

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS M. CORRIGAN CATHAOIRLEACH, D, ALVEY, M. BARRY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. LEONARD, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES, J. WARD, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY (31)

APOLOGIES

CLLR O. FINN (1)

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. J. CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. H. DENNEHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. B. GLEESON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. T. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. S. McCULLOUGH, A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. D. KENNEDY, LAW AGENT
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MS. M. QUINN, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR. G. KEARNS, IS ANALYST/DEVELOPER
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER**

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised all present they are bound by the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Employees. Also, of meetings etiquette for online meetings and that the press and some members of the public were also present.

Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Mr. John Keane, Ms. Marie Jenkinson, Ms. Elizabeth Vickers, Ms. Brigid Carton, Ms. Rosaleen Nolan, Ms. Geraldine Walker, Mr. Robert Blackmore, Ms. Suzanne Byrne, Mr. Harry Murphy, Mr. Ray O'Flaherty and Mr. Jimmy Byrne. A minute's silence was observed for the deceased.

Request for Suspension of Standing Orders: - The Meetings Administrator advised that two requests for suspension of standing orders had been submitted in advance of the meeting. In accordance with the protocol adopted the requests were read to the meeting as proposed and seconded: -

Suspension No. 1

Cllr. G. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. J. Behan requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following motion:

'That the Members of Wicklow County Council express our concern regarding the increasing prevalence of tuberculosis in humans and in livestock in the country and county and invites representatives of the Department of Agriculture to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss the situation and how it can be dealt with'.

It was agreed by all to have a discussion on the topic at 4.30 p.m.

Suspension No. 2

Cllr. L. Scott, seconded by Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin and supported by Cllrs. S. Stokes, T. Fortune, O. Finn and M. Barry requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following motion:

'We request a suspension of Standing Orders to allow Members discuss concerns regarding the administration of the recent Call for Sites process and the communication provided to Elected Members regarding progression of sites to Stage 2 assessment'.

It was agreed by all to have a discussion on the topic at 4.30 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach and the Chief Executive paid tribute to Ms. T. O'Brien, Director of Services on her forthcoming retirement and thanked her for her dedicated service to Wicklow County Council.

The Elected Members joined in wishing Ms. O'Brien well in her retirement.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 11th May 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 11th May 2026.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the disposal of 1 acre (0.4046Ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow namely site No. 4A and site No. 4B in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Nelu Gabriel Filip t/a Bean2Cup of 8 Brookville Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin by way of a 999-year lease.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 1 acre (0.4046Ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow namely site No. 4A and site No. 4B in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Nelu Gabriel Filip t/a Bean2Cup of 8 Brookville Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin by way of a 999-year lease, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider the disposal of 0.55 acre (0.2225 Hectares) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 5 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Shane Gillan t/a Gillan Motorhomes, 13 Garden Village Crescent, Kilpeddar, Co. Wicklow by way of a 999-year lease.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. W. O'Toole and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.55 acre (0.2225 Hectares) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 5 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Shane Gillan t/a Gillan Motorhomes, 13 Garden Village Crescent, Kilpeddar, Co. Wicklow by way of a 999-year lease, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of 18 square meters or thereabouts in the townland of Newrath, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Clermont House, Wicklow County Campus to Teagasc, Oak Park, Carlow, R93 XE12 by way of a one-year lease commencing 26th June 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Langrell, seconded by Cllr. G. Richmond and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 18 square meters or thereabouts in the townland of Newrath, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Clermont House, Wicklow County Campus to Teagasc, Oak Park, Carlow, R93 XE12 by way of a one-year lease commencing 26th June 2026., as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of a 0.93 acre site and a 1.2 acre site (totalling 2.13 acres or 0.8618 Hectares) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 6 and Site No. 7 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Lidl Ireland GmbH having their head office at Main Street, Tallaght, Dublin 24 by way of a 999-year lease.

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ITEM NO. 6

To consider the disposal of 0.0287Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Corporation Lands Td. being the property known as 5 Ard Na Greinne Terrace, Summerhill, Wicklow Town to Marie McCann and Brendan Joseph McCabe.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0287Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Corporation Lands Td. being the property known as 5 Ard Na Greinne Terrace, Summerhill, Wicklow Town to Marie McCann and Brendan Joseph McCabe, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 7

To consider the disposal of 0.0198Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Little Bray Td. being the property known as 1 St. Patrick's Square, Castle Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow to IH MTR V11 DAC.

It was proposed by Cllr. N. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. C. Winstanley and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0198Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Little Bray Td. being the property known as 1 St. Patrick's Square, Castle Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow to IH MTR V11 DAC, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 8

To consider the disposal of 0.0223Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Abbeylands being the property known as 12 St. Bridgets Terrace, Abbey Street, Arklow to Michael Penston.

It was proposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0223Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Abbeylands being the

property known as 12 St. Bridgets Terrace, Abbey Street, Arklow to Michael Penston, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 9

To consider the disposal of 0.0249Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Knockanrahan Upper Td. being the property known as 95 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow to Patrick & Phyllis McCarthy.

It was proposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0249Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Knockanrahan Upper Td. being the property known as 95 Fernhill, Arklow, Co. Wicklow to Patrick & Phyllis McCarthy, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 10

To consider the disposal of 0.0265Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Bray Td. being the property known as 14 Father Colohan Terrace, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Margaret Brien.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Duddy, seconded by Cllr. I. Neary and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0265Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Bray Td. being the property known as 14 Father Colohan Terrace, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Margaret Brien, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO.11

To consider the vacancy on the Bray Local Drugs Task Force arising from the resignation of Cllr. D. O'Brien.

It was agreed by all to refer this item back to Bray Municipal District.

ITEM NO. 12

To consider the vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Cllr. P. Stapleton.

It was agreed by all to defer this item to meeting in July.

ITEM NO. 13

To consider the vacancy on the County Wicklow Partnership arising from the resignation of Cllr. P. Stapleton.

It was agreed by all to defer this item to meeting in July.

ITEM NO. 14

To consider the vacancy on the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force arising from the resignation of Cllr. S. Langrell.

It was agreed by all to refer this item back to Wicklow Municipal District.

ITEM NO. 15

To consider and adopt the Wicklow County Council Annual Report 2025 in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

Ms. H. Purcell advised that the draft Annual Report was considered by the Elected Members at the May meeting. Statement of internal financial control and Wicklow County Council Governance Statement were now included.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. G. Dunne and agreed by all to consider and adopt the Wicklow County Council Annual Report 2025 in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

ITEM NO. 16

To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, May 2026.

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, May 2026.

Some of the issues raised included the following:

- Update on Wicklow Gaol.
- Cecil Oaks and Avondale Manor, Wicklow Town.
- Update on parking bye laws review.
- Bus stop enhancement programme.
- Additional slip road, Arklow.
- Junction 20, Arklow – public lighting not working.
- Arklow Pottery Museum.
- Kilpeddar rat run.
- Chapel Road, Delgany.
- Availability of pitches – ladies football and camogie teams, Greystones.
- Arklow/Shillelagh greenway.
- Toilets, South Quay, Arklow.
- Samuel Hayes Bridge, Rathdrum.

- Site for Men's Shed, Rathdrum.
- Large screen requested to be erected in Bray to show Katie Taylor fight.
- Replacement facilities for boxing clubs, Bray
- Bray/Kilmacanogue active travel route.
- Funding for publicly provided emergency accommodation.
- Rehills Land, Bray.
- Notices to quit.
- Start date for Tinahask housing development.
- Update – Russellstown to Russborough link.
- Update - Housing scheme, Burgage, Blessington.
- Update - Age-friendly units in Mountain view.
- Grants for older people - funding.
- Church Hill to Bollarney – pipeline works.
- Derelict house, Market Square, Wicklow Town.
- Ongoing sewerage problem – Arklow Harbour.
- Slip way, drydock, Arklow Harbour – dangerous.
- Derelict buildings, Main Street, Arklow.
- Disposal – Mill Road, Greystones.
- Water safety audits.
- Killincarrig scheme.
- Site at rear of Greystones Rugby Club.
- Arklow harbour committee.
- Marine committee.
- Development at Kippure.
- Coimín Centre, Blessington.
- Kilpipe Road.
- Acknowledgement of works done by Tidy towns committees, outdoor staff and voluntary groups.
- Update – Hollywood playground.
- Court house, Baltinglass.
- Zoned lands, Baltinglass.
- Parking strategy, Blessington.
- 132 bus route.
- Meeting with Transport infrastructure Ireland – update.
- Update – funding roads repairs. Storm Chandra.
- Fridge unit, Arklow fishermen.
- Sheeanamore Road, Aughrim.

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

ITEM NO. 17

To receive a presentation: Wicklow Integration Service.

Ms. J. Carroll, Director of Services and Ms. M. Quinn, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Development of the Wicklow Integration services.
- Community integration Forum (CIF).
- Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT).
- Irish Refugee Protection programme.
- Gaps, blocks and challenges.
- Strategic direction.
- Ever changing context and evolving service design.
- Wicklow Integration services.
- Wicklow County Council Internal Integration Network.
- Operating environment.
- Community Integration Forum (CIF) members 2026.
- Thematic areas.
- Strategic plan for Community Integration Forum.
- Beneficiaries of temporary pathways to accommodation.
- Integration from day one – orientation; health; English; financial; education; employment; legal; vulnerabilities; and inclusion.
- Projects/initiatives.
- Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) clinic data.
- In-session support.
- IRPP3.
- Challenges ahead.
- Plan – Migrant Integration Strategy; English Language Project; Employment pathways for Women; Experts by Experience on CIF; and funding.

A short discussion followed in which the Elected Members raised issues which were responded to by Ms. Carroll, Director of Services.

Suspensions of Standing Orders

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A short discussion followed. It was agreed by all to write to the Department of Agriculture. It was also agreed that a presentation on deer management would be welcome.

Suspension No. 2

Cllr. L. Scott, seconded by Cllr. L. Fenelon Gaskin and supported by Cllrs. S. Stokes, T. Fortune, O. Finn and M. Barry requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following motion:

'We request a suspension of Standing Orders to allow Members discuss concerns regarding the administration of the recent Call for Sites process and the communication provided to Elected Members regarding progression of sites to Stage 2 assessment'.

A discussion followed in which the Elected Members raised the following points:

- Call for sites process.
- Transparency.
- Communication.
- Planning processes.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING



**CLLR. DR. CAROLINE WINSTANLEY
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**



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

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 6th July 2026.