

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS T. ANNESLEY CATHAOIRLEACH, M. BARRY, J. BEHAN, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, M. KAVANAGH, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, G. MCMANUS, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, M. MURPHY, D. O'BRIEN, P. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, S. STOKES, E. TIMMINS, G. WALSH AND I. WINTERS (31)

APOLOGIES

CLLR. J. SNELL (1)

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. L. GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. B. KILKENNY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. J. LANE, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. D. KENNEDY, LAW AGENT
MR. B. GLEESON, HEAD OF FINANCE
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MR. J. BOWES, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. H. FALLON, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. M. FLYNN, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. F. KEOGH, SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. D. MARNANE, A/SENIOR ENGINEER
MR. M. DEVEREUX, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. S. WALSH, SENIOR PLANNER
MS. T. O'BRIEN, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. C. FOX, A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. E. O'DONOVAN, HEAD OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS
MS. D. WHITFIELD, TOWN REGENERATION OFFICER
MR. R. KELLY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE TECHNICIAN
MS. H. O'KELLY, CLIMATE ACTION AWARENESS OFFICER
MR. M. FLEMING, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OFFICER
MR. M. OVINGTON, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MS. C. CANTERBURY, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER
MR. G. MURPHY, IS TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER**

MS. C. HENDRICK, CLERICAL OFFICER

**MR. H. COUGHLAN, REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR, EASTERN-MIDLANDS REGIONAL WASTE
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

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.

Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Ms. Alvina Kelly, Mr. Tom Phelan, Mr. Kevin Roberts, Ms. Carmel Robinson, Liam McCord, Eilis Bassett and Ms. Evelyn Goodman. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

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

1. Cllr. M. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard, supported by Cllr. L. Scott, Cllr. R. O'Connor, Cllr. S. Stokes, Cllr. T. Fortune, Cllr. M. Barry and Cllr. D. O'Brien requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following:

'That Wicklow County Council write to Minister McConalogue requesting him to contact all Dáil party leaders & MEPs to remind them of their own declarations on the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and their commitment to youth and community groups, made in 2019, and more recently to the 2 Citizens Assemblies (adult & youth), regarding the restoration of nature as a matter of urgency. Furthermore, that Wicklow County Council writes to all party leaders urging them to work together with their MEPs to pass a strong EU Nature Restoration Law without delay. If passed, we request that Wicklow County Council forwards this motion to all City & Co Councils without delay'.

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

Congratulations were extended to the County Wicklow U14 Ladies Gaelic Football Team who won the All-Ireland final against Clare and to the County Wicklow Men's Senior Hurling team who beat Donegal in the Nickey Rackard Cup.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 8th May 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. P. Glennon and agreed to confirm and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 8th May 2023.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the disposal of 9.45 sq.m or thereabouts in the townland of Merrymeeting, Barony of Newcastle, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio WW39978F by Transfer Order to ESB of Two Gateway, East Walk Road, City of Dublin.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. D. Mitchell and agreed to consider the disposal of 9.45 sq.m or thereabouts in the townland of Merrymeeting, Barony of Newcastle, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio WW39978F by Transfer Order to ESB of Two Gateway, East Walk Road, City of Dublin, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider the disposal of 4500 sq. m. or thereabouts in the townland of Croneyhorn Lower, Croneyhorn, Carnew, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. 11630F being the property known as Croneyhorn Lower, Townland, Croneyhorn, Carnew, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Ms. Jamie Brownrigg, Tomacork House, Carnew, Co. Wicklow.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Mullen, seconded by Cllr. S. Cullen and agreed to consider the disposal of 4500 sq. m. or thereabouts in the townland of Croneyhorn Lower, Croneyhorn, Carnew, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. 11630F being the property known as Croneyhorn Lower, Townland, Croneyhorn, Carnew, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Ms. Jamie Brownrigg, Tomacork House, Carnew, Co. Wicklow, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of 4400 sq. m. or thereabouts in the townland of Roddenagh, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW2468N being the property known as Roddenagh Td, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Ms. Shannon Dillon, 7 Merton, Sea Road, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed to consider the disposal of 4400 sq. m. or thereabouts in the townland of Roddenagh, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW2468N being the property known as

Roddenagh Td, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Ms. Shannon Dillon, 7 Merton, Sea Road, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of 164.92 acres (66.73 Ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Tomnafinnogue, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW18490F & WW18491F Co. Wicklow being the property known as Tomnafinnogue Wood, Ballyraheen and Ballykelly, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Mullen, seconded by Cllr. V. Blake and agreed to consider the disposal of 164.92 acres (66.73 Ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Tomnafinnogue, Co. Wicklow comprised in Folio No. WW18490F & WW18491F Co. Wicklow being the property known as Tomnafinnogue Wood, Ballyraheen and Ballykelly, Co. Wicklow by Transfer Order to Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, as set out in statutory notice circulated.

ITEM NO. 6

To adopt the Wicklow County Council Annual Report 2022 (Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001)

Ms. H. Purcell advised that the Draft Annual Report was considered by the Elected Members at the April meeting. NOAC performance indicators for 2022 and Annual Financial Statement were now included.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Timmins and seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy and agreed to adopt the Annual Report 2022.

ITEM NO 7

To consider the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report, May 2023.

Elected Members were circulated with the Chief Executive Monthly Management Report may 2023.

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

ITEM NO. 8

To receive a presentation: Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy.

Mr. H. Coughlan, Regional Co-ordinator, Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Office gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Major Changes: - Single National Plan; Circularity; and Collaboration.
- Oversight:- National Oversight Group.
- 5 Volumes:- current situation and challenges, policy responses and actions, delivery roadmap, supporting documentation, SEA/NIS.
- Plan ambition:- 0% Total Waste Growth per person by maintaining, accelerating, influencing, improving, optimising and enabling.
- Targets.
- Core Policies.
- Focus Area Groups
- 83 Priority Actions.
- 51 Key Deliverables.

Following the presentation the Elected Members expressed views and raised queries which were responded to by Mr. Coughlan.

Time Extension: It was proposed by Cllr. J. Mullen, seconded by Cllr. I. Winters and agreed by all to extend the meeting to complete the agenda.

ITEM NO. 9

To receive a presentation: Wicklow County Council's Statutory Climate Action Plan 2024

Ms. Breege Kilkenny, Director of Services gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Mitigation and Adaptation.
- Policy:- Global; European Union; Ireland; and Wicklow County Council.
- Our Role: Full accountability; Influence; Co-ordinate and facilitate; and Advocate.
- Baseline emissions inventory.
- Role in emissions reduction.
- Climate risk assessment.

- Role in adaptation.
- Arklow decarbonisation zone.
- Vision and mission.
- Progress to 2030 – energy efficiency & carbon reduction.
- Wicklow County Council significant energy users 2021.
- Wicklow energy profile.
- Wicklow Energy related CO₂ emissions.
- Wicklow County Council Climate Action Plan 2024

Following the presentation the Elected Members expressed views and raised queries which were responded to by Ms. Kilkenny.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cllr. M. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard, supported Cllr. L. Scott, Cllr. R. O'Connor, Cllr. S. Stokes, Cllr. T. Fortune, Cllr. M. Barry and Cllr. D. O'Brien requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the following:

‘That Wicklow County Council write to Minister McConalogue requesting him to contact all Dáil party leaders & MEPs to remind them of their own declarations on the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and their commitment to youth and community groups, made in 2019, and more recently to the 2 Citizens Assemblies (adult & youth), regarding the restoration of nature as a matter of urgency. Furthermore, that Wicklow County Council writes to all party leaders urging them to work together with their MEPs to pass a strong EU Nature Restoration Law without delay. If passed, we request that Wicklow County Council forwards this motion to all City & Co Councils without delay’.

A broad discussion followed.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard to including the wording *‘and that consultation takes place with farmers, foresters, community groups and other stakeholders to discuss any issues relevant to them’* and following a roll call the motion *‘That Wicklow County Council write to Minister McConalogue requesting him to contact all Dáil party leaders & MEPs to remind them of their own declarations on the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and their commitment to youth and community groups, made in 2019, and more recently to the 2 Citizens Assemblies (adult & youth), regarding the restoration of nature as a matter of urgency and that consultation takes place with farmers, foresters, community groups and other stakeholders to discuss any issues relevant to them. Furthermore, that Wicklow County Council writes to all party leaders urging them to work together with their MEPs to pass a strong EU Nature Restoration Law without delay. If passed, we request that Wicklow County Council forwards this motion to all City & Co Councils without delay’* was passed by a margin of 19 for, 3 against and 10 not present viz:-

FOR 19	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, M. BARRY, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, E. DOYLE, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN-KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, P. LEONARD, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, D. O'BRIEN, R. O'CONNOR, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, S. STOKES, E. TIMMINS AND G. WALSH
AGAINST 3	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, S. CULLEN AND M. MURPHY
NOT PRESENT 10	CLLRS. V. BLAKE, A. CRONIN, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, G. MCMANUS, P. O'BRIEN, J. SNELL AND I. WINTERS

ITEM NO. 10

Correspondence

Ms. H. Purcell advised the Elected Members of the following:

- A.G.M. next Monday 19th June 2023 at 2.00 p.m.
- Note circulation by the Housing & Corporate Estate Directorate, in accordance with Section 179A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, of documentation relating to proposed for development of 152 housing units and associated works at Lotts Lane, Kilcoole.
- Note circulation by Planning, Development & Environment Directorate of Land Value sharing and Urban Development Zones Bill 2022.
- Circulation of Protocol minutes for 13th February, 6th March and 3rd April.

ITEM NO. 11

Notice of Motions

Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. E. Timmins, seconded by Cllr. V. Blake (8th January 2023)

‘In the interest of transparency that this Council supports that bills from pharmacies for subscriptions show a breakdown of the cost of the medicines and the dispensing cost and that we write to the Minister for Health on this matter’.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Timmins, seconded by Cllr. A. Flynn-Kennedy and agreed by all to write to the Minister for Health.

Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. S. Stokes, seconded by Cllr. R. O'Connor (28th February 2023)

‘Wicklow County Council expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine, following the one year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. Wicklow County Council thanks all of those who have welcomed Ukrainians to County Wicklow. Wicklow County Council further resolves to

write to the Russian Ambassador to Ireland calling for Russia to leave Ukraine, including Crimea’.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Stokes, seconded by Cllr. R. O’Connor and following a roll call the motion *‘Wicklow County Council expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine, following the one year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. Wicklow County Council thanks all of those who have welcomed Ukrainians to County Wicklow. Wicklow County Council further resolves to write to the Russian Ambassador to Ireland calling for Russia to leave Ukraine, including Crimea’* was passed by a margin of 15 for, 2 against and 15 not present viz:-

FOR 15	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, M. BARRY, E. DOYLE, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN-KENNEDY, T. FORTUNE, M. KAVANAGH, P. LEONARD, D. MITCHELL, J. MULLEN, D. O’BRIEN, R. O’CONNOR, L. SCOTT, S. STOKES, AND G. WALSH
AGAINST 2	CLLRS. J. BEHAN AND G. O’NEILL
NOT PRESENT 15	CLLRS. V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, G. MCMANUS, M. MURPHY, P. O’BRIEN, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS AND I. WINTERS

Notice of motion in the name of Cllr. L. Scott, seconded by Cllr. P. O’Brien (29th March 2023)

‘As a symbol of hope, and to demonstrate in a public way that a town or village supports the LGBTQ+ Community and they are welcomed in their own county, that this Council commits to installing a permanent Pride crossing across each MD where there is a signalized crossing, with the hope of completion within the next 12 months’.

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Scott, seconded by Cllr. J. Mullen and following a roll call the motion *‘As a symbol of hope, and to demonstrate in a public way that a town or village supports the LGBTQ+ Community and they are welcomed in their own county, that this Council commits to installing a permanent Pride crossing across each MD where there is a signalized crossing, with the hope of completion within the next 12 months’* was passed by a margin of 11 for, 2 against and 19 not present viz:-

FOR 11	CLLRS. T. ANNESLEY, J. BEHAN, P. FITZGERALD, A. FLYNN-KENNEDY, M. KAVANAGH, P. LEONARD, J. MULLEN, D. O’BRIEN, R. O’CONNOR, L. SCOTT AND S. STOKES
AGAINST 2	CLLRS. D. MITCHELL AND G. O’NEILL
NOT PRESENT 19	CLLRS. M. BARRY, V. BLAKE, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, S. CULLEN, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, A. FERRIS, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, G. MCMANUS, M. MURPHY, P. O’BRIEN, J. SNELL, E. TIMMINS, G. WALSH AND I. WINTERS

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**CLLR. AOIFE FLYNN KENNEDY
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 3rd July 2023