MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017, COMMENCING 2.00 P.M.

### **PRESENT:**

COUNCILLOR P. FITZGERALD, CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLORS T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, T.CULLEN, S. CULLEN, P. DORAN, G. DUNNE, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, 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 AND J. WHITMORE

### **APOLOGIES:**

**COUNCILLOR I. WINTERS** 

## IN ATTENDANCE:

- MR. B. DOYLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
- MR. S. QUIRKE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
- MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
- MR. T. MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
- MR. D. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
- MR. M. GEANEY, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
- MS. L. GALLAGHER, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
- MR. D. MARNANE, A/SENIOR ENGINEER
- MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- MS. S. DALY, HEAD OF ENTERPRISE, WICKLOW LEO
- MS. B. KILKENNY, SENIOR ENGINEER
- MS. L. CASEY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
- MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- MS. N. DRAIN, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
- MS. S. BARRETT, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ARCHITECT
- MR. D. PORTER, MD DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
- MS. S. WALSH, SENIOR PLANNER
- MS. A. MINION, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
- MS. K. BOYLE, TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER

## Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members passed votes of sympathy to the families of the late Mr Con Cashman, Mr. Brendan O Connor, Ms Mary Byrne, Mr. Stan Moore and to former Councillor Ms Jane Murphy. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

## Suspension of Standing Orders

- Effect of the A&E Crisis on the people of County Wicklow: It was proposed by Cllr.
   N. Lawless, seconded by Cllr. M. McDonald and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the effect of the current A & E crisis on the people of County Wicklow.
- 2. **Rocks Valley:** It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune, seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless and agreed to discuss issues raised by local residents in connection with the Rocks Valley.

The Cathaoirleach proposed hearing these matters at 4.30 p.m. which was agreed by the elected members.

Irish Water public consultation process: Community Gain and pipe line corridor

Cllr. T. Cullen raised the issue of making a submission to Irish Water's public consultation process requesting that the Council have a seat at the stakeholder table with other counties. He mentioned that this had been discussed at the Baltinglass MD Meeting in December and that he understood it was going to be discussed at full Council level. He said that there is a time limit for making submissions. He said that there had been some discussions at Regional Assembly level in the context of community gain for the source counties. Cllr. D. Mitchell advised that he would be happy to assist with the submission referring to the paper he had previously prepared which was submitted to both Irish Water and the Department in relation to community gain for Wicklow and that he would be happy for this submission to be used.

The Chief Executive confirmed advised that an extensive paper had been submitted to the Department and Irish Water in relation to two issues, 1. Community gain for Wicklow Water and 2. The budget process. He said that it was appropriate for the Council to re-iterate its views to be recompensed as a source county and to work with the regional assembly as a broader and stronger voice.

## ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. S. Cullen and agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday,  $7^{th}$  November 2016 as circulated.

### ITEM NO. 2

To confirm and sign minutes of Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday. 14th November 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 as circulated.

## ITEM NO. 3

To confirm and sign minutes of Budget Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 28th November 2016

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Vance seconded by Cllr. G. McLoughlin and agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of Budget Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 as circulated.

## ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of 0.43 acres in the townland of Rathdrum by way of 3 year lease and the right to pass and repass to Noel Jacob and Helen Jacob, Jacob's Well, Rathdrum

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed to dispose of 0.43 acres in the townland of Rathdrum by way of 3 year lease and the right to pass and repass to Noel Jacob and Helen Jacob, Jacob's Well, Rathdrum

### ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of 0.8857 hectares (2.87 acres) or thereabouts of land at Coolbeg, Rathnew, Co Wicklow – (Drawing No. N11/RARIS/DSPL/3) to Roadstone Dublin Ltd., Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24.-

Mr. S. Quirke, DOS, responded to a query raised in relation to the disposal notice in that it had been agreed back in 2004 to cede the land back to Roadstone Dublin Ltd. once the road works had been completed as set out in memo dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 and circulated to the elected members. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed to dispose of 0.857 hectares (2.87 acres) or thereabouts of land at Coolbeg, Rathnew, Co Wicklow – (Drawing No. N11/RARIS/DSLP/3) to Roadstone Dublin Ltd., Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

## ITEM NO. 6

To consider the disposal of portion of property comprised in Folio WW11881 being property known as 33 Connolly Square, Bray, Co Wicklow by Deed of Transfer and Rectification to Stephen Downey, 33 Connolly Square, Bray, Co Wicklow.

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Thornhill, seconded by Cllr. S. Matthews and agreed to dispose of portion of property comprised in Folio WW1881 being property known as 33 Connolly Square, Bray, Co Wicklow by Deed of Transfer and Rectification to Stephen Downey, 33 Connolly Square, Bray, Co Wicklow

## ITEM NO. 7

To consider the disposal of 0.0795Ha or thereabouts of land adjacent to Knockroe, Co Wicklow contained in Folio 4484, Plan No. 9, Propoerty No 166 to Luke Tighe, 38 New Road, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow

Cllr. J. Whitmore asked for clarification in relation to the consideration for the transfer of the lands being €150,000 plus legal costs. She referred to previous valuations received i.e. €60,000 in 2012 (without planning permission) updated to €80,000 in 2016, current market value with planning permission €150,000, she asked why was the full market value being applied if the adjoining land owner is not allowing access to sewerage and why did the applicants not go ahead with the transaction in 2012. She asked if the Council had accepted the 2012 valuation back in 2012 and had the family been notified of the greater valuation.

Mr. J. Lane, DOS, referred to Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 advised that the consent of the Minister would be required if the price for the land being disposed was not the best reasonable obtainable and that as far as he was aware the family were aware of the €150,000 valuation. Following a brief discussion on the matter it was proposed by Cllr. N. Lawless, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed to dispose of 0.0795Ha or thereabouts of land adjacent to Knockroe, Co Wicklow contained in Folio 4484, Plan No. 9, Property No 166 to Luke Tighe, 38 New Road, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow

## ITEM NO. 8

To consider the disposal of 0.14acres or thereabouts of land in Drummin Townland, Annamoe, Co Wicklow to Helen Kenna, Drummin, Annamoe, Co Wicklow.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. J. Snell and agreed to dispose of 0.14 acres or thereabouts of land in Drummin Townland, Annamore, Co Wicklow to Helen Kenna, Drummin, Annamoe, Co Wicklow

### ITEM NO. 9

To consider report in accordance with Part V111 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) for 2 one bedroom apartments at Druid's Brook, Kilcoole.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune, seconded by Cllr. G. McLoughlin and agreed by a margin of 28 votes for and 4 not present to proceed with the development at Druid's Brook, Kilcoole,

Co. Wicklow in accordance with report of Mr. J. Lane, Director of services circulated to the elected members.

FOR:	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G.
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28	DUNNE, M. O'CONNOR, S. CULLEN, P. DORAN, P. FITZGERALD, T.
	FORTUNE, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S.
	MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M.
	MURPHY, D. NOLAN, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. SNELL, B
	THORNHILL, E TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G, WALSH AND J. WHITMORE
NOT	CLLRS. T. CULLEN, O. O'BRIEN, J. RYAN AND I. WINTERS
PRESENT:	
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#### ITEM NO. 10

To consider report in accordance with Part V111 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) for 4 one bedroom houses at Chapel Lane, Aughrim Ms. Shelly Barrett, Senior Executive Architect gave a brief presentation on the proposed scheme. Mr. J. Lane advised that the figure 9,491 on page 3 of the report should read 1,423 and that the development could not begin until the commencement of the upgrade of the waste water treatment plant. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by a margin of 28 votes for and 4 not present to proceed with the development at Aughrim, Co. Wicklow in accordance with report of Mr. J. Lane, Director of services circulated to the elected members with modification.

FOR: 28	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G. DUNNE, M. O'CONNOR, S. CULLEN, P. DORAN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. SNELL, B THORNHILL, E TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G, WALSH AND J. WHITMORE
NOT PRESENT: 4	CLLRS. T. CULLEN, O. O'BRIEN, J. RYAN AND I. WINTERS

## ITEM NO. 11

To consider report in accordance with Part V111 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) for 4 one bedroom apartments at Kilmantain Place, Bray.

Ms. Shelly Barrett, Senior Executive Architect gave a brief presentation on the proposed scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Behan,, seconded by Cllr. P C. Fox and agreed by a margin of 25 votes for and 7 not present to proceed with the development at Bray, Co. Wicklow in accordance with report of Mr. J. Lane, Director of services circulated to the elected members. The view was expressed that the units be allocated to categories 4 and 5 of the scheme of letting priorities as one bed apartments were ideal for the elderly and would assist to free up units for larger families. Consultation as far as practicable with adjoining residents during the next stages was requested.

FOR	CLLRS. T.	ANNESLEY, J.	BEHAN,	V.	BLAKE,	S.	BOURKE,	G.
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25	DUNNE, M. O'CONNOR, P. DORAN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE,
	C. FOX, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS,
	M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, O.
	O'BRIEN, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, B. THORNHILL, E, TIMMINS, P.
	VANCE, G. WALSH
NOT	CLLRS. S. CULLEN, T. CULLEN, D. NOLAN, G.O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE,
PRESENT	J. WHITMORE, I. WINTERS
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## **ITEM NO. 12**

To consider report in accordance with Part V111 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) for 8 housing units at the former FCA site at the Murrough, Wicklow Town.

Ms. Shelly Barrett, Senior Executive Architect gave a brief presentation on the proposed scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. J Snell, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed by a margin of 20 votes for and 12 not present to proceed with the development at The Murrough, Wicklow Town, in accordance with report of Mr. J. Lane, Director of services circulated to the elected members.

FOR	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G.
20	DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T, FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, N.
	LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M.
	MURPHY, D. NOLAN, O. O'BRIEN, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, P. VANCE, G.
	WALSH, J. WHITMORE
NOT	CLLRS., S. CULLEN, T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, C. FOX, P. KENNEDY,
PRESENT	M. MCDONALD, M. O'CONNOR G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, B.
12	THORNHILL, E. TIMMINS, I. WINTERS

### **ITEM NO. 13**

To consider report in accordance with Part V111 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for 2 one bedroom houses at Ard Na Mara, Kilcoole Ms. Shelly Barrett, Senior Executive Architect gave a brief presentation on the proposed scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless and agreed by a margin of 21 votes for and 11 not present to proceed with the development at Ard na Mara, Beechcourt Avenue, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with report of Mr. J. Lane, Director of services circulated to the elected members

FOR	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G.
21	DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, N.
	LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D.
	MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, O. O'BRIEN, J. RYAN, J.
	SNELL, B. THORNHILL, P. VANCE, G. WALSH
NOT	CLLRS. S. CULLEN, T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, C. FOX, P. KENNEDY,
PRESENT	M. O'CONNOR, G.O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, E. TIMMINS, J. WHITMORE,
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## **ITEM NO. 14**

# To consider proposed amendment to Standing Order number 7(a): Notification to attend a meeting

Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 was circulated to the elected members.

4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

# Re: Proposed amendment to standing order number 7(a): Notification to attend a meeting

The members of the Protocol Committee meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 considered the matter of receiving agendas, minutes and accompanying meeting documentation by email and by minute pad. The committee were advised of the Elected Members' IT programme which provided for the receipt of agenda and minutes by email and that standing orders should be amended to allow for the receipt of the agenda by email. The protocol committee recommended that standing order number 7(a) be amended to include wording in red to allow for the sending of the agenda by email as follows:

A notification to attend a meeting other than a local authority budget meeting shall be (i) sent by email or delivered to each member of the Council.

It was also considered that minute pad and receiving agendas and minutes electronically is the way forward and that the executive will work with the elected members in this regard. The committee requested that additional training sessions for elected members be held in the new year in relation to the use of minute pad (the paperless meetings management system) and accordingly this will be arranged.

Lorraine Gallagher, Senior Executive Officer | Meetings Administrator

Cllr. J. Behan advised that An Post is losing business progressively due to the advent of email and as a public body the Council should do everything to support An Post and proposed that the recommendation not be accepted.

Following an exchange of views on the matter it was proposed by Cllr. N. Lawless, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to include the words '**by email'** into standing order number 7(a). It was also agreed that the elected members be given the choice as to whether or not they wished to receive the agenda by email or by paper.

FOR	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE,
22	M.O'CONNOR, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, C. FOX, M.
	KAVANAGH, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G.
	MCLOUGHLIN, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, O. O'BRIEN, J. RYAN, J.
	SNELL, B. THORNHILL, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH
NOT PRESENT 10	CLLRS. G. DUNNE, S. CULLEN, T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, P. KENNEDY, D. MITCHELL, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. WHITMORE, I. WINTERS

### **ITEM NO. 15**

To receive a deputation of employees of companies working within Ardmore Studios, Bray, Co Wicklow.

Mr. Graham Waters, Mr. Michael O'Toole and Mr. Paddy Traynor, employees of companies working within Ardmore Studios, Bray, Co Wicklow gave a presentation to the elected members on the sale of Ardmore Studios and to the reasons why the facility should be retained as a film studios.

The deputation requested the following of the elected members:

- 1. The support of the elected members in keeping Ardmore Studios zoned for the production of film and television
- 2. To request that the area known as Lowes Yard be reverted to the zoning "film and television use"

Following the presentation the elected members passed the following resolution and requested that it be forwarded to Enterprise Ireland and the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

- 1. As a body Wicklow County Council only supports the sale of Ardmore Studios as a going concern
- 2. When the Bray Local Area Plan comes before the Council, that as a matter of policy the Council agrees to maintain the film only zoning as it exists, that the small section known as Lowes Yard be zoned for film, and that this be included in the plan being presented to the Council in the next couple of months.

## ITEM NO. 16

To consider a nominee to the Regional Health Forum in replacement of Cllr. I. Winters It was proposed by Cllr. E. Timmins and seconded by Cllr. P Vance to nominate Cllr. v. Blake to the Regional Health Forum in replacement of Cllr. I. Winters. It was proposed by Cllr. G. O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless to nominate Cllr. M. McDonald to the Regional Health Form in replacement of Cllr. I. Winters.

The matter was put to a vote and following a roll call Cllr. Blake was appointed as the Council's nominee to the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum in replacement of Cllr. I Winters by a margin of 16 votes for Cllr. Blake, 12 for Cllr. McDonald and 4 not present viz:-

IN FAVOUR OF CLLR. V. BLAKE (16)	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, G. DUNNE, S. CULLEN, P. FITZGERALD, P. KENNEDY, S. MATTHEWS, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, D. NOLAN, J. RUTTLE, J. RYAN, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH
IN FAVOUR OF CLLR. MCDONAL D (12)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. O'CONNOR, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, N. LAWLESS, M. MCDONALD, M. MURPHY, O. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, J. SNELL, B. THORNHILL, J. WHITMORE
(4)NOT PRESENT	CLLRS. T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, C. FOX, I. WINTERS

### **ITEM NO. 17**

(Draft Direction) – To discuss Direction in the matter of Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 200 (as amended by S.21 of the Planning and Development (Amendment Act 2010) – Wicklow County Development Plan, 2016

The following documents were circulated to the elected members

- 1. Draft Direction: Direction in the matter of Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended by S21 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010) Wicklow County Development Plan Direction 2016
- 2. Extract: Ministerial directions regarding development plans.

Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Planner advised in relation to the direction received as circulated which related to (i) Objective CCE6, Wind Energy and (ii) Objective EMP 12 Zoning objective, Kilpedder Interchange. She advised of the 150 submissions received, 3 in respect of EMP 12 Zoning, Kilpedder and 147 in relation to CCE6, Wind Energy. She advised that no later than a period of four weeks after the expiry date the Chief Executive shall prepare a report on any submissions or observations received and furnish same to the Minister. The report shall summarise the views of the persons who made the submissions or observations, summarise the views of and the recommendations of the elected members, summarise the views of and recommendations of the regional assembly, if any, and make a recommendation in relation to the best manner in which to give effect to the draft direction.

Ms. Walsh advised that the Minister will consider the report and may issue the direction with or without minor amendments, or not to issue the direction or may appoint an inspector if felt necessary.

Following a discussion on the matter wherein elected members expressed their views, the Chief Executive advised that he had listened to the elected members and will be reflecting the views of the members.

## **ITEM NO. 18**

# To receive presentation on Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

It was agreed to defer the presentation on Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) to the next meeting of Wicklow County Council

## **ITEM NO. 19**

# To receive update from elected members regarding Elected Members Fundraising Event: Wicklow Hospice (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

L. Gallagher advised that the elected members fund raising gala event would be held in the Parkview Hotel on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 in aid of the Wicklow Hospice Foundation and that each of the MDs had confirmed a contribution of €10,000 each. She advised that a small sub committee was in place representing all of the 32 elected members and that periodic update would issue to the members.

### ITEM NO. 20

## To consider Monthly Management Report December 2016

The Monthly Management Report December 2016 as circulated was noted.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

## Rocks Valley, Kilcoole

Cllr. T. Fortune advised that over the past few days a number of residents had been in touch with him in connection with activity on the Rocks Valley site which he said was protected in the newly adopted County Wicklow Development Plan. He asked the executive for information in relation to reports that two council officials were at the site accompanied by an official by the EPA in early January and of the discussions that had taken place between officials and residents. Cllr. Fortune advised that the residents and the extended community want to have the yard cleaned up, the gate removed, the hedgegrow put back and the site vacated immediately.

Mr. Des O Brien, DOS, Planning & Development, advised that the planning decision in relation to the site was on appeal to ABP and the EPA before the adoption of the new County Wicklow Development Plan. He advised that the EPA had inspected the site notice which had been erected previously and asked for it to be put back in place again. In response to the query, if planning permission is granted can the council proceed if contrary to the new County Development Plan?, Mr. O Brien advised that he would seek legal advice if that situation arose.

An undertaking was requested of the Executive that if this situation arose no action would take place until the legal advice comes before the Council and also could the elected members have sight of the brief to the Barrister if legal advice was sought.

The Chief Executive advised that when An Bord Pleanala and the EPA make the decision the Executive will revert to the elected members.

## Effect of the A&E Crisis on the people of County Wicklow

Cllr. N. Lawless put forward the following proposal which was seconded by Cllr. M. McDonald. 'That we, Wicklow County Council call on the Minister of Health to re-open St. Bridget's ward to assist with the overcrowding and reopen the Accident and Emergency Department in Loughlinstown Hospital an Accident and Emergency Ward. Elected members in supporting the motion asked for it to be circulated to the 4 TDs for County Wicklow in addition to the Minister for Health and that it be kept on the agenda.

# ITEM 21 Correspondence

## **Protocol Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr. N. Lawless, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Connor and agreed to confirm minutes of protocol committee meetings of 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2016, 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 and 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016 as circulated to the elected members.

## C.P.G. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed to confirm minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting of  $1^{st}$  of February,  $7^{th}$  of March,  $9^{th}$  of May,  $5^{th}$  of September,  $26^{th}$  of September and  $7^{th}$  of November (all 2016) as circulated to the elected members.

Local Government Act, 2001, Ethical Framework for Local Government Services Annual Declarations

- Reporting of political donations by elected members: L. Gallagher advised that the members had been circulated with correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government by the Ethics Registrar on the acceptance and reporting of political donations and that the deadline for the reporting of same is 31<sup>st</sup> of January, 2017.
- 2. Elected members annual declarations: L. Gallagher advised that the members had been circulated with letter dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017 from the Department of Housing Planning, Community and Local Government, notice requiring submission of annual declaration form, prescribed annual declaration form in both Irish and English, code of conduct for Councillors and copy of circular LG 2/2015 notes on Part 15 of the Local Government Act, by the Ethics Registrar, and that the deadline for submission of completed forms to the Ethics Registrar is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

Both matters were noted by the elected members.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

CLLR. PAT FITZGERALD
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR