

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017, COMMENCING 2PM**

**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, J. WHITMORE AND I. WINTERS

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

MR. B. DOYLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
 MR. S. QUIRKE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
 MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
 MR. D. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
 MR. T MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
 MR. L. FITZPATRICK, HEAD OF IT  
 MS. H. DENNEHY, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES,  
 MS. H. PURCELL, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR,  
 MS. C. FLOOD, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
 MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER,  
 MS. L. EARLS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,  
 MR. F. KEOGH, SENIOR ENGINEER

**Votes of Sympathy**

Elected Members passed votes of sympathy to Mr. Peter Kelly on the recent and sad loss of his son Declan, to the family of the late Mr. Ned Doyle and to the family of the late Mr. Austin Deasy, former Minister for Agriculture. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

Cllr. J. Behan requested a suspension of standing orders to consider the issue of the government's proposal to sell 25% of AIB and calls for the sale to be halted among other things. This request was put to a vote and following the vote it was agreed to discuss this matter at 4.30pm.

<b>FOR 11</b>	<b>CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, N. LAWLESS, S. MATTHEWS, M. MCDONALD, O O'BRIEN, M. O'CONNOR, B THORNHILL</b>
<b>AGAINST 6</b>	<b>CLLRS. S. CULLEN, G. MCLOUGHLIN, D. MITCHELL, J. RYAN, E. TIMMINS, I. WINTERS</b>
<b>NOT PRESENT 14</b>	<b>CLLRS. V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, T. CULLEN, P. DORAN, G. DUNNE, C. FOX, P. KENNEDY, M. MURPHY, D. NOLAN, G O NEILL, J. RUTTLE, J. SNELL, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE</b>
<b>ABSTAINING 1</b>	<b>CLLR. P. VANCE</b>

**ITEM NO 1**

**To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy and agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**ITEM NO 2**

**To consider the disposal of 0.00516 hectares or thereabouts of land in the townland of Ballynerrin (ED Wicklow Rural) (The Marlton Road, Wicklow Town) to Claire Roche and Morgan O'Halloran, Cushawn, St. Patrick's Valley, Wicklow Town (in accordance with notice previously circulated.**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne and seconded by Cllr. S. Cullen and agreed to dispose of the 0.00516 hectares or thereabouts of land in the townland of Ballynerrin (ED Wicklow Rural) (The Marlton Road, Wicklow Town) to Claire Roche and Morgan O'Halloran, Cushawn, St. Patrick's Valley, Wicklow Town (in accordance with notice previously circulated)

**ITEM NO. 3**

**To consider the disposal of fee simple interest comprised in Folio No. 1533L – Co Wicklow being 61 Beech Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Paul and Elizabeth Keogh, 61 Beech Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow (in accordance with notice previously circulated).**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Vance and seconded by Cllr. C. Fox and agreed to dispose of fee simple interest comprised in Folio No. 1533L – Co Wicklow being 61 Beech Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Paul and Elizabeth Keogh, 61 Beech Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow (in accordance with notice previously circulated).

**ITEM NO 4.**

**To consider the disposal of fee simple interest comprised in Folio No. 2916L – Co Wicklow being Cottage at Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow to Caitriona Keogh, Executor, Cottage, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow to (in accordance with notice previously circulated).**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy and agreed to dispose of fee simple interest comprised in Folio No. 2916L – Co Wicklow being Cottage at Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow to Caitriona Keogh, Executor, Cottage, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow to (in accordance with notice previously circulated).

**ITEM NO 5**

**To consider report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) in respect of the proposed development of 20 housing units and new pedestrian entry to Kilmacanogue National School, Sugarloaf Drive, Kilmacanogue (report previously circulated by email of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017)**

The elected members were circulated with report dated 6<sup>TH</sup> June, 2017 signed by Ms. Breege Kilkenny, A/Director of Services, Housing and Corporate Estate, and full set of architects drawings.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Fox and seconded by Cllr. J Behan and agreed by a margin of 25 votes for and 7 not present to proceed with the proposal to develop 20 housing units and new pedestrian entry to Kilmacangoue National School, Sugarloaf Drive, Kilmacanogue in accordance with recommendation circulated:

<b>FOR 25</b>	<b>CLLRS. 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, G. O'NEILL, J. RUTTLE, E. TIMMINS, P. VANCE, G. WALSH, J. WHITMORE</b>
<b>NOT PRESENT 7</b>	<b>CLLRS. M. KAVANAGH, O O'BRIEN, M. O'CONNOR, J. RYAN, J. SNELL, B. THORNHILL, I. WINTERS</b>

**ITEM NO 6**

**To receive a presentation from representatives of Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the Review of Customer Services at Stations across the Network.**

Mr. John Reville, Passenger Services Manager (North and East) Iarnrod Eireann introduced himself to the Members of the Council. Mr. Reville gave a detailed presentation how Iarnrod Eireann delivers customer services, trends on ticket sales, passenger numbers and the increasing trend on how their customers are purchasing tickets on line. Mr. Reville thanked Members for the opportunity to give the presentation and welcomed questions/feedback from the Members.

The Members welcomed Mr. Reville to the meeting and thanked him for his presentation and for improvements already made to the rail network. Members raised the following with Mr. Reville:

- While the need for automation of stations in terms of ticket sales is understood, they are concerned about members of the public who may not be able to or have access to the internet to purchase tickets.
- The Members raised serious concerns about the requirement for disabled public transport users to have to ring in advance in order to get access and assistance at stations. In particular, after 6pm there are no facilities on the train network to cater for access/egress on the train. Members also noted that in the interest of equality Iarnrod Eireann should treat all of their customers the same by making stations accessible to all.
- At the Kilcoole halt, it was noted that there is no shelter for passengers. They also suggested that more than the 2 stops per day already in place could be expanded. It was also requested that a ticket vending machine and shelter be erected at the Kilcoole Halt.
- Slower service on mainline trains in place since the increase in frequency of DART times suggested.
- The times of Dublin Buses should be synched with the time of the trains when they arrive at stations.
- Request put forward for a train stop at Avoca
- Overcrowding on the mainline trains expressed
- The difference in cost of DART fares from Greystones to Dublin and from Bray to Dublin mentioned. It was felt the cost is disproportionate between the stations.
- Members raised concerns about the late arrival of the 6.30pm train from Dublin into stations stating it is routinely late 3 to 4 times per week.
- Members requested that the line between Wicklow and Dublin be considered in Iarnrod Eireann's capital programmes because if the current level of coastal erosion continues the line is in danger of disappearing.
- Members requested information as to the position in relation to transport police in Ireland.
- Members noted there is a lack of car parking in Sallins station due to the increased numbers of Kildare commuters using the station. This station is used by a lot of West Wicklow Commuters.
- Members made reference to a proposal to close the line south of Enniscorthy and requested that Iarnrod Eireann give assurances that this line will remain open.

Mr. Reville thanked Members for their questions and undertook to answer as many of their questions as possible in this forum, he advised as follows:-

- The policy of 24hr notice is in place in order to guarantee access and assistance to travellers when needed. He also informed Members that the 3 biggest stations currently deal with over 200 assists per day where no notice is required or given. He pointed out that this facility is not a mandatory requirement and the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) are in agreement with this 24 hour notice policy. Mr. Reville stated that the target is to reduce the notification time to 4 hours and again the IWA and interest groups are in agreement with this.
- CIE have a policy of consultation with interested groups with regards to the issue of disabled access
- It is a policy of CIE to introduce a 10 minute DART timetable by end of year. However, this does not mean there will be DART to and from Greystones every 10 minutes as the infrastructure is not in place and there is no room for a second line from Bray to Greystones.
- A new shelter can be provided at the Kilcoole Halt and agreed to examine the request for a ticket vending machine and shelter for Kilcoole.
- There is to be a public consultation in late 2017 regarding the frequency of services on the Rosslare line representations could be made for extra stops on existing services to Rosslare. Mr. Reville stated that CIE are keen to see additional services in place on the line south of Greystones. However, there are no plans in place to provide a stop on the line at Avoca.
- CIE are currently examining the possibility of providing dedicated staff for customer services and it is hoped that some stations would become 24hr customer care stations.
- The issue with Greystones train station and the waiting time to exit from same was acknowledged. He undertook to look at the location of the ticket machines as part of any plans to upgrade the station but stated that as the building is quite narrow there is very little scope available.
- Greystones is within the short hop zone albeit on the outer perimeter. The fare structures are regulated by TII and Iarnrod Eireann would have very little scope to amend the cost of fares.

- The issue of trains and busses times synching is that a lot of the timetables are out of CIE's control. However, Mr. Reville agreed to bring this issue to the attention of Transort Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- There are logistical issues with expansion of Sallins car park long term. However, it was agreed that they would look at the issues in the short term and see what resolution could be put in place.
- Unable to confirm the costs of the coastal erosion works at The Murrrough as it was considered emergency event and works had to be undertaken at the time.
- The future of the Rosslare line is in the Rail Review.

## **ITEM NO 7**

### **To adopt Wicklow County Council Parking Bye-Laws 2017**

The elected members were circulated with report dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017 from Ms. Helena Dennehy, SEO, Water and Environmental Services and Roads and Transportation.

Ms. Helena Dennehy referred to report dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017 previously circulated and Schedules. She informed the meeting that 250 no. submissions were made on the bye-laws and that the bye laws were amended to take account of these submissions. Ms. Dennehy went through the amendments to the bye laws with the Members and took questions and issues raised on same, namely:

- That the 15 minutes grace period be prominently displayed on all parking ticket vending machines.
- The grace period be standardised throughout the county.
- The possibility of free parking on Saturdays be looked at for the county as a whole to encourage more people to shop local, similar to the current situation in Arklow.
- What is the feasibility of WCC own staff running the Parking Bye Laws throughout the County similar to Bray.
- Ensure that there is a guarantee that no clamping will be implemented in Council parking areas.
- Income raised from Pay Parking be returned to the Municipal District it's collected in.
- What is the status of Electric Car Charging parking bays as there was none mentioned in the bye-laws.
- Provision of more parking attendants in Bray Town.

Ms. Dennehy reverted to the Members as follows:

- The issue of additional free parking on a Saturday was not included in the bye laws.
- There is a no clamping policy within the bye laws. Any clamping happens within private parking areas not under the control of Wicklow Co Co.
- There is no proposal to amend the parking times in Bray town.
- Any proposal to introduce 2 hour free parking would have an impact on income from parking
- Ms. Dennehy confirmed that one further parking attendant has been hired in Bray Town and advertisements for a second attendant will be advertised shortly.
- There was no submissions received regarding electric charging parking bays nor is there any proposal to provide any such bays as this is a matter for the ESB to provide.

Parking management Council officials informed the Members that the adoption of the bye laws was about parking management. It was also confirmed by the Chief Executive that the issue at hand at this meeting was for income for the county at large. If Members wished to have income from parking charges remain in their respective MD's it would have to be looked at budget time. Members agreed to examine this issue during budget process.

Following a further lengthy discussion regarding the start and end times for the parking bye laws (*10am to 6pm in Arklow, Greystones and Wicklow and as per the bye-laws for Bray town*) and the confirmation and clarification of the grace period to be 15 minutes, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed by a margin of 30 votes for and 2 not present to adopt the Wicklow County Council Parking Bye Laws as circulated.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, S CULLEN, G. DUNNE, P.</b>
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NOT PRESENT 2	CLLRS. T. CULLEN, P. DORAN

**ITEM NO 8**

**To Consider the Wicklow County Council 3 Year Capital Budget 2017-2019 (deferred from meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (previously circulated)).**

Elected members were circulated with report of 3 Year Capital Budget, 2017-2019.

Members wished to note the following items:

- 1% of the capital budget was allocated to Greystones which has 18% of the population and concerns were raised as to the lack of proposals in the plan in terms of infrastructure and lack of capital expenditure.
- Members welcomed the removal of the Knockroe Bends. Concerns were raised as to the lack of proposals in the plan for Blessington or Baltinglass. They also enquired as to what works were to take place in Dunlavin. Mr. Quirke informed the Members that the works planned in Dunlavin would take place in conjunction with a private development.
- Members expressed disappointment at the lack of proposals included in the plan for the Ballinacash/Aughrim junction advising that this is a dangerous junction and requests have been made for many years for improvements. Mr. S. Quirke advised that it is hoped to carry out some works on this junction in the coming months under the road maintenance programme.
- Church Lane in Newcastle was raised as the road is in very bad condition and the junction could be considered to be very dangerous.
- Members sought clarification on the funding programme for Group Water Schemes. The Chief Executive informed the Members that the Dept of Environment allocates a small amount of funding specifically for Group Water Schemes.
- Members mentioned previously raised requests for the provision of Urn Walls in Cemeteries throughout the County for cremations. Ms. H. Dennehy clarified it is proposed to provide 5 No Urn Walls in Wicklow over the next 2 years with the first being provided in Springfield Cemetery in 2017. She also stated that this would be brought to the individual Municipal Districts to select burial grounds in their areas considered suitable for Urn Walls. It was advised that it would be investigated that money would be set aside for burial ground extensions in the next 3 to 5 years.

Following these discussions it was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell and seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke that the 2017-2019 Capital Budget as circulated be adopted.

**ITEM NO 9**

**To consider the Housing Construction Programme 2019-2021 Prioritisation of Projects.**

Elected Members were circulated with the Housing Construction Programme, 2019 – 2021; Prioritisation of Projects.

Mr. J. Lane went through the main points of the programme with the Members and agreed to their request that he would submit the main points and figures for each Municipal District to their meetings individually.

The members view in relation to the existence of a severe housing crisis in Wicklow was noted and the difficulty of locating houses to rent privately, purchase or acquire through the Wicklow County Council social housing provision. Members asked for it to be noted that Central Government should provide the funding to local authorities to construct houses directly. The Housing Construction Programme, 2019 – 2021, Prioritisation of projects as circulated was noted.

#### **ITEM NO 11**

**To consider the extinguishment of Public Right of Way between houses 7 and 8 Seacourt, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow and between house number 14 and house number 2 Seamount Drive, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.**

Elected members were circulated with report of Ms. Myra Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator dated June, 2017. It was proposed by Cllr. Nicola Lawless, seconded by Cllr. Tom Fortune and agreed to extinguish the public rights of way as mentioned in item no 11 above in accordance with report previously circulated.

#### **ITEM NO 10**

**To receive a presentation of the considerations of the Wicklow County Council Data Protection Committee (deferred from meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017)**

Elected members were circulated with Draft Revised Data Protection Procedures report. Ms. C. Flood went through the main points of the report and drew the Members attention to the main points of note as regards dealing with making representations on housing and planning applications. Ms. Flood informed the Members should they wish to make representations on housing issues that permission must be obtained from the applicant to deal with their case. Telephone permission is acceptable for housing data issues. Ms. Flood also stated that written permission must be obtained from the applicant themselves for Members to deal with their Planning Files. Planning data is considered to be personal data.

It was noted that permission is not required for general housing maintenance and repairs submitted by Members to Housing or the Municipal Districts. Designated email addresses would be set up and circulated to the Members that will specifically deal with data protection requests and permissions.

Members thanked Ms. Flood for her presentation, for the work involved in putting the Data Protection Procedure and welcomed the new procedures. It was proposed by Cllr. N. Lawless, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed that the Wicklow County Council Data Protection Policy be adopted.

#### **ITEM NO 12**

**To consider the taking in charge of the following housing estates:**

- **Drumdarragh, Drumdangan, Glenealy**
- **Herbert Rise, Bray**
- **Lyndhurst, Bray**
- **Racefield, Newcastle**
- **Saran Wood, Bray**
- **The Birches, Ballinaclash**
- **The Field, Barndarrig**
- **Woodleigh Park Extension, Blessington**
- **Yachtsmans Point, Wicklow**

Members welcomed the inclusion of the above housing estates for taking in charge particularly the new housing estates constructed in the recent years.

Members wished it to be noted that the condition of the road outside Lyndhurst estate in Bray is in very bad condition and enquired if the developer had provided funding to pay for the road to be repaired. Mr. O'Brien stated he would investigate the possibility of having this road way repaired if funding allowed.

Regarding Yachtsman's Point, Mr. O'Brien stated that the 2 vacant sites did not take away from the infrastructure in place and that the Residents of this Estate were happy for it to be taken in charge.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. I. Winters and agreed that the estates listed above would be taken in charge by Wicklow County Council.

#### **ITEM NO 13**

**To note the Draft Annual Report 2016 (previously circulated)**

Elected Members were previously circulated with the Draft of the Annual Report 2016.

Ms. H. Purcell informed the Members that the report as circulated was in draft form. It will be formatted, enhanced, photos included and will come back before the Council for agreement later in 2017. Members agreed and noted this item.

**ITEM NO 14**

**To consider the Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee End of Year Report 2016**

Elected Members were previously circulated with the Joint Policing Committee End of Year Report for 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2016. Following a discussion, Members asked for it to be noted that the names and contact details on the front of the Major Emergency Plan should be updated as it contains names and contact details of personnel who have either left or retired.

Members agreed the Joint Policing Committee End of Year Report for submission to the Policing Authority.

**ITEM NO 15**

**To consider entering into an arrangement for the establishment of a Sister County-Province Relationship between County Wicklow of Ireland and Hainan Province of the People's Republic of China in accordance with S.75 of the Local Government Act, 2001.**

Elected members were circulated with a copy of the Agreement for the establishment of a Sister County-Province Relationship between County Wicklow of Ireland and Hainan Province and copy of the report of the delegates following 2016 visit to Hainan.

Ms. C. Flood outlined the contents of the proposed agreement and informed the meeting that the agreement is due to be signed on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 when representatives from Hainan Province visit Co. Wicklow. Ms. Flood stated that some minor costs would be incurred with the visit but that the new relationship in terms of tourism, education and business would be of huge benefit to County Wicklow.

Members broadly welcomed any economic and tourism benefit to Co. Wicklow from this agreement but expressed concerns about China's human rights record. Members requested that a report on the visit be brought to the next Council meeting after the visit and that at the end of the 5 year agreement a full report is provided showing the full extent of the agreement between Co. Wicklow and Hainan. Ms. C. Flood agreed to provide same.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Pat Vance and agreed to adopt the Sister County-Province for the establishment of a Sister County-Province Relationship between County Wicklow of Ireland and Hainan Province of the People's Republic of China in accordance with S.75 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**ITEM NO 16**

**To consider the Monthly Management Reports – April 2017 and May 2017.**

Elected Members were previously circulated with the Monthly Management Reports and noted contents of same with no issues or queries raised at this meeting.

**ITEM NO 17**

**To receive a presentation from Ms. Jenny Sherwin, Arts Officer on 'Creative Ireland'.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting as Ms. Jenny Sherwin, Arts Officer was unavailable to attend this meeting.

**ITEM NO 18**

**Correspondence**

- Ms. H. Purcell referred to email previously circulated on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 from the Planning Department regarding the Communication from the Department of Environment with respect to rural housing.
- It was agreed by the Members to close the Book of Condolences for the Victims of the Manchester Terror Attack.

### **Suspension of Standing Orders.**

Cllr. J. Behan requested a suspension of standing order to discuss the urgent issue of the proposal of the Government to sell 25% of AIB and calls for the sale to be halted until assurances are received that 1. Homeowner's mortgages will not be sold off to vulture funds, 2. Small businesses will not be forced into liquidation because of outstanding AIB loans and 3. That the proceeds of the sale are used to fund capital expenditure for the benefit of the people in this country whose money was used to rescue this failed bank. This suspension had been seconded by Michael O'Connor and the elected members agreed to discuss this matter at 4.30pm.

Cllr. J. Behan thanked the Members for allowing suspension of standing orders to discuss this motion. Cllr. Behan expressed grave concerns about the proposed sale and the use of tax payers money that had previously that bailed out the bank. Cllr. Behan also expressed serious concerns about loans being sold to vulture funds.

Following a broad discussion on the proposed sale it was agreed that the Council would forward the motion to the Minister for Finance and request a response to address their concerns. Members also requested that this motion be circulated to all other local authorities.

<b>NOTICES OF MOTION</b>
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**1. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. McDonald, in the name of Sinn Fein Group (14<sup>th</sup> November 2016)**

*"That Wicklow County Council calls on the government to abolish household water charges and fund investment in water and sanitation infrastructure through progressive taxation"*

This notice of motion was withdrawn at the request of the proposers as it was out dated.

**2. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. E. Timmins (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016)**

*"That Wicklow County Council erects a monument in Grangecon to recognise the international achievements of people from the village in the world of Horse Racing and Breeding"*

Cllr. Timmins clarified that the monument should be for horse racing and breeding and not for equestrian sports. Members welcomed the proposal to erect a monument in the village to recognise Grangecon's status as a successful area for horse racing and breeding. It was proposed by Cllr Timmins, seconded by Cllr. Fortune and agreed to seek feasibility and funding of same through the Baltinglass Municipal Funding during the compilation of the budget.

**3. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Ryan (10<sup>th</sup> February 2017)**

*"That this council initially write to the Minister with responsibility for Local Government asking for a boundary extension to take back from the control of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown areas of Bray, County Wicklow and follow this with a request for a meeting to discuss this proposal in more detail. It makes no sense for people living in Bray not to be represented by Bray Municipal Authority – this anomaly should be corrected at the soonest available opportunity."*



It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. P. Vance and agreed to send correspondence to the Minister for Local Government outlining the request to take in the Bray areas within the administration area of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and to follow this correspondence up with a meeting request. It was also requested by Members that possible assistance be sought from the Forward Planning Section in terms of infrastructure, development etc going forward.

**4. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. S. Bourke (6<sup>th</sup> March 2017)**

*“In light of the new proposals to give greater rights to cyclists on our public roads, that Wicklow County Council reviews its policy in relation to ‘white-lining’ of public roads with cycle lanes, to improve motorist awareness of the rights of cyclists”*

As Cllr. Bourke was absent from the meeting during this Notice of Motion it was agreed to seek a report and circulate it to all the Members.

**5. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. B. Thornhill (6<sup>th</sup> March 2017)**

*“That this Council calls on the HSE and the Minister of Health to immediately find a solution with Vertex and make the necessary funding available so that this life saving drug becomes accessible for all suitable cystic fibrosis sufferers in this country”*

This notice of motion was withdrawn by the proposer

**6. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. E. Timmins (27<sup>th</sup> March 2017)**

*“That this Council puts in place a panel in order to cover for school traffic wardens who may be absent. This is to ensure the continuation of this valuable service in a safe manner.”*

Ms. H. Purcell informed the Meeting that there will be an advertisement placed in the near future to advertise for a panel of school wardens to cover absences throughout the county. It was proposed by Cllr. E. Timmins and seconded by Cllr. J. Ruttle to note this response.

**7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Whitmore and Cllr. S. Cullen (3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017)**

*“That Wicklow County Council conducts a review of its Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund application process and commits to working with all stakeholders, including the Department of Housing, Irish Water, TII, Iarnrod Eireann, developers etc to ensure that funding will be achieved in Round 2”.*

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen and seconded by Cllr. D. Mitchell that WCC ensure that all available funds are researched and applied for in Round 2 of this fund as Wicklow County Council obtained no funding during the first round of the Housing Activation Fund.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

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**CLLR. EDWARD TIMMINS  
CATHOAIRLEACH  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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