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4ú Meán Fomhair, 2024

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 9th September, 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
Runai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams



County Council Meeting – 9th September, 2024 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

1.1 County Council Meeting 8th July, 2024

2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:

2.1 Intention to lease property at Caislean an Dinigh, Carrig on Bannow, Co. Wexford.

2.2 Intention to transfer a portion of land at Tomsollagh, Ferns, Co. Wexford.

2.3 Intention to dispose of property known as “Gladney’s” at 5 John Street, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

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

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

2.6 Intention to lease land Ballyknockan, Rosslare Harbour, 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 LAC2312 – Revised street layouts and public realm improvements to Castle Hill, Castle Street, Church Street, Court Street, Weafer Street, Spout Lane, Cathedral Street, Main Street, Barrack Street and Island Road, Enniscorthy.

3.2 LAC2404 - Construction of 22 no. housing units, consisting of 8 no. 1-bed single storey adaptable units, 8no. 3-bed two storey terrace units, 6no. 2-bed two storey terrace units and associated site works at Cluain Fada, Morrissylanand, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

3.3 LAC2405 - St Waleran’s Proposed Sports Complex to include community sports building with indoor courts; outdoor cricket field, athletics track and hockey pitch; access arrangements including cycle paths, footpaths, 94no. parking spaces, temporary access roadway, landscaping and ancillary site development works

4. Submission on the Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 In accordance with Section 291(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) as a Coastal Authority

5. Budget 2025

a. Local Property Tax – local adjustment factor 2025 (LAF)

b. Local Property Tax – provisional allocation 2025

c. Budget Meetings 2025 – prescribed periods

d. Proposed schedule of dates

6. **Corporate Plan 2025 - 2029**
7. **Appointment to Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) – 7 Councillors**
8. **Appointment to Healthy County Committee (including Mental Wellbeing Working Group)**
9. **Approval for Enniscorthy Municipal District delegation to travel to Blacktown, Sydney, Australia – March 2025**
10. **Approval for delegation to attend KIMO AGM, October 2024**
11. **Invitation to Wexford Towns Reunion Buffet Dinner Dance – London Wexford Association – 12th October, 2024**
12. **Chief Executive’s Report**
13. **Minutes of CPG**
 - 13.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 2nd September, 2024
14. **Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
 - 14.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 8th May, 2024
 - 14.2 New Ross Municipal District Annual Meeting – 26th June, 2024
 - 14.3 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 15th May, 2024
 - 14.4 Rosslare Municipal District Annual Meeting 26th June 2024
 - 14.5 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 20th May, 2024
 - 14.6 Borough District of Wexford Annual Meeting – 25th June, 2024
 - 14.7 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 20th May, 2024
 - 14.8 Enniscorthy Municipal District Annual Meeting 26th June, 2024
 - 14.9 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 21st May, 2024
 - 14.10 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Annual Meeting – 25th June, 2024
 - 14.11 Protocol Committee Meeting 8th January, 2024

15. Councillor's Conferences and Training

15.1 List of Conferences/Training – List Attached

15.2 Councillors Conference Report

- Report from Moncountant France, Twinning Trip – July 2024

16. Notices of Motion

16.1 Cllr. Tom Forde

"We ask that this council fly the Palestinian flag at Wexford County Council on the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine on 29th November."

16.2 Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"This council recognises the critical role of the school transport scheme in the lives of families and children and calls for immediate and comprehensive reform to provide a fit-for-purpose school transport scheme for all students requiring transport to their nearest school, irrespective of distance.

We ask that the Minister for Education and the Minister for Transport;

- ensure that families issued with concessionary tickets in the past continue to benefit from the service.

- ensure that the school transport scheme is reformed to serve the needs of students and their families adequately.

- ensure that adequate funding is allocated in the 2025 Budget to significantly expand school transport services so that it is a dependable service for students."

16.3 Cllr. John Fleming

"That Wexford County Council calls on the Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Local Government and Planning to change the regulation regarding a planning application site notice.

When a site is inspected and the site notice is not visible the applicant has to re-apply and go through the whole costly planning process again.

I am calling on the Minister to change the regulation to when the County Council inspect the site and find there is no planning documentation displayed they give a two week notice to the applicant to get the planning notice erected for inspection after that two week period."

16.4 Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin

"Wexford County Council acknowledges the increased costs of construction-related work over recent times, and calls on the Department for Social Protection or other relevant agency to increase the Housing Adaptation Grants cap from 30K to 35K. as well as increasing the HOP and Mobility Aids Grant to take account of extra costs."

16.5 Cllr. Bridin Murphy

"That this Council would host a reception for all of the volunteers and organisers of Fleadh Cheoil 2024, thanking them in recognition of how Wexford has benefited from hosting this prestigious event".

16.6 Cllr. Tom Forde

"Wexford County Council recognises the need for many households to move away from heating systems that have a complete reliance on a fire fuelled by coal and other fossil fuels and also recognises that it can be difficult for many older people and those with specific medical issues to transport and use coal and other fuels. Currently, households cannot avail of the 'Housing Aid for Older People Grant' to upgrade their existing heating system from one which relies on the use of a back boiler system. We ask that the Minister update the criteria for these grants, to allow households to qualify, if their existing heating system relies on a fossil fuelled open fire so that they may upgrade their existing heating system."

16.7 Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"This council recognises the critical role of mental health services and their accessibility and calls on the Minister of State with responsibility for mental health patients, for dedicated beds for patients experiencing crisis mental health to be allocated in Wexford that provide adequate, 24/7 care. "

16.8 Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin

"This council heartily commends all who contributed to the huge success of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024. It notes the profits made by vintners and will engage with the Vintners Association to establish a Community Benefits Fund to assist a local mental health charity or other worthy local cause for Fleadh Cheoil 2025."

17. Any Other Business