

<p align="center">MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CANTEEN, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON THURSDAY 20th AUGUST, 2020 COMMENCING 2.30PM</p>

PRESENT:

QUORUM: COUNCILLOR P. KENNEDY, CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLORS S. BOURKE, S. CULLEN, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. LEONARD, J. NEARY AND P. O'BRIEN (9)

IN ATTENDANCE:

MR. M. NICHOLSON, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MS. L. GALLAGHER, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES/ MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

MS. G. LANG, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

ITEM NO. 1

To consider the passing of a resolution to appoint Shoreline Leisure Centre, Greystones, as an alternative location for the holding of the Wicklow County Council Ordinary meeting to be held on Monday the 7th September, 2020 and to fix the hour of the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the elected members for their attendance at the meeting. He advised that the purpose of the meeting was to convene to fix the location of the ordinary meeting to be held on the 7th of September, 2020 as it was not possible to convene in the Council Chamber.

The recent Government announcement in relation to mass gatherings and events was raised. Elected members were advised that this has been considered and the view is that this does not apply to Council meetings in term of their statutory and business function, provided that safe work practises in accordance with HSE guidelines and advice are being adhered to, i.e. 2m physical distancing etc. which will be followed in Shoreline Leisure Centre. This issue of wearing masks at Council meeting was raised and a request put forward that all persons attending council meetings should be asked to wear masks.

Ms. L. Gallagher also acknowledged that a number of elected members had expressed some sound issues that that arrangements have been made for each councillor to be provided with their own headsets which they can keep and that the location for future meetings can be considered again at the September, 7th Council meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed to pass a resolution to appoint Shoreline Leisure Centre, Greystones as an alternative location for the holding of the Wicklow County Council Ordinary Meeting on Monday 7th September, 2020 commencing at 2.00pm, time as fixed in Standing Orders.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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

**MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER
A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 7th September, 2020.