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6ú Samhain, 2024

FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 11th November, 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 – 11th November, 2024 – Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- 1.1 County Council Meeting 14th October, 2024
- 1.2 County Council Meeting 9th September, 2024 - Amendment

2. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 :

- 2.1 Intention to dispose of land at Ramsfort Park, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
- 2.2 Intention to lease newly constructed building to the rear of the former Bank of Ireland premises at St. Martin's Road, Rosslare Harbour
- 2.3 Intention to dispose of property known as "The Old Bike Shop", Priory Street, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 2.4 Intention to transfer a portion of land at Marshmeadows, New Ross, Co. Wexford.
- 2.5 Intention to extend the lease of lands at Seamount, Ardamine, Co. Wexford to Courtown Sailing Club.

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 LAC2406 – To develop a skate park plaza on the grounds that formed part of the Old New Ross rail station located in Rosbercon at Rosbercon, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

4. Audited AFS 2023 & Audit Report 2023

5. Draft Corporate Plan 2025 - 2029

6. Replacement of Cllr. Frank Staples on Healthy County Committee

7. Chief Executive's Report

8. Minutes of CPG

- 8.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 4th November, 2024

9. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):

- 9.1 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 17th September, 2024
- 9.2 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 25th September, 2024
- 9.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting – 16th September, 2024
- 9.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 17th September, 2024

10. Correspondence and Communications

- 10.1 Letters from Donegal County Council re motions dated 10th October, 2024
- 10.2 Email from Westmeath County Council re motion dated 14th October, 2024
- 10.3 Letters from Roscommon County Council re: motions dated 15th October, 2024
- 10.4 Letter from Fingal County Council re: motion dated 15th October, 2024
- 10.5 Email from Office of Minister for Justice re: motion dated 1st November, 2024

11. Councillor's Conferences and Training

11.1 Councillors Conference Report

- Cllr. Michael Sheehan - Celtic Conferences "A Practical Guide to Budget 2025" October 2024.
- Cllr. J. Fleming - Celtic Conferences "A Practical Guide to Budget 2025" October 2024.
- Report from KIMO International Trip – 9th– 11th October, 2024
- Report on Delegation London / Wexford – October, 2024

12. Notices of Motion

12.1 Cllr. B.A. Murphy

'We ask that Wexford County Council amend the structure and composition of Wexford Co. Council's Protocol Committee to include a woman in order to ensure both male and female representation on it.'

12.2 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"This Council notes that:

- · The Housing Commission report recommended a radical reset of housing policy, including the delivery of an average of 60,000 new build homes a year over the next five years
- · The Housing Commission also recommended that 20% of all housing stock should be social and affordable, which would require a doubling of public housing output on current levels

This Council agrees to:

- · Write to Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien calling on him to double the direct capital funding for social and affordable housing to deliver at least 25,000 social and affordable homes on average over the next five years.
- · To introduce the necessary reforms to enable Councils to increase and accelerate the delivery of public housing and to ensure that affordable homes to rent and buy are delivered at prices that working people can actually afford."

12.3 Cllr. T. Forde

"This Council deplors those corporations that profit from protracted armed conflict and systematic violations of human rights, particularly in the context of Israel's continuing brutal assault on the people of Gaza and escalating settler terrorism in the West Bank, Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, and other conflicts around the world. With this motion, the Council encourages companies to meet their obligations to avoid contributing to adverse human rights impacts through their own activities, and to prevent or mitigate human rights abuses linked to their operations.

The Council is aware of the crucial role of local authorities and their public procurement procedures in ensuring respect for human rights by companies, as well as their obligations under widely accepted business and human rights norms – as laid down in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999) – to promote respect for human rights by companies with which they do business.

The Council affirms that every endeavour is made to ensure that councils tender processes are consistent with the above principles, including under the Fourth Geneva convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and under customary international humanitarian law, prohibiting the importation or sale of goods or services originating in occupied territories.

This Council resolves to adopt a rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy (EPP) that takes fully into account existing obligations and standards. The EPP will incorporate widely accepted and precisely formulated international standards and explain clearly how the policy will be implemented. The primary aim of the EPP is to ensure that human rights obligations are properly acknowledged, observed and respected at all stages of the procurement process."

12.4 Cllr. AR O'Brien

"This council recognises that The current Vacant Homes Tax, currently levied at 3 times the Local Property Tax, is too low to act as an effective deterrent on the scourge of vacancy, and must be increased and, furthermore, should be increased annually in accordance with the length of time properties remain vacant. We ask that this council write to the Ministers for Finance and Housing and request that action is taken on this issue and to provide a written response to this council."

12.5 Cllr. P. Kehoe.

"That Wexford County Council calls on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances (IPB) to provide affordable underwriting options for insurance cover specifically tailored to the needs of community centres and similar community organizations. These centres are essential to the social fabric of our communities, providing valuable services and facilities that support health, well-being, and social inclusion. However, rising insurance premiums are increasingly limiting the ability of community groups to operate and expand their services.

By offering more affordable insurance options, IPB could enable community centres to continue and enhance their work without the heavy burden of unsustainable insurance costs. Wexford County Council urges IPB to consider the positive impact of such support on communities across the county and to act in the interest of promoting accessible, community-based services for all."

12.6 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"That Wexford County Council, in light of the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice on the illegality of Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territories (and following a similar plea from other local authorities) calls on the Irish Government to enact the Occupied Territories Bill as a matter of urgency, to cut Irish trade ties with Israeli goods and services produced in these illegal settlements."

12.7 Cllr. T. Forde & Cllr. AR Rose

"This Council recognises that the Local Property Tax is not working as a funding model for County Wexford. We ask that the next government fund local authorities through a model that is based on the needs of each county including roads networks, housing need etc."

13. Any Other Business