

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2020 COMMENCING 2PM**

**PRESENT:**

COUNCILLOR I. WINTERS, CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLORS T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, A. CRONIN, M. CORRIGAN, M. CREAN, S. CULLEN, G. DUNNE, E. DOYLE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, J. NEARY, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS AND G. WALSH.

**APOLOGIES:**

COUNCILLOR D. MITCHELL.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

MR. F. CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
MS. L. GALLAGHER, A/ DIRECTOR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR  
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. C. LAVERY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MR. B. GLEESON, HEAD OF FINANCE  
MR. L. FITZPATRICK, HEAD OF IS  
MS. B. KILKENNY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
MS. J. CARROLL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
MS. M HARTNETT, SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER  
MR. D. O'BRIEN, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
MR. D. FORDE, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MS. A. MINION, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MS. D. WHITFIELD, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MS. J. SHERWIN, ARTS OFFICER  
MS. R. WOOD, STAFF OFFICER  
MS. G. LANG, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

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**VOTES OF SYMPATHY:** Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Ms. Gillian Stanley, Mrs. Margaret Butler, Mr. Eddie Young and Mr. Oliver Martin. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

**ITEM NO. 1**

**To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020.**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Ferris, seconded by Cllr P. Fitzgerald and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020.

**ITEM NO. 2**

**To consider the disposal of 1.223 acres of land situated in the townland of Tinakilly Townland, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow to Woodfab Timber Ltd., Aughrim, Co. Wicklow by way of a 3 year lease.**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed to dispose of 1.223 acres of land situated in the townland of Tinakilly Townland, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow to Woodfab

Timber Ltd., Aughrim, Co. Wicklow by way of a 3 year lease as set out in statutory notice circulated.

### **ITEM NO. 3**

**To consider the disposal of 0.13 acres (559.70m<sup>2</sup>) or thereabouts of land situated in the townland of Drummin Townland, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Jason Roche, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed to dispose of 0.13 acres (559.70m<sup>2</sup>) or thereabouts of land situated in the townland of Drummin Townland, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Jason Roche, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

### **ITEM NO 4**

**To consider the disposal of 0.2 acres (814m<sup>2</sup>) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Drummin Townland, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Patrick Roche and Ms. Breda Roche, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed to dispose of 0.2 acres (814m<sup>2</sup>) or thereabouts of land in the townland of Drummin Townland, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Patrick Roche and Ms. Breda Roche, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

### **ITEM NO. 5**

**To consider the disposal of 0.12 acres (510.50m<sup>2</sup>) or thereabouts of land situated in the townland of Drummin Townland, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow to Ms. Yvonne Roche, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed to dispose of 0.12 acres (510.50m<sup>2</sup>) or thereabouts of land situated in the townland of Drummin Townland, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow to Ms. Yvonne Roche, Drummin, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

### **ITEM NO 6**

**To consider the disposal of 0.485623 hectares (1.2 acres) or thereabouts of land situated at Dr. Ryan Park, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow to Sporting Greystones for a period of 30 years.**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed to dispose of 0.485623 hectares (1.2 acres) or thereabouts of land situated at Dr. Ryan Park, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, Co. Wicklow to Sporting Greystones for a period of 30 years as set out in statutory notice circulated.

### **ITEM NO 7**

**To consider the disposal of the freehold interest in the property known as Seapoint House, Seapoint, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Mr. John Wilson and Ms. Hazel Wilson, Seapoint House, Seapoint, Bray, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Ferris, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed to dispose of the freehold interest in the property known as Seapoint House, Seapoint, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Mr. John Wilson and Ms. Hazel Wilson, Seapoint House, Seapoint, Bray, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

**ITEM NO 8**

**To consider the disposal of the freehold interest in the property known as 34 Connolly Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Ms. Sharon Fannin, 34 Conolly Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Ferris, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed to dispose of the freehold interest in the property known as 34 Connolly Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Ms. Sharon Fannin, 34 Connolly Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

**ITEM NO 9**

**To consider the disposal of 0.0044ha or thereabouts of land in the townland of Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow known as 20 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow to Mr. David Messitt and Ms. Helen Messitt, 20 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. R. O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. M. Corrigan and agreed to dispose of 0.0044ha or thereabouts of land in the townland of Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow known as 20 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow to Mr. David Messitt and Ms. Helen Messitt, 20 Millfield, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

**ITEM NO 10**

**To consider the disposal of the Council's interest and equity in 0.4026 hectares or thereabouts of land at Clonpadden, Arklow, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Derek Byrne, 25 Woodlands Rise, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. T. Annesley and agreed to dispose of the Council's interest and equity in 0.4026 hectares or thereabouts of land at Clonpadden, Arklow, Co. Wicklow to Mr. Derek Byrne, 25 Woodlands Rise, Arklow, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

**ITEM NO 11**

**To consider the disposal of the Council's interest and equity in 0.0307 hectares or thereabouts of land at Kilboy, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow to Mr. David Johnson, Penrose House, Redcross, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed to dispose of the Council's interest and equity in 0.0307 hectares or thereabouts of land at Kilboy, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow to Mr. David Johnson, Penrose House, Redcross, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

**ITEM NO 12**

**To consider the disposal of the Council's interest and equity in 0.5123 hectares or thereabouts of land at Ballinacor East, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow to Mr. David Johnson, Penrose House, Redcross, Co. Wicklow.**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed to dispose of the Council's interest and equity in 0.5123 hectares or thereabouts of land at Ballinacor East, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow to Mr. David Johnson, Penrose House, Redcross, Co. Wicklow as set out in statutory notice circulated.

**ITEM NO 13**

**To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, February, 2020.**

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, February 2020 on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The Chief Executive advised of new developments from the previous month in terms of the NTA allocation 2020 up from the previous year to €2.69m and other funding streams for various projects around the county which were noted by the members.

Elected members raised the following questions which were responded to by the Chief Executive and relevant Director of Services.

- Developments with regard to the progressing of the Arklow/Shillelagh greenway welcomed. Call for funding for a swimming pool for Blessington to be kept on the agenda.
- Call for the N11/M11 works to continue following the formation of the new government
- Disappointment expressed that the Arklow project; seafront promenade and associated trails, did not receive funding under the Outdoor recreation scheme and call for this project to remain on the agenda.
- Climate adaptation officer working on the implementation of the climate adaptation strategy welcomed.
- Breakdown on the families and children presenting as homeless requested.
- Query as to the social housing supports available through HAP and RAS
- Query as to the number of housing units becoming available via Part V in the Greystones area.
- Moves on the completion of the ring road in Blessington welcomed however view expressed that this is a stop gap measure and improvements to the N81 viewed as essential
- Condition of local and regional roads mentioned and call for improvements to be made, having regard to the increase in LPT
- Update on the flood relief scheme for Arklow requested before scheme proceeds to planning stage.
- Application for funding under the URDF for Newtownmounkennedy welcomed having regard to the lack of recreational facilities there and the amount of new housing units being provided
- Report on the funding application for the proposed swimming pool for Blessington requested and in particular where improvements can be made for future applications.
- Reference made to the proposed 365 housing units being built in County Kildare adjoining the Blessington boundary and all of the social housing units will go to housing applicants in Kildare.
- Report on the DPGs requested

#### **ITEM NO 14**

##### **To receive a presentation: SSE Airtricity.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Patrick Rooney and Mr. Keith Bardon of SSE Airtricity who gave the following presentation to the elected members and responded to the queries raised:-

#### **Sox Lanterns**

- Currently 43% of total inventory
- No longer manufactured- Philips issued letter in September 2017.
- Mitigation:
  - Agreement with Wicklow County Council to carry a stock of 1,000 LED lanterns and replace as per necessary.
  - Current replacement rate is 7 lanterns per day per crew ( 35 LED lanterns per day).
- Anticipate by start of National Upgrade Programme, LEDS will be 30% and Sox down to

#### **The Challenges**

##### **Current Situation**

- Average faults reported per day 20.
- Average faults repaired per day 55.

- Faults reported last 13 months 4,622- 2,926 were faults on SOX lanterns, 63% of the total faults.
- Faults repaired 4,312#

At the conclusion of the discussion representatives from SEE said that they would be available to return to the Chamber in a couple of months time to give the elected members an update on matters.

### **ITEM NO 20**

#### **To receive a presentation: Update on County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2022.**

Ms. Richella Wood gave the following presentation to the elected members and responded to the queries raised.

#### **County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy Wicklow - a great place in which to grow old**

#### **World Health Organisation (WHO) a global effort to make a real difference**

- Initiated by World Health Organisation 2007
- Framework for developing age friendly communities
- 300 hundred cities and communities in WHO global network
- Ireland's national programme started in 2009 in County Louth
- Dublin Declaration – Wicklow signed Nov 2014

#### **What does Age Friendly entail?**

##### **Nine Themes**

1. Outdoor Spaces & Buildings
2. Transportation
3. Home and Community
4. Social Participation
5. Respect and Social Inclusion
6. Civic Participation and Employment
7. Communication and Information
8. Community Support and Health Services
9. Safety and Security

#### **County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2017 – 2022**

- The strategy is a comprehensive document
- The actions are ambitious but measurable
- There has been continuous feedback to the Age Friendly Alliance
- Wicklow County Council will continue to embed the Age Friendly Ethos into our daily business

#### **Actions progress to date**

- Out of the 62 actions in the strategy 40 have been initiated, progressed or completed: samples below
- Four walkability surveys have been completed: Arklow, Wicklow, Blessington and Rathdrum. Baltinglass is scheduled for 2020.
- Arklow became an Age Friendly Town on the 13<sup>th</sup> November having completed a number of actions including age friendly business programme, new benches, age friendly parking. Report produced.
- Journey ongoing with hope to initiate Care & Repair programme with CWP and befriending service with Alone.

- Age Friendly incorporated into County Development Plan and Corporate plan
- Tone Zones and age friendly exercise equipment promoted in new developments eg: Wicklow Hills and incorporated into recent successful Town and Village application in Aughrim
- New age friendly benches installed in Rathdrum, Wicklow and Arklow. MDs encouraged to use age friendly benches (with back and arm rests).
- Local link promoted as a rural transport scheme by Age Friendly. New bus route 183 from Wicklow to Glendalough has included the Primary Health Care Centre in Wicklow on its route
- Bus Shelters were awarded under 2019 CEP scheme. Each MD has received allocation and bus shelters ordered.
- Better energy homes scheme promoted by Age Friendly along with Winter Ready booklets
- Personal alarm schemes promoted and was included in the Information Guide, stand at OPC seminar
- Primary Health Care Age Friendly Guidelines: Wicklow and Kildare Age friendly are working on national PCC guidelines with HSE. Athy and Baltinglass are scheduled to be the first age friendly primary care centres
- Funding opportunities are always being looked at for works that can include age friendly eg: Aughrim, Coolkenno, Redcross, Blessington under T&V, bus shelters CEP
- Tovertafel “magic tables” installed in three libraries Arklow, Blessington and Bray. Designed to include people with dementia.
- LSP run a number of courses for older people. The latest programme is with activator poles (purchased by age friendly). Programme running well in Newcastle
- County Wicklow Older Persons Council working well as a consultative body
- Information Guide to Services for Older People in County Wicklow produced and 5,000 copies distributed
- Age Friendly Eircode magnets produced and distributed
- Gardai work closely with Age friendly at workshops and talks
- Garda Vulnerable Persons Register promoted and well respected
- Rural Liaison Initiative launched by Gardai. Three Gardai assigned to develop personal link between rural communities and groups who want Garda input.

### **Next steps**

- Continue working implementing action of the County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2022
- Workplan for 2020 includes
  - Intergenerational events
  - Wrap around services such as Care & Repair, Carbon Monoxide alarm projects with fire service and Befriending service
  - Wicklow to become an Age Friendly Town
  - Workshops with OPC and Gardai
  - Finalise Age Friendly national Primary Care Centre guidelines
  - New age friendly car parking spaces at Civic Amenity Sites

### **ITEM NO 19**

#### **To receive a presentation: County Wicklow Arts Strategy.**

Ms. J. Sherwin, Arts Officer gave the following presentation to the elected members covering the following areas.

#### **Growing the Arts in County Wicklow**

A Strategic Framework  
Wicklow County Council Arts Plan 2020 – 2025

**Purpose**

- The plan will consolidate a quarter century of arts development and provision led by Wicklow Arts Office
- The plan will strengthen the framework of support for the arts in County Wicklow, facilitating artistic practice and public engagement
- The plan will guide the work programme, decision-making and resource allocation of Wicklow Arts Office in the period to 2025

**Principles**

- The plan is grounded in partnership and collaboration: local and national, within and beyond the cultural field
- The plan is responsive to changes in social, demographic and cultural patterns in Irish society

The plan is informed by developments in national cultural policy and in wider public policy locally and nationally

**Vision**

Wicklow is a county where the arts flourish in the lives of the individuals and communities who live, work and visit here.

**Mission**

To lead the development of the arts in County Wicklow by taking strategic actions, providing sustainable supports, and working with partners to foster a creative county distinguished by excellent artistic practice and dynamic public engagement.

**Values**

1. **Quality** – in the delivery of our programmes and services and in the work of those whom we support
2. **Inclusiveness** – in the kinds of arts practice we support and in the range of communities we serve
3. **Sustainability** – in the design and delivery of developmental actions with long-term benefits
4. **Collaboration** – in our work with internal and external partners, local and national, to realise mutual objectives
5. **Integrity** – in the consistency of our decision-making with our stated strategy
6. **Accountability** – in the clarity of our communication, promotion, evaluation and reporting

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. A. Ferris and agreed to adopt the County Wicklow Arts Plan 2020 – 2025.

**ITEM NO 15**

**To receive a presentation: National Broadband Ireland.**

Mr. Geoff Shakespeare, Chief Operations Officer, National Broadband Ireland gave the following presentation to the elected members:

- **The National Broadband Plan**
- **Access:** The aim of the programme is to ensure every premises has access to high-speed broadband

- **Intervention area:** DCCAE identified all premises in the country that don't have access to high-speed broadband – this is called the Intervention Area or Amber area
- **No one will be left behind:** NBI have been contracted to build a full fibre network to connect the 536,000+ premises ensuring no one is left behind
- The benefits of high-speed broadband
- **Health :** eCheck Ups, consultant conferencing
- **Cloud Computing:** Internet of things
- **Environment:** Reduced emissions from teleworking
- **Education:** Digital resources, teaching aids
- **Tourism:** Tourist sites, bookings
- **Big Data:** Analytics
- **Enterprise & Jobs:** Job creation
- **Social Inclusion & rural development:** E-delivery of Public Services
- **Agriculture:** Smart farming Methods
- **Entertainment:** Ultra HD TV, gaming
- **Transport:** Autonomous driving
- National network:
- **Design**
- Fibre Network is designed around 227 network exchanges
- **Regional exchanges (Green)**
- Green exchanges on the map are directly connected to highspeed backbone and will be built first
- **Connecting to local exchanges**
- All premises within a ~20km radius of an exchange are connected back to their local exchange
- **Surveying;** NBI will be surveying premises in all 26 counties in 2020
- **Connecting;** NBI will be connecting premises in all 26 counties in 2021.
- **Programme;** It's a 7 year build programme with most premises being built by the end of year

#### **ITEM NO 16**

#### **To consider the Wicklow County Council 3 year capital programme 2020-2022.**

Elected Members were circulated with the Wicklow County Council 3 year capital programme 2020-2022 on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

#### **To the Cathaoirleach and Members of Wicklow County Council**

#### **Re: Capital Investment Programme (CIP) 2020-2022**

The Local Government Act 2001 requires a report to be presented to the Elected Council indicating the programme of capital projects to be undertaken over the forthcoming three-year period. The Capital Investment Programme (CIP) 2020-2022 for Wicklow County Council is attached to this report and details ongoing and potential future projects with their associated estimated costs for each of the three years. In addition it identifies the potential sources of funding for the projects.



The CIP provides an indication of the investment Wicklow County Council would like to undertake over the forthcoming three years. It is not a guarantee of the commencement or completion of these projects. Under the 2001 Act the Local Authority is required to take a realistic and prudent assessment of the investment required together with the resources available to it.

Wicklow County Council must also ensure that projects and investment proposals meet the appraisal standards and value for money assessments determined by the Public Spending Code.

Preparing the CIP facilitates future capital investment planning, identifies the programme of works for the forthcoming years and highlights the resources needed to deliver these projects. Through this process the Council can prioritise projects on the basis of available funding, level of need/urgency, and creation of future development opportunities. Included in this year's capital plan are a number of projects for which funding was secured under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) and the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF). However we have also included projects for which applications will be submitted under these and other funding schemes in the future.

There are many worthwhile and necessary projects listed on the CIP 2020–2022. However their ultimate realisation is critically dependant on availability of funding. The CIP is a rolling programme within which the status and viability of all potential projects is reviewed annually.

The attached 2020-2022 CIP details a maximum potential investment of €582m over the 3 year period. This represents an increase of circa €100m on the previous 2019-2021 capital plan. This increase in investment can be mainly attributed to the planned provision of additional housing units in order to meet national targets set for Wicklow County Council by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, as well new and proposed projects put forward under the URDF and RRDF Schemes.

The planned capital investment will be funded by a combination of grant aid (€490m), development contributions (€25m), loans (€22m) and other income (€46m) which includes funding from disposal of assets, revenue budget provisions and private sector investment.

The implementation of this proposed investment programme depends on a number of factors:

- Continued Government approval to projects
- Timely delivery of proposed grant aid
- Availability of cash flow
- Ability to secure and finance borrowings
- Staff resources to manage and deliver projects

## **Conclusion**

Per the 2001 Act, the Programme is presented “on the basis of information available to it at the time”. In forecasting the Capital Programme, the Council has taken account of current trends and factors. Moreover, any changes in these trends or significant developments will have an effect on the projections. In addition external factors such as delays in planning consents, legal challenges and proceedings can also lead to changes in the Capital Programme.

This is a 3-year rolling Programme and accordingly will be reviewed in the light of evolving circumstances and presented to the Council on an annual basis. The CIP 2020 – 2022 endeavours, within the economic limitations, to build on the successful investment by the Council to date and position Wicklow to capitalise on future economic growth.

Appendix 1 provides a summary by Programme Group of the proposed Capital Investment Programme 2020 - 2022 to be presented at the Council meeting of 2nd March 2020.

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FRANK CURRAN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Mr. B. Gleeson, Head of Finance advised that the capital plan as presented provided for a 3 year capital building programme representing an investment of some €582m across a number of areas. He advised that the projects would be financed by way of capital grant aid approximately €490m, development levies of some €25m and loans and income. He advised that the 2020 capital programme represented an increase of approximately €100m on the previous years mainly due to the increase in the provision of housing units as well as the inclusion of URDF projects. He advised that the Capital programme was a rolling one and aspirational in terms of availability of funding streams. Elected members noted the 3 year capital programme as presented.

#### **ITEM NO 17**

**To consider entering into a Section 85 agreement with Kilkenny County Council for the carrying out of the Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project – “The LED Project”.**

Elected Members were circulated with the Section 85 agreement with Kilkenny County Council for the carrying out of the Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to enter into a Section 85 agreement with Kilkenny County Council for the carrying out of the Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project – “The LED Project”.

#### **ITEM NO 18**

**To consider passing a resolution: that Wicklow County Council, subject to the approval of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, sanction the borrowing of €7,795,000 in respect of the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien and agreed to pass a resolution: that Wicklow County Council, subject to the approval of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, sanction the borrowing of €7,795,000 in respect of the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

#### **ITEM NO 21**

**To discuss proposal circulated by former Cllr. S. Matthews at Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 and deferred.**

Following a discussion on the matter the elected members agreed that this item be referred to the Transportation, Water and Emergency Services SPC and the Climate Action SPC for discussion.

**ITEM NO 22****Correspondence**

Seanad elections 2020: Ms. L. Gallagher, A/Director of Services, advised the members that balloting in the Seanad elections was due to take place once the ballot papers issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 by the Seanad Returning Officer and that she would be available to perform the role of Authorised Person for the elected members and arrangements will be made to contact the elected members by email.

Refurbishment of Council Chamber, elected members rooms and development of new Customer Care Innovation Hub: Ms. L. Gallagher advised that this project was due to commence on Monday next the 9<sup>th</sup> of March and that the April Council meeting along with the JPC will take place at Wicklow County Campus. This was noted by the elected members.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

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**CLLR. IRENE WINTERS  
CATHAOIRLEACH  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.**