

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2016, COMMENCING 2.00 P.m.**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLOR P. FITZGERALD, CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLORS T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, S. CULLEN, P. DORAN, G. DUNNE, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, M. MCDONALD, G. McLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, O. O'BRIEN, M. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, B. THORNHILL, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS.**

**APOLOGIES:**

**COUNCILLORS T. CULLEN AND S. MATTHEWS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MR. B. DOYLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. S. QUIRKE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. T. MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. A. DEMPSEY, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MS. D. CROMIE, A/HEAD OF FINANCE  
MS. L. GALLAGHER, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR  
MR. D. MARNANE, A/SENIOR ENGINEER  
MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
MS. S. DALY, LEO  
MS. B. KILKENNY, SENIOR ENGINEER  
MS. L. CASEY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
MS. L. EARLS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MR. F. KEOGH, SENIOR ENGINEER  
MS. K. BOYLE, TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**Votes of Sympathy**

Elected members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Noel McDonnell, retired caretaker, Peggy Harrington mother of Dave Harrington and John Moran, retired Chief Fire Officer. Sympathies were also extended to the Keenan family on the death of Patty Keenan, to the Keyes family on the death of Miriam Keyes, to the O'Keefe Family on the death of Murt O'Keefe, to the Cahill family on the death of Margaret Cahill and to the Fox family on the death of John Fox. A minutes silence was held.

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

Cllr. T. Fortune requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss a general housing issue for an applicant. Agreed to defer to Special Meeting on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 11.00a.m.

Cllr. J. Whitmore requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the withdrawal of land at Victoria Road in Greystones from the market and to retake it for the provision of social housing. This was agreed.

Cllr. J O'Neill requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the snub of the housing allocation in the West of the County. Agreed to defer to Special Meeting on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Cllr. N. Lawless requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the situation at Fairfield Park. This was agreed.

Cllr. J. Snell requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss Notice of Motion No.2 *"That Wicklow County Council calls on the government to declare a state of emergency to recognise the scale of the housing crisis and to double investment in social housing, to fast track the approval, procurement and tendering process for local authorities, to introduce rent certainty, linking to the Consumer Price Index, legislate for a moratorium on home repossessions until adequate measures to deal with mortgage distress are enacted and introduce emergency legislation to give tenants in private rental properties greater protections when properties are bought by vulture funds"*

Cllr. G. O'Neill – motion – *"That Wicklow County Council write to the Minister to demand to re-open discussions with Irish Water regarding the immediate upgrading of the sewage plant in Blessington to facilitate development of new housing units"* Proposed by Cllr. G. O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless.

Cllr. J. Snell, Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and Ms. L. Gallagher advised the Elected Members that Suspension of Standing Orders should be given reasonable notice prior to the meeting.

#### **ITEM NO. 1**

##### **To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Ryan, seconded by Cllr.J. Snell and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### **ITEM NO. 2**

##### **To confirm and sign minutes of Annual meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Ryan, seconded by Cllr.J. Snell and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### **ITEM NO. 3**

##### **To consider the disposal of the freehold interest comprised in Leasehold Folio No. WW371L-Co Wicklow being 36 Griffith Street, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Michael and Mary O'Reilly, 36 Griffith Street, Arklow, Co Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. S Bourke and seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed that Wicklow County Council dispose the freehold interest comprised in Leasehold Folio No. WW371L- Co Wicklow being 36 Griffith Street, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Michael and Mary O'Reilly, 36 Griffith Street, Arklow, Co Wicklow

#### **ITEM NO. 4**

##### **To consider the transfer of land at Knockenrahan Upper Td., Croghan Industrial Estate, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Leon Recycling, Croghan Industrial Estate, Arklow, Co Wicklow**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed that Wicklow County Council transfer land at Knockenrahan Upper Td., Croghan Industrial

Estate, Arklow, Co Wicklow to Leon Recycling, Croghan Industrial Estate, Arklow, Co Wicklow

**ITEM NO. 5**

**To consider the disposal of the freehold in An Post, The Post Office, Main Street, Wicklow to An Post, The Post Office, Main Street, Wicklow**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Nolan and seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed that Wicklow County Council dispose the freehold in An Post, The Post Office, Main Street, Wicklow to An Post, The Post Office, Main Street, Wicklow

**ITEM NO. 6**

**To consider the disposal of 0.0054Ha or thereabouts of land comprised in Folio No. 5209F- Co Wicklow to rear of 10 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow to Mervyn Tyndall, 10 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. C. Fox and agreed that Wicklow County Council dispose of 0.0054Ha or thereabouts of land comprised in Folio No. 5209F- Co Wicklow to rear of 10 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow to Mervyn Tyndall, 10 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow

**ITEM NO. 7**

**To consider the disposal of land at Kindlestown Lower, Barony of Rathdown, Co Wicklow comprised in Leasehold Folio No. 3050L – Co Wicklow being 4 Upper Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow to Grainne Ward, Legal Representative of Carmel Martin (deceased), 4 Upper Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless and agreed that Wicklow County Council dispose of land at Kindlestown Lower, Barony of Rathdown, CO Wicklow comprised in Leasehold Folio No. 3050L- Co Wicklow being 4 Upper Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow to Grainne Ward, Legal Representative of Carmel Martin (deceased), 4 Upper Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow

**ITEM NO. 8**

**To consider the disposal of 0.0184Ha of land comprised in Folio No. WW1119F- Co Wicklow at rear of 15 Vartry Heights, Roundwood, Co Wicklow to Paul and Sile Keane, 15 Vartry Heights, Roundwood, Co Wicklow**

It was proposed by Cllr. J Snell and seconded by Cllr. S Cullen and agreed to dispose of 0.0184H of land comprised in Folio No. WW1119F – Co Wicklow at rear of 15 Vartry Heights, Roundwood, Co Wicklow to Paul and Sile Keane, 15 Vartry Heights, Roundwood, Co Wicklow

**ITEM NO. 9**

**To consider report in accordance with Part V111 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in respect of the Realignment of the R775, Kilmacanogue-Roundwood Road**

Brief on the safety works to be carried out on the Kilmacanogue- Roundwood Road. Introduce measures to eliminate accidents on this road. The proposal is out to public display and land owners are supportive of the scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. C. Fox and seconded by Cllr. P. Vance and a vote was taken.

28 For and 4 Not Present

**FOR: CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, O. O'BRIEN, M. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, B. THORNHILL, E. TIMMONS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS (28)**

**NOT PRESENT: CLLRS. S. CULLEN, S. MATTHEWS, D. NOLAN AND J. RUTTLE (4)**

### **ITEM NO.10**

**To consider S.85 Agreement in relation to Food Safety Functions – Wicklow County Council and Wexford County Council**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen and seconded by Cllr. J. Snell and agreed that Wicklow County Council formalise the arrangement with Wexford County Council through a S. 85 agreement in relation to Food Safety Functions.

### **ITEM. NO 11**

**To consider the Annual Service Delivery Plans 2016**

The Annual Service Delivery Plans 2016, which were previously circulated to the Members were presented as follows:

#### **Housing Directorate– Joe Lane, Director of Services**

- Housing Provision & Planning
- Housing Capital Programme
- Housing Improvement & Estate Management
- Social Housing Options
- Special Categories/Target Group
- Corporate Asset Management
- Housing Inspectorate
- Staff Health, Safety & Welfare
- Financial Management

#### Housing Provision and Planning

- Implement national housing policy
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Support the work of the Housing SPC
- Work with Approved Housing Body sector in the provision of social housing countywide
- Part V

#### Housing Improvements and Estate Management

- Energy Efficiency and Fabric Upgrade Works
- Maintenance of occupied houses
- Annual Boiler Maintenance Programme
- Rent
- Estate Development
- Management Information Systems

### Social Housing Options

- Social Housing Assessment and Non Direct Housing Provision
- Social Housing Assessment process – emphasis on RAS and Long Term Social Leasing options, Purchase Loans, Incremental Purchase Scheme, Mortgage Allowance Scheme
- Prepare for HAP
- Mortgage to Rent Scheme

### Special Categories/Target Group

- To make specific provision for the needs of the elderly and for people with disabilities within the social housing programme
- Homelessness including the provision of pathways into sustainable tenancies
- Traveller Accommodation – work with Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee - Traveller Accommodation Programme

### Corporate Asset Management

- To establish and maintain a register of all Council owned lands in the County (Property Interest Register)
- To ensure all Council owned lands are registered to the Council in the Land Registry/Registry of Deeds
- To maximise the income form Land Lettings/Leasings
- To ensure all Council-owned lands are properly secured
- County Buildings
- To review energy usage in County Buildings

### Housing Inspectorate

- Inspect properties before and after adaptations for persons with a disability and house adaptations for older people
- To investigate reports of unauthorised alterations to LA houses
- To carry out inspections of PRTB properties

### Health, Safety and Welfare

- To endeavour to provide a healthy and safe working environment for all employees
- To promote staff development and ensure staff welfare
- To create a cooperative work environment that promotes a healthy work place with dignity and respect for all

### Financial Management

- Monitor and report on all expenditure
- To address overspend on budget
- To follow appropriate procurement procedures
- To provide and maintain appropriate systems that allow for effective management of files

### **Transportation Directorate – Sean Quirke, Director of Services**

- Length of Road
  - National Secondary 39km
  - Regional 464 km
  - Local 1779km
- Surface Dressing €952,823
- Road Improvement €3,385,065
- Road Safety Together Meetings 3
- Low Cost Safety Schemes 2

- Footpath Construction 960m
- Cycleway Construction 580m
- Public Light Maintenance 16,300
- Transport Interchanges
  - Bray Station
  - Wicklow

CIP 2016-2017

- |                                | 2016       |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| • RARIS                        | €2,150,000 |
| • Knockroe Bend<br>Realignment | €800,000   |
| • Wicklow PA&TRR               | €2,500,000 |

### **Water and Environmental Services Directorate – Aidan Dempsey, A/Director of Services**

- Water and Waste Water Services
  - Public Supplies – Irish Water – Measured by IW directly – Pg.18 of ASDP
  - Private Supplies – LA – Pg 18, 19 of ASDP
- Waste Management & Enforcement Pg 20, 21 of ASDP and National Service Indicators
- Environmental Pollution, Monitoring & Control & Laboratory Services
- Fire Services & Emergency Management– pg. 14, 15 & 16 of ASDP
- Veterinary Services pg 22 of ASDP
- Environmental Education & Awareness Campaigns Pg 20, 21 of ASDP
- Other pg 22, 23 of ASDP
- Arklow Municipal District
- Harbours & Ports
  - Graveyards
  - Civil Defence – Pg 24
  - Flooding / OPW
  - Energy Awareness
  - Caravan Park Licencing
  - Casual Trading, Carparks
- Service Indicators / Performance Measures for Annual Service Delivery Plan  
**Determined under a number of Areas**
- Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) - Annually
- Regional Waste Management Plans
- Adopted Budget - Annually
- National Service Indicators - Annually
- Local Indicators
  - **Division C - Water & Waste Water**
  - **Division E – Environmental Services**
  - **Division F – Recreation & Amenity**
  - **Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare**
  - **Division H – Miscellaneous Services**

## **Planning and Development Directorate – Leonora Earls – Administrative Officer**

Goal No 1: To regulate development in County Wicklow to sustain a better quality of life for people, a strong competitive economic position and an environment of the highest quality, through effective and efficient development management and enforcement processes

Goal No. 2: To ensure planning and economic development takes place within an agreed framework, developed in consultation with the public and other stakeholders

Goal No. 3: To ensure residents have an acceptable living environment, by facilitating timely completion of housing estates and to progress the taking in charge of completed estates

Goal No. 4: Facilitate business development and employment creation through pro-active interaction with promoters of employment infrastructure

Goal No. 5: To secure the implementation of the Development Contribution Scheme and through efficient collection of development contributions, minimise the amount of outstanding monies owed

Goal No. 6: To ensure that the protection of natural and built heritage is integrated into all actions and decision making

Goal No 7: To provide a Healthy & Safe Working Environment  
Ensure compliance with Data Protection legislation

## **Community Cultural and Social Development Directorate – Michael Nicholson, Director of Services**

### Functional Areas

- Community Development
- Social Inclusion
- Library Service
- Recreation
- Arts
- Music Generation
- Health & Safety

### Community Development

- Local Community Development Committee
- Local Economic & Community Plan
- Development Levies
- LEADER Programme
- Community Grants
- Age Friendly Alliance
- Children & Young People's Services Committee
- Comhairle Na Nog

### Social Inclusion

- Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme
- Promotion of Social Inclusion and equality in the County
- Public Participation Network

### Library Service

- Library Development Plan 2016 – 2020

- Develop public libraries to promote community cohesion and well-being, economic growth and cultural identity.
- Encourage additional activity in libraries, such as musical equipment loans, foreign language stock , community rooms etc.

#### Recreation

- Support the development of sport & Recreation
- Wicklow Outdoor Recreation
- Wicklow Way Partnership
- Bray/Greystones Cliff walk
- Local Sports Partnership
- Wicklow Walking Routes
- Playgrounds/Skateparks.

#### Arts

- Nurture the arts in the County
- Arts Strategy 2015 – 2018
- 1% for Art Scheme
- Public Art Policy
- Artists support through grants
- Support for festivals

#### Music Generation

- Strategic Partnership with KWETB for Music Generation Wicklow
- Music generation 5 year plan 2015 – 2020
- Collaboration with Library Service to bring music to the libraries.
- Expand music generation in areas of social disadvantage.

#### Health & Safety

- Provide a healthy and safe working environment.
- Continue to raise awareness of Health & Safety at work through training and staff wellbeing programmes.

#### Headline Indicators

- Implement actions from the LECP
- Implement the LEADER Programme
- Increase number of infrastructural projects
- Increase community grants (no. And £)
- Complete Age friendly alliance
- More groups in PPN
- Increase visits to libraries
- Increase library membership
- Increase number of items borrowed
- Increase availability of Internet
- Increase number of Playgrounds
- Increase in sports programmes rolled out
- More coaching programmes
- Roll out music generation to rural areas
- Fully utilise the 1% for Art Scheme

#### 6 National Indicators

- Visits to library per head of population 3.732 (3.161 in 2015).
- Number of items borrowed 500,000 (428,715 in 2015)
- Cost of operating library service per head €24.12 (€21.398 in 2015)
- Participation in Comhairle na Nog 80% (71.42% in 2015)
- Groups associated with PPN 154 (134 in 2015)



- Groups in Social inclusion college in PPN 43 (36 in 2015)

#### Capital Programme 2016

- Kilcoole Playground
- Baltinglass Skatepark
- Bray Skatepark
- Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk
- Swimming Pool Energy Efficiency Works
- Dog Parks
- Community centres
- Mobile Library Van
- New Library Wicklow Town

#### **Enterprise & Corporate Services Directorate – Tom Murphy, A/Director of Services**

- To promote entrepreneurship, foster Business Start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses in conjunction with the Local Enterprise office
- To support the work of the Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC
- To market and promote Wicklow as an ideal location for entrepreneurs / businesses to invest / locate etc.
- To market and promote the Council's Employment sites at Avondale Business Park, Rathdrum
- To roll out the Economic Actions from the Local Economic & Community Plan
- To Implement the recommended Actions contained in the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank Action Plan
  - Develop a brand that Communicates all that Wicklow has to offer
  - Ensure Wicklow is "*Open for Business*"
  - Facilitate maximum economic return from the retail sector
  - Maximise the value of Wicklow's status as the "*Garden County*"
  - Capitalise on the Film Industry
  - Grow Traditional Sectors
  - Be alert to new Economic opportunities
- To promote and develop Wicklow County Campus as a Centre of Excellence in Enterprise Innovation & Education
- To promote and support Tourism in the County
- The Recruitment training and development of a sufficient number of qualified staff to meet the existing and future needs of the Organisation
- To foster and maintain Stable Industrial Relations
- To continue to implement the modernisation agenda
- To support the work of the WCC Joint Policing Committee
- To provide support and advice to the Elected Members
- To prepare and complete each Register of Electors / Supplement to the highest degree of Voter accuracy and customer satisfaction
- To support the work of the Wicklow County Council Audit Committee

#### **ITEM NO. 12**

#### **To consider Wicklow County Council's proposed Capital Investment Programme 2016- 2018 (previously circulated and deferred fro meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016)**

The Capital Investment Programme 2016-2018 was presented to the Elected Members and a discussion followed. Cllr. D. Mitchell wanted it noted that he was no in favour of the Programme due to the lack of investment in Greystones.

#### **ITEM NO. 13**

**To set date for Council meeting before the end of September 2016, to consider “Setting the Local Adjustment Factor”.**

It was agreed that the Council meeting to consider “Setting the Local Adjustment Factor” for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 11.00a.m. to discuss LPT, housing issue and data protection.

**ITEM NO. 14**

**To consider report/recommendation of subcommittee established to review the process by which land disposals are conducted**

Following the discussion on the recommendations of the subcommittee established to review the process by which land disposals are conducted, Cllr. J. Behan and seconded by Cllr. E. Timmons a vote was taken to amend the report and leave out recommendation No. 2.

**FOR: CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, P. FITZGERALD, P. KENNEDY, G. MCLOUGHLIN, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, J. RUTTLE, B. THORNHILL, E. TIMMONS AND T. VANCE, (12)**

**AGAINST: CLLRS. M. KAVANAGH, M. MCDONALD, D. MITCHELL, O.O’BRIEN, M. O’CONNOR, G. O’NEILL, J. RYAN, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS (12)**

**NOT PRESENT: CLLRS. S. BOURKE, S.CULLEN, T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, G. DUNNE, C. FOX AND S. MATTHEWS (7)**

**ABSTAINING: CLLR. J. SNELL (1)**

**ITEM NO. 15**

**To receive presentation from Ms. Christine Flood, SEO: Recent Study Trip to Hainan China regarding establishment of Sister County/Province Relationship**

Ms Christine Flood and Cllr. G. Walsh gave a presentation on their recent study trip to Hainan China regarding establishment of Sister County/Province Relationship.

**FACTS**

- China (Population 1.35 billion) is the worlds second largest economy.
- Hainan Island (Pop 9 million) is China’s smallest most and southerly province
- Major Cities Haikou (capital) and Sanya
- It was established as a Special Economic Zone by the Chinese Government – very fast growing economy.
- Tourism is a major component of Hainan’s economy due to its climate and coastline
- The visit to Hainan arose out of an official invitation from the Hainan Government following the signing of the letter of intent in June 2015
- The delegation was received by the Vice Governor, Wang Lu and Senior representatives of the overseas, education, trade and tourism sectors
- Followed by a formal meeting with Governor Liu Cigui, accompanied the Secretary General of the Provincial Government Lu Zhiyuan and senior officials.

**Governor Liu’s Address about Hainan**

- Vacation paradise for tourists from China and abroad.
- Famous for its ecology, health and longevity as well as being a “smart island” Internet, medical, financial, conference and exhibition industries are developing fast.
- Features a number of pilot zones which support international investment in specific fields such as medicine.
- Extremely liveable environment.
- Hosted international events from Volvo Ocean Race to the Miss World Pageant

**Visit Inspires Deeper Co-operation**

The visit by the Wicklow Delegation will enhance co-operation in areas such as economic development, agriculture, tourism, education and will promote sports and cultural and educational exchanges which will contribute further the friendship between Hainan and Wicklow and China and Ireland.

He looks forward to visiting Wicklow.

#### Cllr John Ryan's Address

- Ireland's location, climate, population (the most youthful in Europe) its key industries and our fast growing exports.
- 90% of the world's top software and pharmaceutical companies are represented in Ireland.
- Our culture, our participation in national and international sports.
- County Wicklow as an ideal destination for business and tourism, its scenery, quality of life, access to education, proximity to Dublin. He talked about Wicklow's industries and in particular its film industry.
- He presented a letter from Minister of State Andrew Doyle T.D supporting the partnership with Hainan, with particular emphasis on
- He invited Governor Liu to lead a delegation to Wicklow in 2017.

#### Hainan Software Community

##### Hainan Software Community

is a nascent micro-city based around the software industry

The ultimate purpose is to develop a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Companies visited by the group included NH Cloud Computing, Hainan Nanhai Cloud Infotech Company and RSC an award winning animation company.

The Micro City also includes some of China's major software companies such as Ten Cent, Chinas largest internet portal.

#### HAINAN UNIVERSITY

The delegation met with Professor Li Jianbao, President of Hainan University, Professor Lin Wang, Director of International Affairs and Professor Wei Kalei, Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Studies and their team.

#### HAINAN UNIVERSITY

One of the key objectives of the university is to support the development of Hainan as a first class tourism destination by 2020.

The university is working in collaboration with Dublin Institute of Technology in the area of hospitality.

Professor Li outlined his proposals for strengthening co-operation with Ireland in the areas of tourism, hospitality and event management,

#### HAINAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Plans for a visit to Ireland by Hainan Normal University and co-operation with Maynooth are at an advanced stage.

It has collaborative programmes with a number of foreign universities and provides education for students across South East Asia.

It is also one of the largest teacher training universities in China.

Representatives of the university are very interested in exploring opportunities for engagement with County Wicklow in the area of tourism, and with educational establishments in Ireland, during their forthcoming visit to Ireland.

#### Sanya

Sanya is China's southernmost city and is known for its resorts, yachting and cruising facilities. Sanya became internationally known as a host port for the Volvo Ocean Race in

2012 and 2015. The Yacht Sanya which participated in the race was sponsored by Discover Ireland

#### Phoenix Island International Cruise Terminal

This new state of the art cruise terminal is built on a manmade island in Sanya Bay.

It provides embarkation facilities for some of the worlds major cruise liners, a seven star hotel and associated amenities.

### **SHANGHAI**

#### Enterprise Ireland meeting

- EI are supportive of the proposed partnership with Hainan Province and have confirmed that the fields of tourism, innovation and entrepreneurship present the best opportunities.
- Partnership with third level is very advantageous.
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#### Potential Investors

- Members of the delegation had two further meetings: one with an investment advisor, specialising in matching Chinese investors to Irish investment projects.
- The final meeting was with a consultant currently based Shanghai, interested in opening a tourism related business in County Wicklow.

#### Opportunities:

It is clear that there are *"endless opportunities* arising out of the very positive engagement with Hainan Province.

- Hainan Airlines, one of China's largest airlines are in discussion with the DAA about a Beijing to Dublin route.
- Marketing of Wicklow Products e.g food and beverages – via An Bord Bia/ Enterprise Ireland
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#### Tourism

- Internships in the hospitality/tourism area
- Collaborations in film and animation
- Investment and Entrepreneurship
- Education in the areas of Entrepreneurship and innovation
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#### Proposed Next Steps

- Arrange a familiarisation tour for 2017 based in Wicklow but taking in adjoining counties.
- Enable tourism and product and services providers to develop web sites aimed at the Chinese market.
- Liaise with DIT re internships in the hospitality and tourism areas
- Investigate feasibility of a Start Up Entrepreneur Programme (STEP)
- Seek to match Wicklow investment opportunities with investors from China.

#### Suspension of Standing Orders

Cllr. J. Whitmore earlier requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the issue with Fairfield Park. She requested that the land be withdrawn at Victoria Road and that it be retained for the provision of social housing.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

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**CLLR. PAT FITZGERALD  
CATHAOIRLEACH  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/  
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**