

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS P. O'BRIEN CATHAOIRLEACH, D, ALVEY, M. BARRY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, O. FINN, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, D. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES AND C. WINSTANLEY (30)

APOLOGIES

CLLR. P. LEONARD (1)

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. MCNAMARA, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. B. GLEESON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. DEVEREUX, T/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. R. GILLESPIE, A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. L. HEALY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. S. NICHOLS, A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. M. FLYNN, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. J. BOWES, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. M. CAHILL, A/SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. P. O'CONNOR, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MR. C. PAGE, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MR. K. SCANLON, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MS. S. SWEENEY, SENIOR ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
MS. E. O'DONOVAN, HEAD OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS
MR. D. KEOGH, REGIONAL ENERGY SERVICES MANAGER
MR. L. MARTIN, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MR. M. PENSTON, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MR. S. CLARKE, TOWN REGENERATION OFFICER**

MR. D. PORTER, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. C. MURPHY, A/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MR. P. MCCARTHY, EXECUTIVE TECHNICIAN
MS. S. BISHOP, STAFF OFFICER
MS. V. KILLEEN, STAFF OFFICER
MR. G. MURPHY, IS TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised of meetings etiquette for online meetings and that the press and some members of the public were also present.

Congratulations were extended to all those who participated in the General Election. Special congratulations were extended to Cllr. E. Timmins on his election to Dáil Éireann.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 4th November 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 4th November 2024.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the disposal of 0.1453 HA or thereabouts in the townland of Kilbride, being the property known as Kilbride Lodge to Respond Housing Association.

Following a short discussion on the matter it was proposed by Cllr. M. Corrigan, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.1453 HA or thereabouts in the townland of Kilbride, being the property known as Kilbride Lodge to Respond Housing Association, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider the disposal of 0.0280 HA or thereabouts in the townland of Bray Commons being the property known as Sutton Villas to Respond Housing Association.

Following a short discussion on the matter it was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. J. Behan and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0280 HA or thereabouts in the townland of Bray Commons being the property known as Sutton Villas to Respond Housing Association, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of 0.0100HA or thereabouts in the townland of Ballard, Shillelagh being the lands at Ballard, Shillelagh by transfer to the PRS Reps of Elizabeth Kenny.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0100HA or thereabouts in the townland of Ballard, Shillelagh being the lands at Ballard, Shillelagh by transfer to the PRS Reps of Elizabeth Kenny, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Bray, Co. Wicklow being the property known as 5 O'Byrne Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Ms. Irene Fox of 5 O'Byrne Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow, the person entitled to the freehold interest in the property.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. M. Corrigan and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Bray, Co. Wicklow being the property known as 5 O'Byrne Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Ms. Irene Fox of 5 O'Byrne Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow, the person entitled to the freehold interest in the property, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 6

To consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of Wicklow Port Access Point Link.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of Wicklow Port Access Point Link.

ITEM NO. 7

To consider and adopt the Draft Wicklow County Council Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Elected members were circulated with the Draft Wicklow County Council Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 on 27th November 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Fortune, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed to consider and adopt the Draft Wicklow County Council Corporate Plan 2024 - 2029.

ITEM NO. 8

To consider and adopt Part IV of the Public Health Amendment Act 1890 for the County of Wicklow to include all Municipal Districts.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy and agreed by all to consider and adopt Part IV of the Public Health Amendment Act 1890 for the County of Wicklow to include all Municipal Districts.

ITEM NO. 9

To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, November 2024.

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive Monthly Management Report November 2024. There were no issues raised.

ITEM NO. 10

To receive a presentation: Mid-East Energy Unit and Energy Office.

Mr. D. Keogh, Regional Energy Services Manager and Mr. L. Martin, Executive Engineer gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Energy, progress and targets.
- Introduction.
- Energy in Wicklow.
- ISO 50001 – Wicklow County Council Energy Users.
- Leisure Centre Pathfinder 2025+.
- 2030 Energy Efficiency Targets.
- 2030 total CO₂ targets.
- 2030 CO₂ targets (heating and transport).
- Project impacts on targets.
- Energy Office – Wicklow County Council.
- Public lighting.
- Transport and machinery.
- District heating opportunity?
- Arklow decarbonisation zone stakeholder engagement.
- Decarbonisation case study – Bray Fire Station.
- Clermont Campus case study.
- Community Recognition Fund.
- Old Bray Courthouse, Boghall Road.

The Elected Members thanked Mr. Keogh and Mr. Martin for their presentation. The Elected Members raised queries which were responded to by Mr. Keogh and Mr. Martin.

ITEM NO. 11

Ms. L. Gallagher, Director of Services advised the Elected Members that due to the Christmas break and the closure of County Buildings, it would be necessary to re-schedule the next meeting from Monday 6th January 2025 to Monday 13th January 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to hold the next meeting on Monday 13th January 2025.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of motion No. 1

Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. S. Stokes (proposer), seconded by Cllr. P. O'Brien (17th October 2024)

'Wicklow County acknowledges the phenomenal population growth in County Wicklow. This has resulted in school place shortages. Wicklow County Council call on the Department of Education to provide a secondary school in Newtownmountkennedy as a matter of urgency'.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed by all to write to the Department of Education. It was also agreed to write to the newly elected TDs in the Wicklow and Wicklow/Wexford constituencies inviting them to a meeting on the matter.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CLLR. PAUL O'BRIEN
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MS. HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 13th January 2025