



January 20th, 2021

**DON CHATHAOIRLEACH AGUS DO GACH BALL**

Tionólfar Speisialta crinniú de Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantain ar siúl ar Zoom **Dé Luan, 25ú lá Eanáir 2021** ag **2:00 pm** chun an gnó seo a leanas a chur i gcrích.

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair.

A Special meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held on Zoom **Monday, 25th January 2021** commencing at **2:00 pm** to consider the agenda attached.

Your attendance is requested.

Beannacht Leat.

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# Agenda

Wicklow County Council - Monday, 25th January 2021 at 2:00pm

**1. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Mags Crean (7th January, 2020).**

*"That this council acknowledges the phenomenon of protests outside medical centres in Ireland and the need to ensure that women can access healthcare services safely. In doing so, that this council agrees to explore the drafting of bye-laws for the regulation and control of public roads and footpaths adjacent to healthcare facilities in Wicklow. This will ensure that patients, services providers, healthcare staff and members of the public can enter premises without fear of intimidation or harassment as evidenced by the nuisance presented in situations where such protests have taken place".*

**2. Notice of motions in the name of Cllr. Paul O'Brien and Cllr. John Mullen (2nd March, 2020).**

*"Wicklow County Councillors have a responsibility to show leadership in efforts to improve the civility of public discourse on political matters.*

*We propose that Wicklow County Council now regulate their own submissions on social media and must ensure any inappropriate comments left by members of the public are removed in a timely manner. In order to monitor this commitment, we propose that all councillors sign declaration indicating agreement or non-agreement with the measure and that this will be published and updated annually on the council website."*

**3. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Tommy Annesley (2nd March, 2020).**

*"Wicklow County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is "Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning" as indexed under QE52.0. Caregiver-child relationship problem in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 by the World Health Organisation and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of Reform of the Family Law System October 2019".*

**4. Notice of motion in the names of the Baltinglass Municipal District Councillors (24th March, 2020)**

*"That Wicklow County Council calls on the elected members of the neighbouring Local Authorities of Carlow County Council, Kildare County Council, Wexford County Council and South Dublin Council to join with them*

*in lobbying the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the respective Minister to provide funding for the immediate upgrading of the N81 along the preferred route Tallaght to Hollywood."*

*It is important that the upgrading of the N81 which is vital for the economic growth of Carlow, South Kildare, South Dublin, Wexford and Wicklow is kept on top of the agenda and considered for urgent capital funding. At present the N81 is only the national route to Dublin, the Nation's Capital, that hasn't been upgraded. The upgrading of the N81 will assist this entire area to develop and reach its potential. However, this is not just an economic issue but the present condition of the N81 raises health and safety concerns, largely due to the high volume of traffic now using the route coupled with the current condition of the road. The N81 was never designed or constructed to facilitate the current volumes of traffic now using this road. While some remedial actions has taken place in recent times, it is now essential that the entire N81 is upgraded, as previously planned for, to a satisfactory standard that meets the current daily need of its commuters".*

## **5. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Peir Leonard (20th April, 2020)**

*"That Wicklow County Council fund a feasibility study for the implementation of lateral coastal protect (groynes) and beach nourishment at the North Beach/Porters Rock area in Arklow as part of a combined measure to restore access to the North Beach Area for the local community as they have had for generations".*

## **6. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Peir Leonard and Cllr. Mary Kavanagh (20th April, 2020).**

*Part 1 "That Wicklow County Council introduce a "rent payment" system similar to that used in Wexford County Council. This would enable all Council tenants to pay their rent in their local Post Offices throughout the county. The benefits of which would be as follows:*

*-Tenants will benefit from being able to pay rent in the Post Office the same day as they collect social welfare payments if applicable.*

*-Post offices will benefit from the extra revenue and therefore more job security for P.O. employees.*

*-Shops and small businesses adjacent to the Post offices will benefit from increased footfall.*

*-Wicklow County Council will benefit from less arrears and a decreased workload on municipal staff".*

*Part 2 "That Wicklow County Council support an awareness campaign to reverse the transfer of social welfare payments from Post Offices to banks during the COVID-19 Emergency period. Apart from supporting the restoration of lost revenue to Post Offices the weekly visit for many constituents to the local Post Office plays an integral part in their overall wellness and connectivity to the wider community as well as an economic support to local Main Street businesses".*

## **7. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Anne Ferris, Cllr. Paul O'Brien, Cllr. Lourda Scott, Cllr. Erika Doyle and Cllr. Jodie Neary (9th July, 2020).**

*"- Recognising that people with disabilities have the same right to use and enjoy public spaces that we all share,*

*-Acknowledging the obstacles which people with disabilities face in their daily lives, including badly parked*

vehicles and bicycles, billboards, over-grown hedges and other ill-placed hazards,

*-Understanding that most obstacles are caused by thoughtlessness and genuine lack of awareness.*

**We urge the Members to adopt the following motion:**

*"That Wicklow County Council:*

*-supports the establishment of an annual national "Make Way Day" taking place this year on the 25th September, 2020,*

*-will write to An Taoiseach, and to each individual Minister and Minister of State, calling on them to support, establish, fund and resource an annual national "Make Way Day" which would be localised in each region,*

*-will annually support and promote a local #MAkeWayWicklow campaign as part of the wider "Make Way Day".*

## **8. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Dermot O'Brien and Cllr. Grace McManus (22nd July, 2020).**

*"That Wicklow County Council endorse the recently launched Youth Manifesto on Climate Justice. As the first Council to declare a climate and biodiversity crisis and the first Council to include a young person on an SPC we join such eminent figures as Chair of the Elders and former President Mary Robinson in the endorsement of this important Manifesto which calls for Climate Justice through:*

### **Unity**

*Pointing fingers at each other will not solved the climate crisis. Whether we are young or old, rich or poor, from urban or rural areas, climate change will impact us all. Standing in unity while recognising our different realities is how we must tackle this challenge.*

### **A Green Check**

*How society functions in any given democracy is dictated by the priorities of its government. Make climate change our priority. Deliver radical, people centred policies that would support the transition we need.*

### **A Just Transition**

*It is normal to fear the unknown. However, we cannot afford to continue, as if our house is not on fire. We need to transition for the better of all in society and to reach those that are furthest behind in our society first.*

### **A Social Justice lens**

*It is those who are least responsible for climate change that will suffers its gravest consequences. We cannot solve the climate crisis by ignoring Inequality and Human Rights. So, let's build global empathy and leave no one behind".*

## **9. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Grace McManus and Cllr. Dermot O'Brien (7th August, 2020).**

*"That Wicklow County Council write to the Minister for Social Protection Heather Humphreys asking: That the stillbirth register be opened to the public with an opt-out for bereaved parents if they choose to do so.*

*Bereaved parents whose babies are listed on the stillbirth register should also have the opportunity for their baby to be listed on the birth and death register instead of the stillbirth register and to receive a birth and death certificate for their baby".*

**10. Notice of motion in the names. of Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. Grace McManus, Cllr. Joe Behan, Cllr. Erika Doyle, Cllr. Anne Ferris and Cllr. Rory O'Connor (4th September, 2020).**

*"That this Council calls for a full and independent review of the Bray Fire Service as a matter of urgency.*

*The rapidly changing landscape of the greater Bray area both in terms of commercial and residential development requires a Fire Service that is functioning at an appropriate and sustainable operational capacity.*

*Wicklow County Council should commission a report to re-examine the requirement for a Full-time Fire service for Bray which gives consideration to both the needs of the community and the wellbeing of the Fire Service Staff.*

*On the 1st of December 2014 a report was issued on the provision of a Full-time Fire Service for Bray. This report was based on a number of data sources, including population data from the 2011 census. Giving consideration to the population growth in Bray, Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue and surrounding areas, the increased development both in terms of residential and commercial units and the length of time since the last assessment was carried out, an independent review of the current services and future needs are now required to ensure adequate service provision can be planned."*

**11. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Miriam Murphy and Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy (7th September, 2020).**

*"Local Authority Motion in Support of the Right to Personal Assistance (shortened version). Considering the unanimous motion passed in Dáil Eireann on the 19th November 2019, this Local Authority recognises: In March 2018 Ireland formally ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which under Article 19 states that disabled people have the right to live in the community and have access to a range of in-home and other supports including PAS to support this. Its obligation to consult closely with disabled people and their representative organisations in policy development as enshrined in Article 4.3 of the UNCRPD which states that "in the development and implementation of legislation and policies states parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations", specifically in relation to services provided by this local authority which impact on disabled people's lives, such as planning, housing, transport, social inclusion and enterprise. The Motion passed in Dáil Eireann on the 19th November and as such reaffirms that PAS that supports disabled people to live independent lives should be legislated for as a right. Independent Living Movement Ireland as a national disabled persons organisation invite you to join us in the celebrations as they look to an accessible future for representative in local authorities It is similar to the Motion that was presented to the Dail, which you can see here: <http://thomaspringle.ie/2019/11/15/>"*

**12. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Rory O'Connor (11th November, 2020).**

*"That this Council in advance of the Enniskerry Town plan review makes it a priority to establish the creation of a greenway from Dublin to Enniskerry within the plan".*

**13. Notice of motion in the names of Cllr. Mary Kavanagh and Cllr. Peir Leonard (24th November, 2020).**

*"That Councillors bi-monthly payslips are sent electronically to cut down on the use of paper thereby helping the environment".*

**14. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Peir Leonard (25th November, 2020).**

*"That Wicklow County Council writes to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions where drug and drug trafficking monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation be redirected from central coffers back into local addiction services, youth organisations, and community initiatives to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen".*

**15. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Edward Timmins (30th November, 2020).**

*"We call on Wicklow County Council to request the head of the defence forces President Michael D. Higgins to advance the awarding of military medals for gallantry and distinguished service to Irish soldiers of A Company, 35th Infantry Battalion, who so bravely defended the Siege of Jadotville, serving under a UN mandate in the DRC".*

**16. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Edward Timmins (2nd December, 2020).**

*"That this Council writes to the Minister with responsibility for Tourism with the following proposal. This has huge potential and will benefit all areas of the country and Island.*

*That the tourist authority in Ireland establish a tourism trail of the birthplaces of the Irish ancestors of Presidents of the US. This should also be done in conjunction with the Northern Ireland tourist authorities, which is also the origin of many Presidents".*

**17. Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. Melanie Corrigan and Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy (4th December, 2020).**

*"That this council takes proactive action in meeting its obligations under the Disability Act, 2005 by ensuring that in all it's Public Consultation use Plain English, as approved by NALA, and Picture messaging when appropriate, so that People with Disabilities are not discriminated against in accessing Important information. In addition, that this council increased the number of staff who are trained with NALA to present more documents in the Plain English format".*