

<p align="center">MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 1st OCTOBER, 2018, COMMENCING 2PM</p>
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PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

COUNCILLOR M. KAVANAGH

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MR. F. CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MR. S. QUIRKE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. T. MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. GEANEY, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. B. GLEESON, HEAD OF FINANCE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. S. WALSH, SENIOR PLANNER
MR. F. KEOGH, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. DAVID PORTER, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. A. MINION, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. C. FOX, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. R. WOOD, STAFF OFFICER
MS. G. LANG, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER**

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Mrs. Breda Allen, Mr. Philip Thomas Meagher and Mrs. Rita Bouchier. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

ITEM NO. 1

To consider the disposal of 1,107.6sq mts or thereabouts of land situated at St. Cronan's, Main Street, Co. Wicklow, for an extended term of 15 years from the 1st day of September, 2037 at a rent of €200 per annum, subject to review every 5 years to Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre Limited.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. G. McLoughlin. Prior to the disposal notice being agreed, further information was requested by the elected members in relation to the constitution of the Board of the Mermaid Theatre, the implications of extending the lease to 2052 and if by extending the lease conveys any additional ownership to the board.

Mr. T. Murphy, DOS, Enterprise and Corporate Services advised that a report had been circulated with the disposal notice, which advised that the original lease covered the period from the 1st of September, 2002 to the 31st of August, 2037 (35 years), and that the extended lease will expire on the 31st of August, 2052. He advised that a letter which was received from the CEO/Artistic Director of the Mermaid Arts Centre had also been circulated which set out the reasons for the request to extend the lease one being to enable the group to draw down a successful 2017/2018 capital grant of €36,500 and the other to be in full readiness to apply for further capital grants from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht running 2019 to 2021 for improvements to

the building, services and facilities. He advised that he had consulted with the Council's Law Agent in the matter, who had advised along the lines as set out. He said that there are no changes to the lease in question other than extending the duration of it. In terms of membership he advised that he himself is a Director of the board along with other officials such as the Bray Municipal District Administrator and the Arts Officer and that Wicklow County Council has nominated in the past Cllrs. Ryan, McLoughlin and Matthews. He said that the consideration for the transfer of the land by way of lease is €20 per annum and is subject to review every five years. He said it would not be unusual for the Council to extend the duration of leases to allow community groups and clubs access central government funding.

In response to queries from the elected members Mr. T. Murphy advised that the Council's Law Agent, following some consideration expressed no concern in relation to the conferring of additional rights by extending the lease and that the rent review clause built into the lease secures the Council's interest.

Cllr. J. Ryan, Cllr. G. McLoughlin, Cllr. S. Matthews and Mr. T. Murphy, DOS, being Directors of the Mermaid Arts Centre Ltd. withdrew from the meeting and left the Council Chamber.

The Cathaoirleach advised that the matter was being put to a vote and called for a proposer and seconder. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Fox, seconded by Cllr. G. Walsh and following a roll call it was agreed by a margin of 21 votes for, 4 against and 7 not present that the Council dispose of 1,107.6sq ms or thereabouts of land situated at St. Cronan's, Main Street, Co. Wicklow, for an extended term of 15 years from the 1st day of September, 2037 at a rent of €200 per annum, subject to review every 5 years to Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre Limited.

FOR (21)	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, V. BLAKE, S. CULLEN, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, C. FOX, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, M. MCDONALD, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, D. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS.
AGAINST (4)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, T. CULLEN O. O'BRIEN AND B. THORNHILL.
NOT PRESENT (7)	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, P. DORAN. T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, S. MATTHEWS, G. MCLOUGHLIN AND J. RYAN

Discussion on the matter concluded and Cllrs. Ryan, Matthews, McLoughlin and Mr. T. Murphy returned to the Chamber.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the disposal of 0.0022ha. or thereabouts of land in the townland of Merrymeeting, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow to Jamie Doyle and Charles O'Connor, 65 Seaview Heights, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed to dispose of 0.0022 ha. or thereabouts of land in the townland of Merrymeeting, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow to Jamie Doyle and Charles O'Connor, 65 Seaview Heights, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow in accordance with statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended; Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2006 as amended: Development of 67 housing units at Rathnew, Co. Wicklow – PPR/18/99.

Elected Members were circulated with report of the Chief Executive in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended; Re: Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2006 as amended regarding the development of 67 housing units at Rathnew, Co. Wicklow – PPR/18/99.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. D. Nolan and agreed by a margin of 28 votes for and 4 not present proceed with the development as set out in report circulated viz:-

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

ITEM NO 4

To consider the adoption of a proposal to substitute a place name: Cul de Sac off “New Road”, Greystones to “Monterey Road”, Greystones in accordance with Section 189 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Elected Members were circulated with report of Ms. Allyson Minion, Administrative Officer, Transportation, Water and Emergency Services. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. N. Lawless and agreed to adopt the proposal to substitute a place name: Cul de Sac off “New Road”, Greystones, to “Monterey Road”, Greystones in accordance with Section 189 of the Local Government Act, 2001 thereby conveying approval in order for the statutory process to be carried out.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider draft policy: Request for Suspension of Standing Orders: Amendment of Wicklow County Council Standing Order Number 41.

Ms. L. Gallagher advised that the draft policy had been developed by the Protocol and Standing Orders Committee of the Council at its meeting held on Monday the 2nd of July, 2018. She said that the purpose of the policy is to streamline the process in dealing with requests for suspension of standing orders and to ensure the best use of meeting time to consider and deal with the statutory business of Wicklow County Council. She advised that paragraph 1 sets out the legislative provision in relation to the suspension of standing orders, paragraph 2 sets out the position in so far as it relates to Wicklow County Council Standing orders, paragraph 41 which was read to the meeting:-

“Subject to the provisions and requirements of the Act, or any other enactment, any Standing Order except that 14(d), 15(c), 21(a), 21(d) [and 18(a), (b) and (c) if so decided by the Council] may at any time be suspended on a motion proposed without notice before 4.30pm for the business of enabling any specific business defined in the suspensory motion to be considered and dealt with by the Council subject to the requirement that at least two-thirds of the Members present vote in favour”

She advised that the policy proposed is set out in paragraph 3 which was read to the meeting.

1. *A request for the Suspension of Standing Orders to be submitted to the Cathaoirleach or the meetings administrator in writing and in advance of the Council meeting.*
2. *Written submission to outline the nature of the request for the Suspension of Standing Orders and contain the name of the elected member proposing and seconding the request.*
3. *The meetings administrator will read the contents of the written request to the meeting.*
4. *If clarity is required/requested the proposer will be invited to provide clarity to the request*
5. *The request will be put to vote without discussion”*

There was a brief discussion on the matter wherein it was agreed that requests for suspension of standing order received by email and setting out the names of the two signatures therein is acceptable.

It was proposed by Cllr. V. Blake, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed by a margin of 24 votes for, 3 against, 4 not present and 1 abstaining to adopt the policy in relation to the request for

suspension of standing orders: amendment of Wicklow County Council Standing Order Number 41 as circulated viz:-

FOR (24)	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, V. BLAKE, S. CULLEN, T. CULLEN, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, C. FOX, P. KENNEDY, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, D. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, P. VANCE, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS.
AGAINST (3)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, O. O'BRIEN AND B. THORNHILL.
NOT PRESENT (4)	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, P. DORAN, M. KAVANAGH AND E. TIMMINS.
ABSTAINING (1)	CLLR. T. FORTUNE.

Time Extension: It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed that the meeting time be extended until 5.45 p.m.

ITEM NO 6

To consider the Chief Executive's Report, September 2018

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive's Report, September 2018 on the 26th September, 2018.

Mr. F. Curran, Chief Executive in presenting the report gave an update advising in relation to the grants approved under Outdoor Recreation and CLAR. He advised that the Council has submitted a number of applications under the Urban and Rural Regeneration Fund spread across the entire County and that he will keep the Elected Members advised of progress in this area. He advised that an application has been submitted to Enterprise Ireland under Stream 1 of the Regional Enterprise Development fund for the development of a creative content/film hub at Wicklow County Campus and that the project team had presented on the project to Enterprise Ireland on the 24th of September last.

The Elected Members welcomed the information contained within the Report. In response to a query in relation to the CRM system for public representatives the CE advised that this system will be developed in association with the proposed new customer care unit for Wicklow county Council. He also advised that Wicklow Gaol had been approved a grant of €200,000 from Failte Ireland for the provision of a new Virtual Reality Experience which was currently out to tender.

ITEM NO 7

To set date for the Annual Budget Meeting of Wicklow County Council.

It was agreed to set the date for the Annual Budget meeting of Wicklow County Council on Monday 26th November, 2018 commencing at the earlier time of 10.00 a.m. until finish breaking at 12.30 for lunch.

ITEM NO 10

To discuss the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).

The Cathaoirleach brought item 10 forward for consideration at the request of Cllr. E. Timmins. The Cathaoirleach advised that he intended to call a special meeting of Wicklow County Council to be held on Monday the 8th of October next commencing at 7.p.m. when it was envisaged that the draft RSES would be available. It was agreed that the 5 County Wicklow TDs be invited to the meeting.

ITEM NO 8

To receive a presentation on the feasibility report on the Wicklow/Wexford/Waterford Blueway of Wicklow County Council.

Mr. M. Nicholson, DOS, Community Cultural and Social Development Directorate gave a background to the proposal to develop a Blueway from Bray in North Wicklow to Dungarvan and that consultants had been engaged to develop a feasibility study. Mr. Michael Humphrey's from I.L.C. consultants gave a presentation to the Elected Members covering the following areas:-

Introduction

- Defining The Blueway.
- Blueway Context: Health, Tourism.
- Findings.
- Development Process.

A collection of recreation opportunities on and near areas of water.

- Increase local participation.
- Provide visitor experiences.
- Bundle local services.
- Increase dwell time.
- Boats, Banks, Buildings, "Emptying the car"

- Mayo Galway Coastal Blueway.
- Cork Harbour.
- Lough Derg.
- River Shannon.
- Shannon Erne.
- Royal Canal.

- Integrate water, land and support services.
- Developing, animating and promoting the Blueway as a 'must do' experience.

- Sailing, kayaking, SUP, snorkel/dive, surf, windsurf, open water swimming.
- Beach walks, foraging, geocaching.

Context 1: Health and Rural Development

- Healthy Ireland, National Physical Activity Plan, Action Plan for Rural Development.
- Outdoors and physical activity for health, wellbeing, social interaction, inclusion and developing the rural economy.

Context 2: Tourism

Ireland's largest indigenous industry employing 230,000.

- 9 million people visited (12.8 m 2028).
- Spent €4.9 billion €6 billion 2018 (€12.7 2028).

Tourism Trends

- Tourists want to engage fully, a unique and authentic experience.
- Increasingly about experience development.

Tourism Trends

- Slow travel.
- Trail Tourism.
- Desire to live like a local.

- Turning landscapes into activities, revenue and yield.
- Dispersing and geographically balancing revenue.

Viking Coast, Greenways, Three Sea Blueway.

Feasibility Study

Findings

- Positive: community and tourism.
- Consistent with Failte Ireland strategy.
- Diverse offering and connectivity.
- Most infrastructure in place.
- Approach: Phased and Integrated.

Three Sea Blueway Concept

- Maritime or Lighthouse theme

'Three sea' or 'Bright Light Blueway'.

- Consistent format.
- Integrated services.

- '*Hubs*' provide a full range of supporting on and off-water services,
- '*Trailheads*' provide a small level of supporting services
- '*Wild*' provide rudimentary water access in scenic and often hidden locations.
- '*Community*' sites are primarily used by local residents.

- Thematic sub sections.
 - Wicklow Wander.
 - The Hidden Hook.
 - Copper Coast Challenge.
 - Stealth Surfing.

Integrated Approach

- Single powerful shared brand.
- Uncluttered.
- Best sites, not all sites.
- Consistent offering/standards for the visitor.
- Pooled resources.

Investment

- Signage: Information panel & directions.
- Parking: defined.
- Land & water access: slips, pontoons and steps.
- Ancillary: hard standing, power and water.
- Development/Licencing: shower, changing, toilet.

Blueway Development

Phase 2

1. Connectivity with existing recreation and culture.
2. Supporting standards, toolkits and engagement.
3. Generate experience clusters and bundles.
4. Develop website, design, collateral.
5. Blueway experience corridor and itineraries.

At the conclusion of the presentation Elected Members queries were responded to by both Mr. M. Nicholson, DOS and Mr. Michael Humphreys.

ITEM NO 9

To receive a presentation: Age Friendly Strategy – 2017-2022.

Ms. Richella Wood, CCSD gave a presentation to the Elected Members reporting on the Actions under the following Themes:-

- Theme 1 – Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Theme 2 – Transportation
- Theme 3 – Housing
- Theme 4 – Social Participation
- Theme 5 – Respect and social inclusion
- Theme 6 – Civic Participation
- Theme 7 – Communication and information
- Theme 8 – Community Support and Health Services
- Theme 9 – Safety and Security.

At the conclusion of the presentation Ms. Wood responded to the queries raised by the Elected Members.

Return to discussion

ITEM NO 10

To discuss the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).

The Cathaoirleach advised that while the meeting was in progress he had received information that the Draft RSES will not be available until the following week and that he would revert to the elected members with another date for a special meeting on this subject, at the same time of 7pm.

ITEM NO 11

Notice of Motions

There were no notice of motions listed

ITEM NO 12

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated in the previous month noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CATHAOIRLEACH
COUNCILLOR PAT VANCE _____**

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

DATE _____