council's own funds and also a significant donation from the Neville Group. The project includes the construction of a Gymnasium building measuring 330 square metres, including a main gymnasium hall, a secondary gymnasium studio, an office, plant room, toilets, showers and changing facilities. A new entrance, access road, carpark, and all associated landscaping and services complete the external of the building.



The building was designed by Conroy Architects, Glena Terrace, Spawell Road, Wexford. The building design is complimented by a unique large rooflight at the apex of the roof line, which will provide for a light filled space internally. The finished building will provide a space for the Na Fianna Boxing Club, and The Collective sensory Group, as well as other local groups. The building is part of an overall recreational masterplan for the site and will complement the newly constructed MUGA pitches which are due to open in June.

Speaking at the signing of the contact, Eddie Taaffe, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council said: "I wish to congratulate Colm Byrne Civil and Building Contractors Ltd on being awarded this contract and look forward to the imminent commencement on site. I also wish to acknowledge the contribution from the Neville Group toward the project. This facility together with the two MUGA pitches on an adjacent site will provide an opportunity for young people of the area to participate in physical activity, realise their personal goals and create a sense of community'

Adding to Mr. Taaffe's comments Mayor of Wexford, Cllr. John Hegarty said "*I am delighted to see the signing of this contract*. When completed this will be a great amenity for the young people of the area, providing a safe space to take part in physical activity, develop new skills and build new friendships"

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