

January 8th, 2020

#### DON CHATHAOIRLEACH AGUS DO GACH BALL

Tionolfar Gnáthcrinniú de Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantain sa Seomra Comhdhála, Aras an Chontae, Co. Chill Mhantain, **Dé Luan, 13ú lá Eanáir 2020** ag **2:00 pm** chun an gnó seo a leanas a chur i gcrích.

larrtar ort bheith i lathair.

The Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held on **Monday**, **13th January 2020** in the **Council Chamber**, **County Buildings**, **Wicklow** commencing at **2:00 pm** to consider the agenda attached.

Your attendance is requested.

Beannacht Leat.

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LORRAINE GALLAGHER

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

**ENTERPRISE & CORPORATE SERVICES** 



### **Agenda**

Wicklow County Council - Monday, 13th January 2020 at 2:00pm

- 1. To confirm and sign minutes of budget meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 25th November, 2019 (copy attached).
- 2. To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 2nd December, 2019 (copy attached).
- 3. To consider the disposal of 0.011 hectares or thereabouts of land situated adjacent to No. 17 Bullfield Crescent, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Daniel Eager and Ms. Samantha Eager, 17 Bullford Crescent, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow (as per notice previously circulated).

Disposal of 0 011 ha of land adjacent to 17 Bullford Crescent Kilcoole.pdf

Not included

- 4. To receive a presentation: Mr. Stephen Kent, CEO, Bus Eireann (to discuss how Bus Eireann can deliver the best possible transport service to the commuters and people living in the towns and villages around the county).
- 5. To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, December 2019 (copy attached).

Chief Executive Report -December 2019.pdf

Not included

- 6. To receive an update: (1) Development of Customer Care Innovation Hub and refurbishment of Council Chamber and Elected Members rooms, (2) Development of CRM system to support the Customer Care Innovation Hub.
- 8. To receive a presentation: Update on County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2022 (deferred from meeting of 2nd

December, 2019).

- 9. To receive a presentation: To consider the adoption of the Wicklow County Council Arts Strategy 2020 2025.
- 10. To note the Wicklow County Council Local Government Audit Report for year ended 31st December, 2019 (copy attached).

  □ Wicklow Co Co 2018 Audit Report.pdf

Not included

- 11. To note Local Government Act, 2001 Ethical Framework for Local Government Services Annual Declarations: (a) To note the reporting of Political Donations by Elected Members and (b) to note requirement for the submission of Elected Members Annual Declarations.
- 12. Correspondence.
- 13. Notice of Motions.

### **Notices of Motion**

 Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Lourda Scott (7th October, 2019).

"Wicklow County Council notes a survey by Plan International Ireland showing that 50% of Irish teenage girls find it difficult to afford period products and 61% miss school as a result. Wicklow County Council acknowledges the work of organisations such as Homeless Period Ireland in collecting donated sanitary products and distributing to those in need. Following the example of Dublin City Council and Wexford City Council, Wicklow County Council agrees to have free period products available in the toilets of all Council buildings, including swimming pools and libraries".

2. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Paul O'Brien (9th October, 2019).

"In view of the damage that spiralling insurance costs are causing to community groups, voluntary organisation, charities and small business, Wicklow County Council calls on the Government to accelerate its insurance reform programme and in particular, calls on the Government to urgently establish the Judicial Council, immediately establish a fully-resourced Insurance Fraud Unit within an Garda Síochána and quantify the benefits to policyholders of the reforms currently being implemented".

3. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Anne Ferris and Cllr. Paul O'Brien (29th October, 2019).

"We note the Council's commitment to an accessible website and request that, where possible, all PDF documents on the Council's website should be original PDF's accessible to blind/vision impaired people and not just scanned copies".

## 4. Notice of motion in the names of Clir. Anne Ferris and Clir. Paul O'Brien (29th October, 2019)

"We note a clear desire among the members of Wicklow County Council for transparency and accountability. We further note that the agendas and minutes of WCC Strategic Policy Committees are not all on the WCC website and the ones that are on the website have been sporadically placed. We call for the agendas and minutes of all SPC's to be published on the WCC website in one easily findable place".

### 5. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Grace McManus and Cllr. Dermot O'Brien (4th November, 2019).

This Council notes that;

- according to the Central Statistics Office 137,200 workers reported earning the national minimum wage or less in Q4 2018;
- female workers are currently more likely than male workers to earn the national minimum wage or less;
- half of all those earning the national minimum wage or less in Q4 2018 were aged under 24;
- according to Social Justice Ireland 110,000 workers are living at risk of poverty across the state;
- the current Living Wage stands at €12.30 per hour, as calculated by the Living Wage Technical Group;
- there are legal protections currently in place, for those companies who can show they cannot afford to pay the national minimum wage;
- there is no legal obligation on businesses who can afford to pay their workers a Living Wage, to do so;

### agrees that:

- work must pay now and not just at some undetermined time in the future;
- proper wages and the eradication of precarious working practices should be the essential foundations of economic growth and productivity;
- the implementation of a Living Wage would play a critical role in ending in-work poverty and reducing the financial pressure on many households;

### calls on the government to:

- recognise the huge contribution low paid workers make to the Irish economy;
- Immediately reverse their decision not to increase the national minimum wage;
- Introduce a Living Wage of €12.30 per hour in 2020, with appropriate legal protections for those SMEs who can show they cannot afford to pay the Living Wage.

# 6. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Grace McManus and Cllr. Dermot O'Brien (20th November, 2019).

"That this Council will have 'Child Homelessness' as an agenda item for each meeting until the Child Homelessness figure for the county reaches 0".

# 7. Notice of motion in the names of the Greystones Municipal District Councillors (12th December, 2019).

"That Wicklow County Council request Irish Water to refrain from imposing commercial connection and water charges in respect of public drinking water fountains".